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92nd Annual Missouri Lions State Convention - April 25-26, 2014
Sedalia, Missouri

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Host Convention Committee Welcome

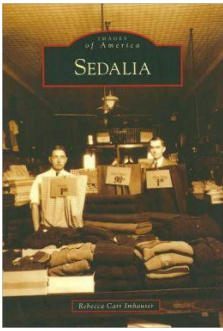
Convention Contact's: Lion V. Jene Crook, PDG & Lion Kenny Goetz, PDG

Excitement is everywhere as we welcome you to Sedalia! Sedalia is an extremely friendly town and extends a hello and welcome to all visitors and a special welcome to Multiple District 26 Lions members.

Sedalia is situated perfectly - both geographically and in the services we provide. Sedalia is the county seat of Pettis County, nestled in the heart of central Missouri at one of the most well-known intersections in the area; Highway 50 and 65 Junction. A short trip in a chosen direction provides varied opportunities; east takes you closer to Jefferson City, west to Kansas City, north to the busy I-70 corridor, or south to the soothing waters of Truman Lake.

Our host convention committee is excited to show you around the always friendly and ever expanding community of Sedalia, Missouri. This website will direct you to the convention resources that will help you make your visit with us just a bit simpler.

We look forward to welcoming you to Sedalia and the Missouri Lions 92nd Annual State Convention.



If you have not registered for the 92nd Annual Missouri Lions State Convention, time is rapidly passing. Attendees have the usual standard option of filling out a paper registration form (see page 3) and mailing it in or they have the on-line form in which the fees may be charged to a credit card.

Don't Miss Out on All The Fun

92nd Annual Missouri Lions State Convention

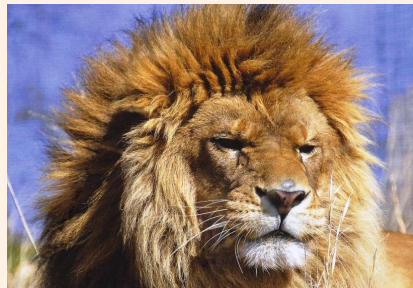
Sedalia, Missouri – April 25 – 26, 2014

Have not sent in your Registration Form ?

Register Today

Don't Delay, make your plans now!

Register on-line



Meet Lions from all over the state of Missouri

"Merlin" District 26-M6 (real) Lion Mascot

<http://www.molionsm5.org/stconv14.htm>



**MISSOURI LIONS
2014 STATE CONVENTION
SEDALIA, MISSOURI
APRIL 25 – 26, 2014**



Convention Center – MO State Fairgrounds
2503 W. 16th Street Sedalia, MO 65301
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 For camping information see Missouri Lions web site

I do not want the peace which passeth understanding, I want the understanding which bringeth peace.

[**Helen Keller**](#)

45th Annual Re-dedication of the Melvin Jones Memorial

Lions across the world were invited to join in the 45th Annual Re-dedication of the Melvin Jones Memorial located at Fort Thomas, Arizona. Many Lion visitors came to participate in the re-dedication ceremony at the old army fort. Lunch was served after the re-dedication ceremony and was hosted by Lions Club International 1st Vice President Joe Preston.

This memorial was erected and dedicated to honor Melvin Jones, founder of the **Lions Clubs International Association** in 1965. Members of the Melvin Jones Memorial Board are raising funds to renovate this facility by selling special commemorative pins or engraved bricks. The facility needs work to bring it back to an acceptable condition. See your local Melvin Jones Board Member to make a contribution to renovating this special Lions Memorial.



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 see page 20.

Deadline for article submission for the May 2014 Issue is April 30th, 2014

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

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**Missouri Lions MD-26 2014 Proposed Changes to
the Constitution and By-Laws**

The following propositions have been reviewed and screened, and reflect amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Missouri Lions MD-26. They will be submitted to the voting delegates at the Multiple District Convention on April 26, 2014.

There will be five issues on the ballot this year. These include approval of the 2016 State Convention location in Springfield, MO, expanding the scope of the Athletic Committee, updating references to the new Saving Sight organization, allowing for annual financial reviews instead of more expensive financial audits, as well as some housekeeping cleanup.

PROPOSITION NO. 1

A RESOLUTION TO MODIFY THE SCOPE OF THE ATHLETIC COMMITTEE TO ALLOW FOR INCREASED INVOLVEMENT BY YOUTH IN LIONS-SPONSORED ATHLETIC PROGRAMS. IT ALSO WILL ALLOW FOR MALE AND FEMALE INVOLVEMENT BY ALLOWING FOR THE EXPANSION INTO OTHER SPORTS.

SHALL THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED?

BE IT RESOLVED, that Article VI, Section 6 (m) of the Multiple District 26 Constitution be amended to read as follows:

State Athletic Committee -- In addition to the members appointed by the District Governors the committee may itself appoint advisors to help carry out its charge. Advisors are not entitled to vote or reimbursements for mileage expenses without prior approval by the Council. The State Athletic Committee shall be responsible for ~~the annual All-State All-Star Football Game~~ providing and supporting athletic opportunities for Missouri youth. The committee shall prepare a budget for ~~the game~~ its activities and for the activities of its subcommittees for Council approval.

PROPOSITION NO. 2

A RESOLUTION TO ALLOW FOR AN ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE BOOKS AND ACCOUNTS AT THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR, INSTEAD OF AN ANNUAL AUDIT. THIS WAS RECOMMENDED TO THE COUNCIL BY THE CURRENT AUDITORS.

SHALL THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED?

BE IT RESOLVED, that Article I, Section 2 of the Multiple District 26 By-Laws be amended to read as follows:

It shall demand and receive from the Council Secretary-Treasurer financial reports, semi-annually or more frequently if necessary, and shall make provisions for an audit or review at the end of the fiscal year of the books and accounts of the Council Secretary-Treasurer. As soon after the close of the fiscal year as reasonably possible an audit or review shall be conducted, and the ~~audit~~ report shall be submitted to the Council at its second regular meeting.

PROPOSITION NO. 3

A RESOLUTION TO INCLUDE THE PHRASE “DOING BUSINESS AS SAVING SIGHT” TO REFERENCES FOR THE MISSOURI LIONS EYE RESEARCH FOUNDATION. ON DECEMBER 1, 2013, THE MISSOURI LIONS EYE RESEARCH FOUNDATION BEGAN TO OPERATE AND DO BUSINESS UNDER THE NAME “SAVING SIGHT”.

SHALL THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED?

BE IT RESOLVED, that in Article VI, Section 6 (b) and 6 (m) and Article VII, Section 1 of the Multiple District 26 Constitution where the name MISSOURI LIONS EYE RESEARCH FOUNDATION is used, the phrase “doing business as SAVING SIGHT” be included.

PROPOSITION NO. 4

A RESOLUTION TO ALLOW FOR THE CLEANUP OF HOUSEKEEPING, GRAMMAR AND FORMATTING ISSUES WITHIN THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

SHALL THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED?

BE IT RESOLVED, that where necessary throughout the Multiple District 26 Constitution and By-Laws, it shall be updated to correct minor housekeeping, grammar and formatting issues. None of these updates will change the intent of any of the Articles.

PROPOSITION NO. 5

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE SITE OF THE 2016 STATE CONVENTION.

SHALL THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BE APPROVED?

BE IT RESOLVED, that the proposed location for 2016 Multiple District Convention will be Springfield, Missouri.

2013 - 2014 MD-26 Missouri Lions Peace Poster Winner



The 2013-2014 Multiple District 26 Peace Poster Winner was done by Joanne Kim from Carl Junction Schools in District 26-M6. Joanne is a member of the Carl Junction Leo Club. This is the second year her poster has won both the District and The Multiple District Competition .

The Carl Junction Lions Club proudly sponsors the Lions Club International Peace Poster Contest in their local schools. This Lions Club project has been very successful and has produced numerous Peace Posters of very high quality from local youth.

Messages from The District Governors

District 26-M1

District Governor Larry Kimbrow

The Fort Leonard Wood Lions Club would like to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation to those who sponsored children and donated gifts for our 33rd Annual St Nick's Benefit. Our efforts successfully provided gifts that brightened the holiday season for 800 children and underprivileged members in our military community, Head Start of Pulaski County, B. W. Robinson State School in Rolla, Boys and Girls Town of St. James, Children's Division Foster Care Program of Pulaski County, and Piney Ridge Center, Inc. We would also like to thank the Fort Leonard Wood Army Community Service and a team of volunteers for their tremendous support. The Fort Leonard Wood Lions Club could not have made the St Nick's Benefit a success without you!



↑ Lion Dewell Reeves, Lion Joceyln Morris, Past District Governor Lion Casey Morris, Santa aka Mr Joe Krill, Lion Wendy Williams, Lion Harold Burleson, Lion Bruce Simpson, Lion Daniel Arden



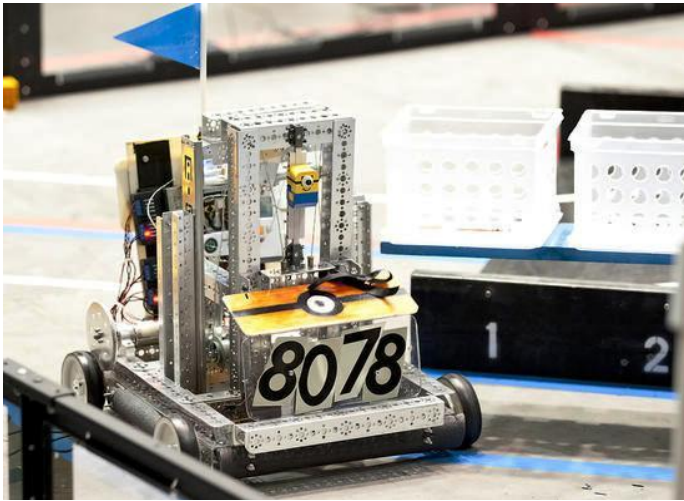
PDG Casey R. Morris Jr., Chairperson St Nicks Benefit with Santa



District 26-M1 LIONS SUPPORT EDUCATION

The Cape Girardeau Evening and Cape Girardeau Noon Lions Clubs are Charter Sponsors of **Cape Tiger Tron**, one of the First Tech Challenge (FTC) Robotic Teams in the Cape Girardeau area.

The kids design, build and program a robot to compete against other teams showing graciousness and learning from each other.



The photos are from the Southeast Missourian Newspaper taken at the FTC Qualifier held at the Show-Me Center in Cape Girardeau on Sunday, February 2. The event had over 40 teams representing kids learning for the future.

District 26-M2

District Governor Sharyn Scheidt

First of all I hope that everyone had an enjoyable Holiday season. Well here it is February and the year is going fast. I am not looking forward for the year to end, but I will be glad when spring and summer arrive. I am tired of the snow and cold weather – wishing that the Arctic Blast would go back north.

The clubs in District 26-M2 are very busy with activities such as Trivia Nights, Poker Tournaments, Pancake Breakfasts and of course helping those who are less fortunate than we are. The clubs are bringing in new members and hoping not to lose any members.

District 26-M2 has a District wide Service Project – Clipping Coupons for our Troops. The clubs throughout District 26-M2 collect the coupons and turn them over to Council Chair Lion Gina and her mother, Janet who then separates (sometimes cutting them out of the circulars) and counts them. So far in the Lions year 2013/2014 and as of January 26, 2014 Council Chair Lion Gina and her mother Janet have mailed over 75,580 coupons with a potential savings of \$118,485.26.

We are looking forward to our upcoming District Convention to be held on March 28, 29 & 30, 2014 at the Sheraton Lakeside Chalet in West Port Plaza Maryland Heights, Mo. If you are interested in attending please let me know and I will see that you get the registration form. Our guest speaker is ID Michael Molenda from Hastings, Minnesota. I am looking forward to having a great convention this year.

As I write this article I am also looking forward to the Mid-Winter Forum that is being held February 7 & 8 at the new venue “Chateau on the Lake”. From the way it sounds the numbers are up this year – so it should be a really good forum.

Since this is the last newsletter before all of the District Conventions, I hope all of the District Governors throughout the state have great conventions this year.

I also hope all Lions and their families stay well and safe in the coming months.

DG Sharyn
District 26-M2

“Never bend your head. Always hold it high. Look the world straight in the eye”. [Helen Keller](#)

District 26-M3

District Governor Sandy McCann

District 26-M3 just had our district convention in Columbia. Friday night hospitality was well attended where Lion Carl was our DJ for the evening. Truman the Tiger was a huge success with the Lions and lots of food for all. Saturday we had a free health fair with the Boone Hospital Health Van. We also had breakout sessions on:

- Social Media and how Lions can use this form of communication
- Eye glass collection to Mission Trips, how you can get involved
- Saving Sight
- How to Grow your Lions club

The afternoon highlight was a Bus trip with Bubba our bus driver (AKA PDG Jerry Schwartz) taking us on a tour of Saving Sight. Of course we had our business meetings, elections and awards recognizing some of our Lions. ID Donal Knipp gave opening remarks and IPID Joe Picone and Lion Merle celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with us as our International guests.

Our Lions shared some of the service they had been providing such as a specialized bike for a child with physical needs where the zone clubs got together to raise over \$3600.00 for the bike. Some of our clubs have been providing dinners for Senior citizens and students, helping at the food pantries and reducing hunger in our towns. The clubs are planning to participate on April 4th for the lunch around the world. We are also promoting family and friends membership drive during the month of April.



Thank you Lions for your service. DG Sandy McCann

District 26-M4

District Governor Roger Unruh

It's Time for Support

One of the most important jobs of the Governor is to visit the clubs in their District. I say this with a bit of guilt for not producing on visits to my clubs within District 26 M-4. I have started to make some of the rounds and without exception I find that it is extremely satisfying to visit with the clubs within my district. It is great to hear all of the things that the clubs of Northwest Missouri are busy with fundraising and supporting the communities that they represent.

It is fantastic to recognize the members with awards of membership and recognize the clubs that have retained the membership. It is great to hear the concerns of the membership and be able to address those concerns in a question and answer period. What is really satisfying is when we get the opportunity to induct new members into the world's best service organization.

These visits also afford the opportunities to discuss the District Committees and the Multi-District Committees that we all have a part in supporting. I have found that many of our clubs have forgotten that we are a part of a much bigger story and we have also been a recipient of the benefits that are associated with being a part of Lions Clubs International.

The Athletic committee, chaired by PCC John Anderson, has just released the names of the athletes that are invited to be a part of the All Star Football Game to be played in June. This is quite an undertaking and provides a great opportunity of fun and exposure for those outstanding athletes that are invited to take part in this event. Many of the clubs feel that this doesn't involve them and refuse to participate since they may or may not have an athlete that is from their area. I view the involvement in promoting the Athletic Committee as one of involving the youth in our communities in generation of funds that assist in supporting the Saving Sight organization in providing transplant tissue in all of our communities.

I would dare say that there is not any communities that have not benefited by the Saving Sight organization. I can't tell you the number of times that someone comes up to me to express their gratitude for supplying the tissue which has given them their sight. So you can see by supporting the Athletic Committee and the young athletes that participate in a great game will ultimately benefit all of our communities.

Lions Clubs International Foundation, (LCIF) offers our clubs a triple benefit. That's right, our clubs benefit in three ways by supporting the organization that allows us as Lions to function in such a large way.

When we support LCIF we help to administer the organization as a whole. Where there is need LCIF is there. The clubs we belong to have a wonderful history surrounding the formation of Lions Clubs International and the vision of Melvin Jones in support of the communities in which the clubs serve.

Lions Clubs that support LCIF earn the right to acknowledge members through the awarding Melvin Jones Fellowship award which when given by your peers is the most prestigious in Lionism.

By supporting LCIF we promote belonging to the greatest service organization in the world.

By supporting LCIF your club earns the right to recognize outstanding members.

Lastly, by supporting LCIF we often benefit when disaster happens to strike close to home. Believe me the people of Joplin will attest to this.

District 26-M5
District Governor Ellen Upchurch

Alphapointe Summer Technology Day Camp

Each year District 26M5 Lions Clubs provide scholarships to Missouri & Kansas middle and high school students with vision impairments (ages 12-18) so they attend the Alphapointe Technology Camp for a week-long day camp experience. This allows children to experience FUN..... Facebook, music, & game apps included! Campers learn to utilize various technologies that will impact their academic development, improve their internet navigation, and social networking knowledge & safety. In addition to hands-on technology learning, campers have an opportunity to meet and work with a variety of mentors who have successfully utilized technology in their chosen careers as professionals with vision loss.

Students are selected for this program through **nominations by Teachers of the Visually Impaired**. The cost for Tech Camp is \$50. As District Governor of M5 I ask each of you to reach deep into your pockets and help send a child to camp this year

2014 Dates: July 21st- 25th Monday through Friday

Sponsored by: Alphapointe 7501 Prospect, Kansas City, MO 64132

For questions: Shelley Baker, OTR/L or Clay Berry at (816) 421-5848
sbaker@alphapointe.org or cberry@alphapointe.org

District 26-M5 NEVADA LIONS CLUB CELEBRATES 90 YEARS!

Congratulations Nevada Lions Club to your accomplishments and serving your local community for the last 90 years. We are proud of you!

Past projects include a helicopter pad at Nevada Regional Medical Center (NRMC), Shelter House at Walton Park, \$5000 donation for a eye laser treatment room at NRMC, \$5,000 with \$5,000 matching funds from LCI to help build Habitat for Humanity House, building a concession stand at Centennial Park Fairgrounds and contributing mint sales to the community fund raising effort for the Osage Prairie YMCO Building. These are just some of the remarkable ways you have supported your community. In addition, you continue to purchase eye glasses for children and adults in need within Nevada as well as supporting many LCI projects.

Your club has achieved a lot in the last 90 years and we look forward to seeing what you do in the next 90 years. Keep up the great work!. As Past President Bill Biggs related to each of us we must always remember the 10 commandments of a Lion. *Cont'd on next page*

- Attitude is everything; treat your club like it is going to live, not die.
- Dream your dreams, set your goals and be committed as what you do today and in the future counts.
- Take action – do it now! Don't put it off. Someone may be counting on you for help.
- Never stop learning.
- Be persistent, work hard and be proud.
- Have fun, fellowship and develop friendships through Lions.
- Have balance in your life.
- Don't be afraid to be innovative or different.
- How you deal with or communicate with people is vitally important.
- Always be honest, dependable and take responsibility; otherwise the other nine are meaningless.

Lions give LOVE!

2014 Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute

July 25-27, 2014 on the campus of Northwest Missouri State University



The cost is \$150 per attendee if received by the Registrar on or before May 31, 2014. This includes double occupancy, seven meals, as well as all the course materials and registration. Beginning June 1st the cost will increase to \$170. A limited number of single rooms are available for an additional \$40. The remaining cost will be covered by LCI funding and contributions from the participating multiple districts. (We have from MD26 (Missouri) two additional faculty members which include PCC Terry Boettcher and PDG Debbie Cantrell).

For additional information, please contact either the Facilities Coordinator or Coordinator

GPLLI Promotions Coordinator: PDG Debbie Blumberg: alndebbie@sbcglobal.net

“The heresy of one age becomes the orthodoxy of the next”. [Helen Keller](#)

District 26-M6
District Governor Nick Paulin

I Just wanted to make sure everyone knew our District Convention would be held in Joplin, Missouri, don't miss out on all the fun.

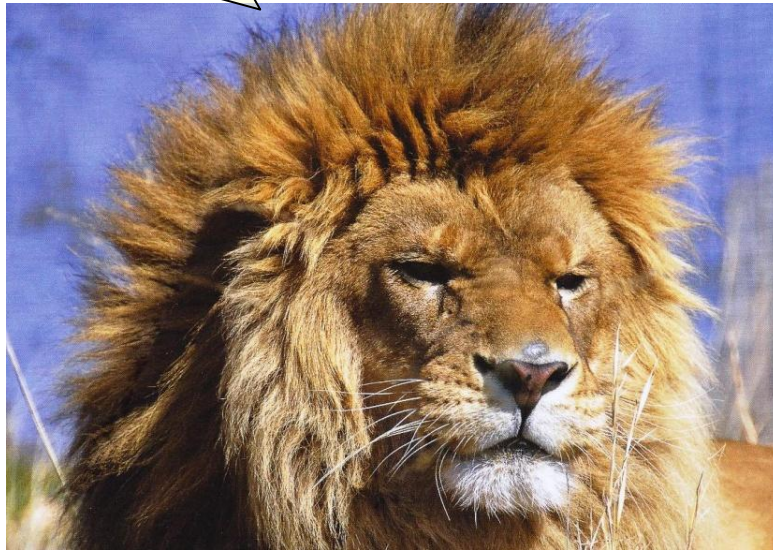
District 26-M6 “2014 Convention”

March 15th - 16th, 2014

Earlier advertisements may have had an incorrect location published.

Don't miss out on the fun.....join us in Joplin !

District 26-M6
Convention will be
in Joplin, Missouri!



“Merlin” District 26-M6 Lion Mascot

Holiday Inn and Convention Center
3615 Range Line Road, Joplin, Missouri

Make your reservation *directly* with the hotel at 417-782-1000

District 26-M7

District Governor Jeff Hilke

Well, here we are, in the middle of winter, when we all would love to either be somewhere warm or be able to stay inside and admire the beautiful snow without having to go out and deal with it. And many of you, like me, have been fighting off the cold and flu bugs that are everywhere this time of year. But as Lions, there is way too much going on to sit back and watch the world go by.

As this article is being written, final preparations are being made for the annual Missouri Lions Mid-Winter Forum February 8, 2014, in Branson, followed by our third district cabinet meeting of the year on February 18, 2014, hosted by the Fulton Host Lions.

Next up is the Lincoln University Lions Club's Charter Night Celebration. This is one event that everyone should want to attend. It will be a great evening of welcoming these enthusiastic members into the world's largest service organization. Please join us on Saturday, February 22, 2014 for this historic event.

About a month later, the Lions of District 26-M7 will gather for our annual District Convention on March 21 and 22, 2014. This year's convention will be lively and will have something that should be of interest to all Lions.

On April 25 and 26, 2014, the Lions of Missouri will assemble in Sedalia for the 92nd Annual Missouri Lions State Convention. This is a great opportunity to meet old friends and make new ones while sharing thoughts and experiences of being a Lion.

What do all these events have in common? We need YOU to participate to make them all the best events possible! I know we all have many activities competing for our time, but for those of you that have never been to a charter night or a district or state convention, why not give it a chance? How do you know it's not worth your time if you've never tried it?

At the 2012 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, then First Vice President of Lions International, Lion Barry Palmer, challenged all the District Governors-Elect to give all we have to make our year successful. "At the end of your year, I want your tank to be empty, and there should be nothing left for you to say 'I wish I could've done this, or gotten around to that'." Those words from our 2013-2014 International President have stuck with me throughout the year, and have helped motivate me to keep going when I am scheduled to visit a club, or a club has a fundraiser, or a club needs help. Yes, we all are busy, and have lots of other activities and events to attend, but remember that you are an important part of the greatest organization **in the world**. Every Lion in every Lions Club does an outstanding job of serving their community, but stop and think, if we all give just a little bit more of ourselves, what can be accomplished when all those "little bits" are put together?

"It's wonderful to climb the liquid mountains of the sky. Behind me and before me is God and I have no fears". [Helen Keller](#)

2013-2014 Missouri Lions Calendar

Date	Event	Location
March 7-8, 2014	Mid-South Board Meeting	Memphis, TN
April 11, 2014	Mid-South VDG Visit	Memphis, TN
April 24, 2014	Council of Governors meeting	Sedalia, MO**
April 25-26, 2014	92 nd Annual Missouri Lions State Convention	Sedalia, MO
June 13-14, 2014	Mid-South Board Meeting	Memphis, TN
June 27 – July 9, 2014	Band Camp and Trip	Ft. Leonard Wood/ Toronto
July 19, 2014	Council of Governors Meeting	Warrensburg, MO
July 19, 2014	Missouri Lions All-Star Football Game	Warrensburg, MO
July 25-27, 2014	Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute	Northwest Missouri State Univ.
October 25, 2014	Council of Governors Meeting	Warrenton, MO
Sept. 18 – 19, 2014	USA/Canada Forum	San Juan, Puerto Rico
April 30 – May 2015	93 rd Annual Missouri Lions State Convention	Cape Girardeau, Missouri
February 21-22, 2014	District Convention MD 26-M1	Popular Bluff, MO
Feb. 28- Mar. 1, 2014	District Convention MD 26-M3	Columbia, MO
March 7 -8, 2014	District Convention MD-26 M5	Hilton Garden Inn Independence, MO
March 15-16, 2014	District Convention MD-26 M6	Joplin, MO
March 21-22, 2014	District Convention MD-26 M7	Mar. 21 st Wardsville Lions Club Mar. 22 nd Solid Rock Church***
March 28-30, 2014	District Convention MD-26 M2	Sheraton Westport Lakeside Plaza Westport Plaza, St. Louis, MO
July 4-8, 2014	International Convention	Toronto, Canada
June 26-30, 2015	International Convention	Honolulu, Hawaii
June 24-28, 2016	International Convention	Fukuoka, Japan
June 30-July 4, 2017	International Convention	Chicago, Illinois*
June 29-July 3, 2018	International Convention	Las Vegas, Nevada

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

** Mohler Assembly Hall, State Fairgrounds/Best Western State Fair Inn

*** Solid Rock Church is located in Jefferson City, Missouri

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Lionism is for the Youth of Today

The ribbon cutting ceremony at Melaina's Magical Playland took place in October. Several Missouri Lions District M-1 Clubs helped with this wonderful project, an all accessible playground along I-55 at Cape Girardeau. The Cape Girardeau Noon Lions Club led the way with seed money combined with the District and a matching grant from LCIF delivering the needed shot in the arm of over \$177,000!



To cap that moment, butterflies were released. See photo above.

Pictured is District 26M-1 Governor Larry Kimbrow participating in the ribbon cutting (photo above).



This project clearly demonstrates one of the reasons we became Lions, for the youth of today! Great job District 26M-1!

“ All the world is full of suffering. It is also full of overcoming”. [Helen Keller](#)

Lions Help Local Kids Help Unfortunate Neighbors



The picture above is of the Cape Girardeau Boys & Girls Club presenting a check for \$600 to the American Cancer Society. The funds were raised through the **SPOOK YOUR NEIGHBOR** campaign, sponsored by the Cape Girardeau Evening Lions Club and have immediate impact in the Southeast Missouri region helping those who cannot afford needed items following cancer treatment.



The youth of today are our most valuable asset, but many of these young people do not have the opportunity to learn the value of giving back to those who are less fortunate than themselves. Instilling the value of community service in today's youth is critical for the continuation of organizations such as Lions Club International.

2014 Mid-Winter Forum



“Great job **Global Leadership Committee**” for a wonderful Mid-Winter Forum. If you did not attend this year’s Mid-Winter Forum, start planning for next year!



The 38th Annual USA/Canada Leadership Forum will be held September 2014 in San Juan, Puerto Rico and 2015 has been scheduled for Grand Rapids, Michigan.

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



“Science may have found a cure for most evils; but it has found no remedy for the worst of them all - the apathy of human beings”. [Helen Keller](#)

Mid-South Lions Sight and Hearing Service Events



Join Your Fellow Lions at Leaders Weekend

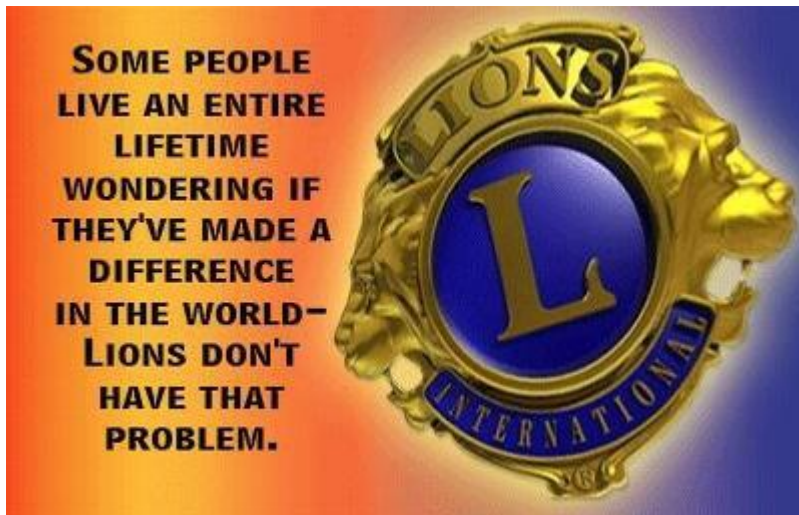
April 11-12, 2014 Memphis, TN

Attendance is limited, register early. First time attendees will be given preference over Lions who previously attended this event due to space limitations in the auditorium.

Make Your Reservations Through the Mid-South Lions Office

By Calling 888-546-6042 or Check www.midsouthlions.org

Please include a check for \$105 to cover the cost of the weekend



SOME PEOPLE
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WONDERING IF
THEY'VE MADE A
DIFFERENCE
IN THE WORLD—
LIONS DON'T
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May we include your information in directory? Yes _____ NO _____

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(Dues are \$7.50 for July 1 – June 30)



Missouri Lions All State Band



As of the January 2014 Council of Governor’s meeting only 20 students have signed up for the trip to Toronto for the 2014 Lions International Convention. Many students do not have the funds available to participate in this Lions youth project.

Clubs are encouraged to go together to help get these band members to Toronto, Canada. Even a small contribution could make the difference for a student to attend.

If your club can help, please send donations to MD-26.

Lions, Please help, every \$ makes a difference!

38th Annual Missouri Lions All Star Football Game

The **38th Annual Missouri Lion All Star Football Game** will be held on **July 19th, 2014** at the University of Central Missouri located in Warrensburg, Missouri. The game will start at 7:30 PM following pre-game activities. The banquet will be held on Friday July 18th and begins at 6:30 PM. If attending the banquet you must have reservations prior to the event. There will be no tickets sold at the door. Attending the banquet is an ideal opportunity to meet the players and coaches.

Your District Athletic Chairperson will be contacting each Lions Club asking for your support of this state wide youth project either by purchasing ads or helping a player sell ads for the program. To make the game a success we need full sponsorship for each player chosen to play in the game. Just think how exciting it would be if every Lions Club would participate in this great project!

Remember that although this is a money making event, all proceeds go to “our” Saving Sight, it is also an opportunity to showcase some of the finest young athletes Missouri has to offer.

Mark your calendar today and plan to attend the weekend events of the 38th Annual Missouri Lions All Star Football Banquet and Game in Warrensburg.

For additional information, please contact your Athletic Committee Chairperson. Those serving on the committee by districts are:

District M1	PDG Casey Morris
District M2	PDG Eugene Taylor/ Lion Kevin Carr
District M3	Lion Jim McClintock
District M4	PCC John Anderson
District M5	Lion Bill Upchurch
District M6	PDG Sue Blakley
District M7	Lion Tim Wilbers/Lion Don Eggen

“True happiness... is not attained through self-gratification, but through fidelity to a worthy purpose”.

[Helen Keller](#)

We are Lions. We are Saving Sight.



The Missouri Lions Eye Research Foundation will operate under the name Saving Sight as of December 1, 2013. The moniker change was approved by the board of directors at their meeting in September because it will unite several sight-saving programs, including Heartland Lions Eye Banks and Children's Vision Screening, under a single brand identity. "Saving Sight is going to sharpen the focus of our organization and make it easier to communicate all the great work our staff and volunteers are doing," said Chief Executive Officer Lion Tony Bavuso.

Refining the Foundation's identity is a key objective in our strategic plan, a five-part document created by board members and staff to guide development over the next three years (more on the next page). "We chose Saving Sight because it clearly and concisely describes what all of our programs do to help people," said Lion Tony. "With the strategic plan in place, now is the time to execute a name change that'll help us achieve our mission: we change lives by saving sight."

The name change also offers the Missouri Lions an opportunity to grow its membership. As President of the Board of Directors PCC Al Blumenberg put it, "The marketing possibilities of this new name are tremendous, in that it will be very easy for us to point to our State Sight Project and say, 'We are Lions. We are Saving Sight.' Who wouldn't want to be a part of a group of people committed to such a cause?" The Missouri Lions have been crucial to the development of the Foundation through governance, fundraising, and volunteerism, and they will continue to be so in this next chapter in the Foundation's development.

The rebranding will involve some logistical changes. Office locations and phone numbers will remain the same, but the new website (www.saving-sight.org), social media (Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn and Vimeo) and email addresses (e.g., TBavuso@saving-sight.org) will go live on December 1, 2013. For everyone's convenience, though, the current websites (www.mlerf.org and www.hleb.org) and email addresses will redirect automatically to the new site and addresses starting December 1.

To get more involved with Saving Sight or to ask questions about the strategic plan, please contact pr@mlerf.org or 800-283-1982.



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March is National Eye Donor Month

46,000 Americans will need corneal transplants this year to treat eye diseases and injuries. The gift of sight is a transformative experience for recipients, often relieving pain and reviving personal independence. Accordingly, National Eye Donor Month is a helpful reminder of how important it is to sign up for the eye, organ, and tissue donor registry and to speak with family about your decision to donate.

Your club can help share the news about National Eye Donor Month this March by ordering free publicity materials and placing them in your community. Saving Sight offers posters and table tents for public display (see what they look like here: www.saving-sight.org/request-materials-national-eye-donor-month-march), and if you would like to host an eye, organ, and tissue donor registration drive in your community, we can send additional materials and instructions. Please contact the communications department at 800-283-1982 x115 or pr@saving-sight.org to place your request.

Take the opportunity this National Eye Donor Month to join us in saving sight:

- Learn more about eye donation at www.saving-sight.org.
- Pledge to be an eye, organ, and tissue donor on the donor registry at www.missouriorgandonor.com.
- Speak with your family and friends about your choice to donate.
- Share the message of donation with others in your community.

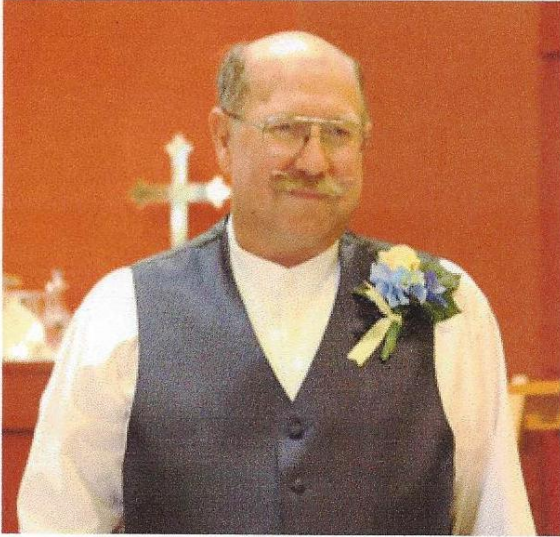
Recent Haywood Snipes Society Inductees

Congratulations to the following Lion who was inducted into the Haywood Snipes Society between October 15, 2013 and February ,15, 2014:

PDG Dr. Tom Duke – Kansas City Red Bridge Lions

Heart of a Hero – Arnold’s Song

In April 2013, Saving Sight shared a story about Arnold, a happy-go-lucky man who donated



his corneas to give the gift of sight to others. Arnold was a long-haul truck driver from Maine who passed away while in Springfield, Illinois for work, and his wife, Marie, supported his decision to become a donor, even though she was hundreds of miles away. "Following through with his wish to be a donor was never a hesitation in my shock and grief," she said.

After the donation, Marie corresponded with one of the recipients of Arnold's corneal tissue and learned a lot from the experience. She had this to share: "[Donation] isn't just something you do – it's life-changing for the recipients

and the people who are left behind. Science gives us the technology to make these gifts happen, but without people giving so unselfishly, we could not bring about the life-changing results I have witnessed firsthand."

Recently, Vince Dixon, a family friend of Marie, was touched by the stories of Arnold and other donors. He decided to honor them and draw attention to the importance of donation by writing an original song, "Heart of a Hero," which he then posted as a video to YouTube. Arnold is prominently featured in the video, appearing at one minute and thirty seconds and at the end.

To read Arnold's story, visit <https://www.saving-sight.org/donor-registry-making-it-meant-be>. And to watch the video, visit <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gmzs3xQKLOU>.

Let's Stay in Touch

Saving Sight has new social media channels available online. Like us and follow us to stay up to date on our sight-saving programs.

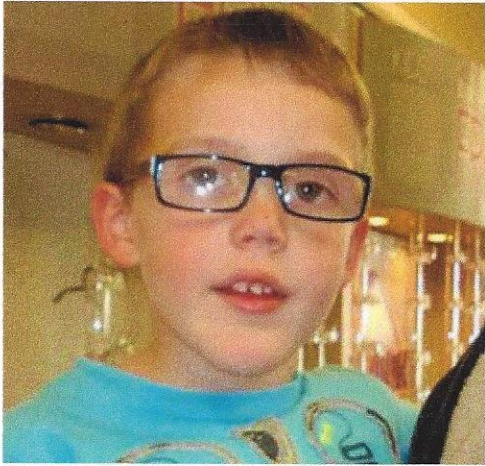
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West Plains Child Gets Needed Eye Care after KidSight Screening



Because most KidSight screenings occur in preschools and daycares, the parents usually aren't present when their children get screened. But Julie of West Plains, Missouri just so happened to be the parent helper for her son's preschool class on the day Saving Sight came to visit. "Sam is squirmy, but the technician finally got a good picture [of Sam's eyes]," said Julie. "She found an issue, so she showed me the picture and explained why she thought there was a problem."

The screening technology identified Sam as having amblyopia due to farsightedness in his right eye. Julie immediately took him to a local eye doctor. That doctor confirmed the screening results, but unaccustomed to treating children, he was unable to complete a full exam on Sam. So Julie found an eye doctor in Springfield who specialized in working with children. "She confirmed that his right eye was bad, but the left eye was making up for it," said Julie. The doctor prescribed glasses full time for Sam and also patching for one hour a day. Patching is a common treatment for amblyopia that involves covering the functioning eye, which requires the child's brain to rely on and strengthen the weaker eye.

Julie described Sam as a high-energy four-year-old who admires superheroes. "He's constantly running around and jumping off of the furniture," she said. "He runs and jumps and plays. He thinks he's a superhero." So it's little surprise that Sam has not taken well to the daily patching. "He doesn't like it very much," Julie reported. "He whines and gets upset. So we're working on that because I know that's what is going to help him the most." But Sam has taken well to wearing his glasses. "It took him a few days to wear his glasses because he didn't want to wear them at all at first," Julie said. "But then I think he realized that he sees better with them. So now, when he wakes up, he finds them and puts them on."

Before the screening, Sam's parents didn't know he had difficulty seeing. "We had absolutely no idea he had anything wrong with his eyes," Julie said. "He read along with books and acted like he saw everything in them." This is very common because children lack the ability to communicate about their blurry vision and they will adapt because they don't know that their vision is poor. The good news, however, is that many childhood vision problems, including amblyopia, can be prevented if they are identified and treated at an early age. So with consistent treatment, there is a good chance that Sam will be able to achieve healthy vision.

"What I've learned is that even if you don't think your child has a problem, get your children screened or take them to the eye doctor early on," said Julie. "The technician who did the screening was very friendly and informative. She was very good with the kids, even Sam when he was fidgeting. KidSight is very helpful because I had no idea, but they came in and told me about Sam's vision problem."

The AOA and AAO both recommend that children receive comprehensive eye exams at 6 months old, 3 years old, just before grade school, and every two years thereafter. To learn more about KidSight, including how to volunteer, find a screening near you, and request a screening at your local childcare facility or child-friendly community event, visit www.saving-sight.org/KidSight.

Pilot Receives Cornea Transplant and Sight he Needs to Fly



Pilots undergo regular medical exams to retain their eligibility to fly, and a major component of that exam is the vision test. They must be able to see 20/20 with correction. Laren from Loose Creek, Missouri was told by his optometrist that he would someday need corneal transplants to repair his eyesight, so when Laren could no longer pass his pilot medical certification, he knew it was time to undergo surgery. "I just couldn't give up flying," Laren said. "At some point, this transplant would need to be done anyway so I said yes, and I was in the surgeon's office a week or two later to do the procedure."

Laren is semi-retired at this point and now flies corporate jets part-time. His vision was always a problem for him – he suffers from cataracts and Fuchs' dystrophy – but he'd always been able to correct his vision to the level necessary for flight. In early October 2013, Laren was told he could no longer pass the vision portion of the exam, and his optometrist referred him to Dr. Luetkemeyer in Jefferson City. Dr. Luetkemeyer performed the surgery on Laren's right cornea, and thanks to advances in surgery techniques, Laren was able

to walk out of the office two hours later and pass his pilot's medical exam eight weeks later in December. "I didn't realize it would be such an easy procedure," he said. "It's amazing how much clearer things are and how they look after that transplant."

Laren has said that his transplant experience made him more aware of eye, organ, and tissue donation. "I've always wanted to be a donor," he said, "but when you get the impact of it on this side, it's unbelievable. Everybody should be a donor, everybody." And he's also very thankful to the person who made the selfless decision to donate the cornea he received. "The flat-out experience of being a recipient of a donor, knowing what someone else has done and how it affects you, sheds a whole new light on donation," Laren said. "Especially for me. Eyesight is one of the most critical things when you crawl in the cockpit. Your eyesight has to be very, very good. So I can't express enough thanks."

With renewed vision and medical clearance to fly, Laren was back in the air for his first post-transplant flight in January. "It was just unbelievable," he recalled. "Especially at altitude it can be so clear anyway. There was just day-and-night difference, what you can see, other airplanes, seeing the ground from 40,000 feet. I'm so thankful that I'm able to keep flying, something I love to do. I'm able to keep flying these jets. So I can't express enough thanks to the donor who returned my sight."

Join Laren and the millions of Americans who have declared their choice to be eye, organ, and tissue donors by signing up for the donor registry at the Donate Life America website (www.donatelife.net) or the local Department of Motor Vehicles office.

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