

# District 26-M1 Newsletter

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**“Embrace the Mission”**



**Liberty, Intelligence, Our Nations Safety**

## District 26-M1

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**District 26-M1 Convention and  
Cabinet Meeting**  
**All Lions Are Invited**



**February 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022**  
**Farmington, Missouri**





**District Governor**  
**Jerry Reaves**  
**2021-2022**



As I think about the first 6 months of this Lion year, I wonder how it has gone so quickly. “This will be the fastest year you will ever see” I was told in July 2021. I know now what that statement means. It truly has been busy times and seems to get even busier with so much more to do before it ends.

One of my main concerns has been to see our membership numbers increase. While several new members have been initiated, several have been lost for various reasons. When we talk with a prospective Lion, why not ask that person to bring 2 of their friends with them to the invited meeting, service project or fundraiser to see what we do and get acquainted with us? Their friends will want to have fun as they are helping others.

My other main concern for this year has been to see more clubs reaching out to help others away from their own communities. While good progress has been made in this area, there is still much improvement needed. Many are “Remembering the Mission” and “Serving from the Heart.”

Please get ready for the fun times coming soon. Mid-Winter Forum is Feb. 18-19 in Springfield. Plans are being finalized for Feb 25-26 in Farmington for our District Convention. THEN, our State Convention in Rolla will be April 28-May 1. Information flyers identifying speakers and specifics on all these will be in this newsletter. Both of these conventions will be events that you do not want to miss. Please get your registration in as early as possible.

While you are resting between these events and fun times, your club will be having meetings, sponsoring service events and holding fundraisers to add more service and fun. Please get involved and enjoy. It is going to be a wonderful end to a great Lions year.

As always, I thank each one who is going the extra mile, putting in extra time and effort to make these events successful, enjoyable and profitable. We are all just volunteers gladly helping others and I THANK YOU FOR WHAT YOU DO.

Lion Jerry

District Governor Jerry Reaves

District 26-M1

**FEBRUARY**  
**18th & 19th**  
**2022**



**MISSOURI LIONS**

Hosted at:



**O A S I S**

HOTEL AND CONVENTION CENTER  
 2546 N. GLENSTONE AVE.  
 SPRINGFIELD, MO 65803  
 Phone (417) 866-5253

# Mid-Winter Forum 2022 Registration

- Breakfast & Lunch - on your own
- Workshops throughout the day
- other information to come!

**FULL FORUM REGISTRATION INCLUDES:**

- Friday Night: Hospitality
- Saturday: "Powerful General Session" Workshops
- Saturday Dinner: "Buffet" at 6pm
- Entertainment at 7pm

**\*\*\*Anyone Planning On Attending ANY Of The Workshops Will Need A Full Registration\*\*\***

- Registration & payment to: "Missouri Lions" MUST be postmarked by Dec. 31st, 2022 for Early Bird Discount

- NO tickets are needed or issued for any of the events. (Your Name will be included on a list)

- Please be sure to wear your Name Tag at all times.

Note: Complete only one section below per person.

**FIRST REGISTRANT**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Are you a Lion?: \_\_\_\_\_ Is this your first Mid-Winter Forum?: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_ District 26- \_\_\_\_\_  
 Special Program Needed?: Early Bird Registration.....\$65 \_\_\_\_\_  
 (if so, please circle one) (must be postmarked by Dec. 31st)  
 Large Print or Braille After Dec. 31st.....\$75 \_\_\_\_\_

**SECOND REGISTRANT**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Are you a Lion?: \_\_\_\_\_ Is this your first Mid-Winter Forum?: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_ District 26- \_\_\_\_\_  
 Special Program Needed?: Early Bird Registration.....\$65 \_\_\_\_\_  
 (if so, please circle one) (must be postmarked by Dec. 31st)  
 Large Print or Braille After Dec. 31st.....\$75 \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL AMOUNT DUE.....Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Mail to:**

Missouri Lions  
 2415B Hyde Park Road  
 Jefferson City, MO 65109  
 (Mail Registration Form and Check)

**Hotel Reservations:**

Please call Oasis Hotel at (417) 866-5253  
 A block of rooms has been set aside for this event.  
 (held until 1/21/22)  
 Rooms are available on a space & rate available basis.  
 You must tell the reservations associate that you are  
 with the "Mid Winter Forum 2022" to get the special room rate.

# District 26-M1 Convention Call



DISTRICT GOVERNOR JERRY REAVES REQUESTS  
THE HONOR OF YOUR PRESENCE AT THE

## ANNUAL 26-M1 DISTRICT CONVENTION

FEBRUARY 25-26, 2022 | FARMINGTON, MO  
SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER WILL BE SECOND YEAR

**INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR  
JUSTIN K. FABER**

**25  
FEB**

12 West Bar & Grill  
12 W. Columbia Street  
Farmington, MO 63640  
6 PM-9 PM Hospitality

**26  
FEB**

American Legion Post 416  
1604 W. Columbia Street  
Farmington, MO 63640  
9 AM-10 AM Registration  
10 AM Business Session  
12 PM-1:30 PM Luncheon  
1:30 PM Business Session

Hampton Inn , 850 Valley Creek Drive, Farmington, MO 63640 is holding a block of rooms and taking reservations at a discounted price of \$129.63 + tax for a King or Queen room. Please contact them directly at 573-760-8700 to make your room reservation at the Hampton Inn and mention that you are with District 26-M1 Lions Convention, confirmation #87403814. After February 2, 2022 the room block will be released.

Service Project will benefit the Uplift Shelter . Food items needed are oatmeal, breakfast bars, pop tarts, granola bars, cereal, Gatorade, water, canned or potable meat, microwave mac & cheese, ramen noodles and soups.

### 2022 District 26-M1 Convention Registration Form February 25-26

Name of Lion: \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ Special Dietary Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration and Keynote Luncheon: \$30

After February 15, 2022: late fee \$10

Friday night hospitality will be on your own and charged at the restaurant

Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Checks payable to: Farmington Lions. No refunds after February 15, 2022.)

Mail Registration form and payment to Farmington Lions, P.O. Box 22, Farmington, MO 63640

## 2022 Missouri Lions State Convention Registration

Lion\_ Leo\_ Guest\_\_ Name (as wanted on badge): \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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: \_\_\_\_\_

### Convention Fee per person:

#### Full Registration

(includes registration, luncheon & banquet): \$ 85 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Only: ..... \$ 30 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Registration and Luncheon: ..... \$50 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Registration & Banquet Only: ..... \$65 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Leo Registration (included lunch): ..... \$20 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Registration after 3/15/2022 add \$10 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**(No Refunds after 3/15/2022)** Grand Total = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Mail Registration form and Payment to

Lion Jennie Mosher

C/O Mo Lions 2022 State Convention

P.O. Box 244

Rolla, Missouri 65402-0244



# Events Happening Around District 26-M1



Leader Dog Virtual “Dining in the Dark Event” ↓



Meet our newest camera! Thanks to the support from [Optometry Giving Sight](#), we were able to purchase a new SPOT vision screener.

KidSight screening below.



## Kennett Lions Club

Learn about Gun Safety from an expert



THERE ARE MANY BATTLES  
TO FIGHT.  
LET HUNGER NOT BE ONE.



JANUARY  
HUNGER  
AWARENESS  
MONTH



Lions Club International's focus activity for January was "HUNGER". With the current COVID19 virus pandemic has left many people are going hungry.

Lions attending the 26-M1 District Convention have the opportunity to help the **Uplift Shelter** when they bring food items to this Lion event.

Suggested items include:

Oatmeal, breakfast bars, pop tarts, granola bars, Gatorade, water, canned meat, ramen noodles and soups.



WARMING SHELTER  
AVAILABLE

FCC-BEHAVIORAL  
HEALTH'S  
SAFE HAVEN  
1201 NORTH  
BYPASS  
KENNETT, MO



**Our global causes**

## We take on global challenges together.

In addition to serving locally, Lions support five global causes.



**DIABETES**

Reduce the prevalence of diabetes and improve the quality of life for those diagnosed.



**ENVIRONMENT**

Sustainably protect and restore our environment to improve the well-being of all communities.



**HUNGER**

Ensure all community members have access to nutritious foods.



**VISION**

Prevent avoidable blindness and improve the quality of life for people who are blind and visually impaired.



**CHILDHOOD CANCER**

Help those affected by childhood cancer survive and thrive.



# The Lions Emblem



**Colour :**

**Blue** : Loyalty one's Self, Friends, Country and Integrity of Mind

**Yellow** : Traditional Color of Strength, Courage & tireless dedication to a cause and sincerity of purpose, liberty in judgement, Purity of mind, heart and love towards fellowmen.

Designed by : MAURICE BLINK

Approved by : International Board on 31st December 1921

Motto : We Serve

Slogan : Liberty Intelligence Our Nation's Safety

Flag : The Flag of Lionism in golden yellow with purple border and a size colour emblem in the Center.

Lionism Means Opportunity for fellowship and Service.

Let us do humanitarian Service while enjoying fellowship

On June 17, 1917 at the Invitation of Melvin Jones, delegates met in Chicago. The only point of contention was the selection of a name for the new organization. Melvin Jones researched the idea of calling the new organization Lions. He was convinced that the **lion** stood for strength, courage, fidelity and vital action. On a secret ballot the name Lions was chosen over several others.

## *The Lions Emblem*

At the 1919 convention, there was a move to change the symbol, but a young attorney from Denver, Colorado rose to speak. His name was Halsted Ritter. "The name Lions stands not only for fraternity, good fellowship, strength of character and purpose, but above all, its combination of L-I-ON-S heralds to the country the true meaning of citizenship: LIBERTY, INTELLIGENCE, OUR NATION'S SAFETY".

***Important message from Lions International Foundation District Coordinator PDG Rodney McConnell:***

Lions of District 26-M1:

2021 was a second challenging year in a row with the continuing disruptions caused by the on-going COVID pandemic. But there were also more than the usual number of natural disasters. Wildfires, floods, and most significantly for our area, severe weather including record-setting tornadoes. Many people in the southernmost Missouri Bootheel and adjoining areas of Arkansas, Tennessee, and Kentucky have been faced with an unimaginable upending of their lives. The death and destruction brought to these areas by the December tornadoes will affect these individuals for the foreseeable future. The silver lining-individual Lions clubs immediately began assisting their neighbors with cleanup and recovery operations. And Lions Clubs International Foundation is funding the work of these clubs and communities.

Less than a week after the storm struck, local Lions clubs in the impacted areas had requested, and LCIF had already approved, over \$100,000 in immediate disaster assistance grants. District 23-K, which includes the Mayfield, Kentucky area, was initially approved for \$20,000. These are funds that were immediately available thanks to the *previous* donations of Lions clubs and their individual members.

The key word there? *Previous!* Because the money had *already been contributed*, there was no need to take time for donation sites and hotlines to be set up, and then wait for the funds to roll in. The money was available as soon as the local Lions made the request. The eventual total of approved grants from our foundation for this disaster is unknowable at this point. But what IS known is that NOW is the time for clubs and yes, *individual* Lions to step up and make additional donations to replace those funds already appropriated, and to rebuild a surplus for needs going forward. We have no way to know when OUR communities will be the next victims. So now is the time to step up and help those in need. Now is the time to SERVE!

Here in Missouri District 26-M1, you may send your contributions as a check made payable to Lions Clubs International Foundation, and addressed to:

PDG Lion Rodney McConnell

LCIF District Coordinator 26-M1

302 Ridge Drive

Sikeston, MO 63801

On behalf of Lions Clubs International Foundation and all those in need, we thank you!

We are Stronger Together,  
We Take Action Together,  
We Serve Together,  
We are Over 1.4 Million  
Members Strong

Now supporting our global causes



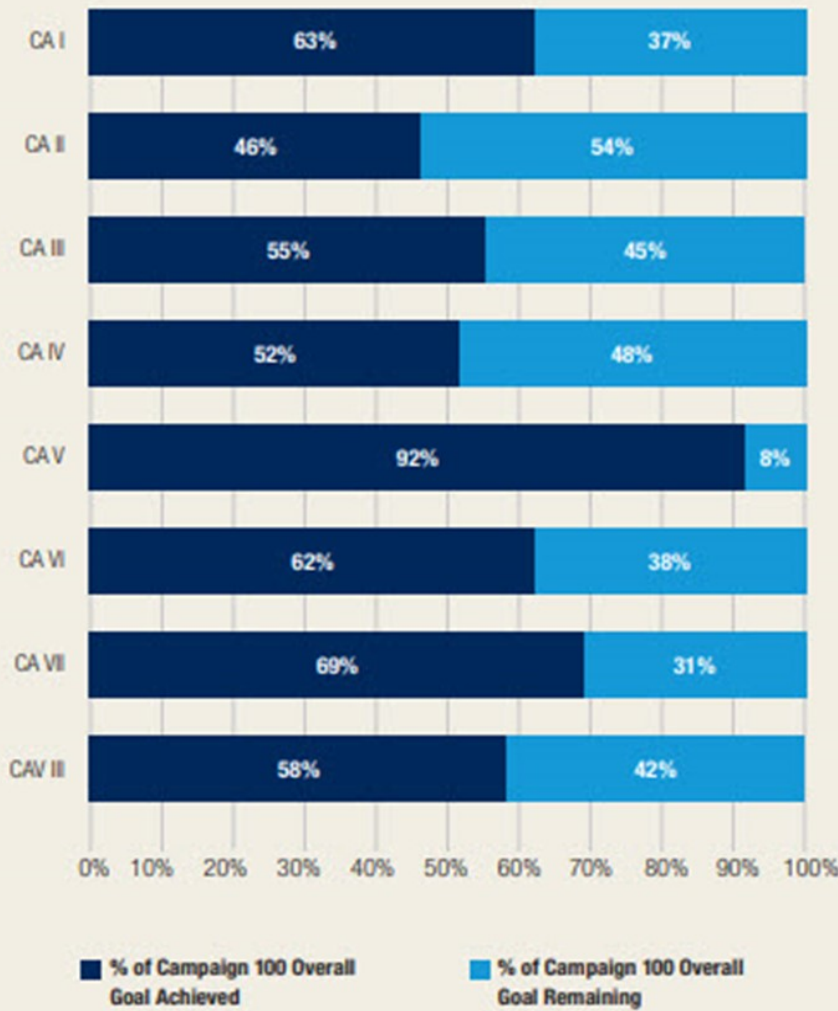
Together we can show  
the World that Kindness  
Matters

How will you help?



CAMPAIGN | 100  
LCIF • EMPOWERING SERVICE™

**PROGRESS TO OVERALL CAMPAIGN GOAL  
Per Constitutional Area**



**District 26-M1 is in Constitutional Area 1 (CAI)**



# KidSight Report\*

## Council of Governors Meeting Date



\*Preliminary numbers, subject to change

Totals by District							
	M1	M2	M3	M4	M5	M6	M7
Children Screened	3,948	3,720	4,724	5,401	3,630	1,658	5,115
Children Referred	344	328	408	441	239	146	706

### KidSight News

- KidSight MO and Multiple District 26 won **6<sup>th</sup> place** for multiple districts participating in the Project SEE CLEARLY 2021 sponsored by Lions KidSight USA Foundation. MD26 will receive an engraved trophy, banner patch and a check for \$500. Lions KidSight USA Foundation will also highlight Missouri's work in their social media and website. Lions KidSight USA will also be recognizing the top ten Districts and Lions Clubs.
- KidSight welcomed two new AmeriCorps VISTA members to the KidSight Team in November and December. Paloma Scarpaci will work to grow and improve KidSight's volunteer program. Paloma worked on political campaigns before deciding to become a VISTA. She is a graduate of SEMO University. Megan Peters is the new Outreach Specialist for KidSight. Before joining the team, Megan studied English and Creative Writing at Roger Williams University. In the future, she hopes to become an immigration attorney specializing in youth and family advocacy. Both VISTAs are based out of Cape Girardeau.

# KidSight Report\*

## Council of Governors Meeting Date

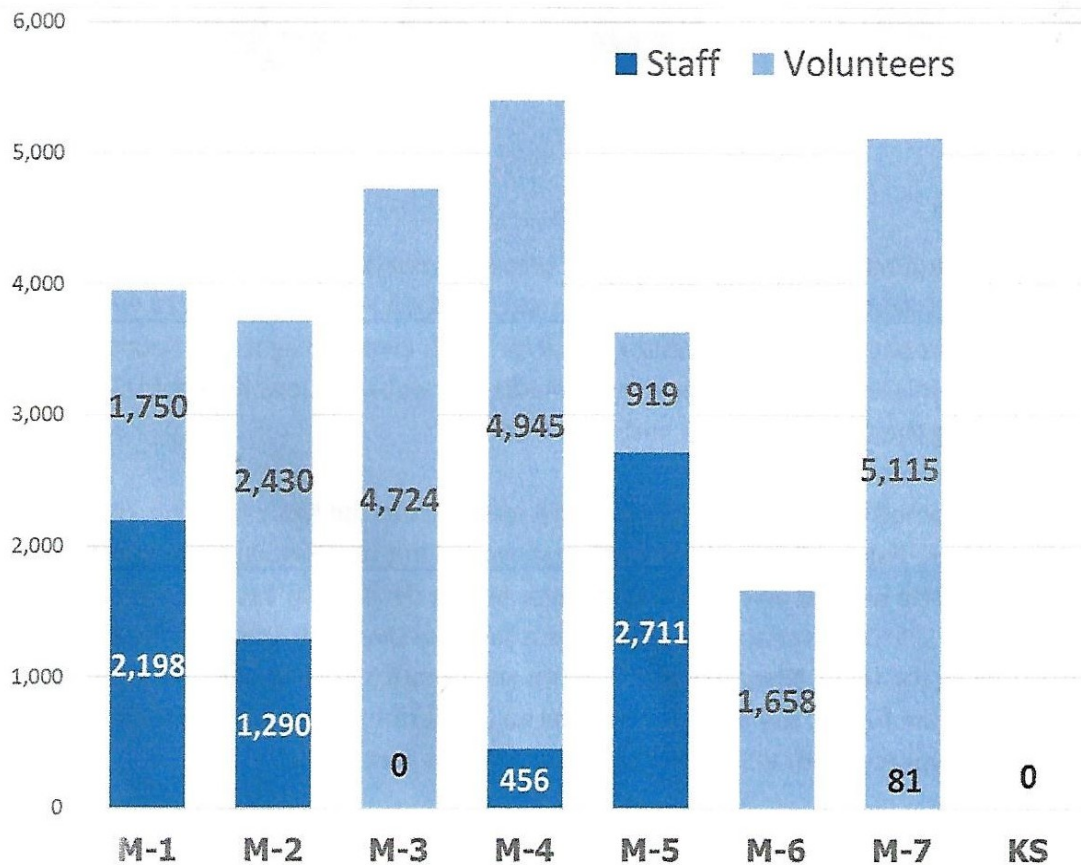


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### How Did We Impact Your Community?

From July 1 to December 31, 2021, our staff and volunteers provided screenings for **28,196 children** at **444 screening events** across the state. At these screenings, we identified **2,620 children** who needed a full eye exam- including **667** who were at high risk for vision loss. (Those with amblyogenic risk factors.) We screened **19,745** school age (1<sup>st</sup> grade and up), **6,954** preschool/kindergarten aged children, and **2,788** children at public events where ages were not recorded.

### Number of Children Screened



# Welcome New Lions



Thomas P. Grantham	Cape Girardeau Lions
Elizabeth Barbeau	Patton Lions
Aimee Campbell	Rolla Lions
Cody Honse	Rolla Lions
Tracy Limmer	Rolla Lions
Tanner Malone	Rolla Lions
Hannah Park	Rolla Lions
Marc Whitney Robertson	Rolla Lions
Bill Whitacre	Rolla Lions
Terry Jacques	Wardell Lions
Taylor Richardson	Wardell Lions

## Lions that Have Passed Away

Jerry D. French	Rolla Lions
Fred Krueger	Rolla Lions
Clyde Vessell	Rolla Lions

