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Lions Worldwide Week of Service

January 10-16, 2015



The Lions Worldwide Week of Service kicks off January 10, 2015, and we'd like you to be a part of this special Centennial Service Challenge event!

The Worldwide Week of Service is an international event that brings Lions around the world together for a special week of celebration and service. It's an opportunity to strengthen your community, showcase your club and celebrate the birthday of our founder, Melvin Jones.

Join the Lions Worldwide Week of Service in January

Here's how your club can take part in this special service event:

1. **Plan your project** – Host a service project that benefits youth, vision, hunger or the environment during the week of January 10-16.
2. **Share your project** – Invite your community to serve with you to showcase your club and the power of service.
3. **Report your project** – Report your service on the [MyLCI Service Activity Report](#) to earn a [Centennial Banner Patch](#) for your club.

Celebrate Your Service

Share photos of your project on social media so everyone can see what a difference you're making in your community. Use the hashtag **#Lions100**, and we'll share your images on the LCI Facebook page!

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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

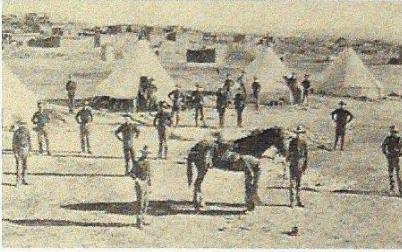
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Deadline for article submission for the Jan 2015 Issue is January 15th 2015

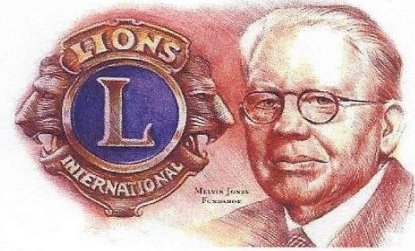
Submission of an article or subject material before the printed submission date does not guarantee the topic will be published in any edition *the Missouri Lion* Editor

46th Annual Melvin Jones Memorial Re-dedication Ceremony



Fort Thomas, Arizona

January 10, 2015
Fort Thomas, Arizona



January 13, 1879 - June 1, 1961

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

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

The Melvin Jones Memorial was erected and dedicated to honor the founder of Lions Clubs International Association in 1965. Each year an Annual Rededication Ceremony is held at the facility, this year the event will be held on January 10th, 2015. Every Lion is invited to attend this special ceremony to honor the founder of



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

For additional information please contact PDG Lisa Alexander, MD26 MJIM Director:

C: 314-258-1069 or Lisa Alexander lisa@yahoo.com

93rd Annual Missouri State Lions Convention

Cape Girardeau, Missouri

May 1st-3rd, 2015



Step back in time in Cape Girardeau, and feel the passion that led Mark Twain to write so eloquently about our river city in *Life on the Mississippi*, the inspiration that General Ulysses S. Grant used to lead with firm conviction as he took command of the Union Army on the Mississippi in our historic downtown and the warmth and hospitality that our community founder Louis Lorimier extended to Lewis and Clark while on the journey of a lifetime as they set forth on their Corps of Discovery.

Plan your trip to Cape Girardeau to discover more than 250 years of rich history and heritage - this [Historic Weekend in Cape Girardeau itinerary](#) is a great place to start!

<http://molionsconvention2015.com/>

Check out the website and get prepared for the 2015 Missouri Lions State Convention!

Watch the special invitation video for this event. Register on – line.



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

2015 has been scheduled for Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Missouri GLT Opportunities



2015 MD26 All Lions Mid-Winter Forum

When

Friday February 6, 2015 at 8:00 AM CST

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Saturday February 7, 2015 at 10:00 PM CST

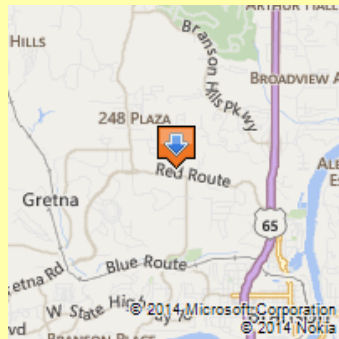
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Where

Chateau on the Lake

415 N State Hwy 265

Branson, MO 65616



[Driving Directions](#)

When

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-to-

Saturday February 7, 2015 at 10:00 PM CST

[Add to Calendar](#)

Where

Chateau on the Lake

415 N State Hwy 265

Branson, MO 65616

Dear Missouri Lion:

We hope you will join us for the MD26 All Lions Mid-Winter Forum being held in Branson, Missouri on 6-7 February 2015. This year's forum will be lead by a professional guest speaker and forum seminar leader.

This promises to be a premier event that will offer you an opportunity to come away with new found skills you can use both as a Lion and in your personal life.

So won't you click on the "Register Now" button and come spend two exciting days with us at the MD26 All Lions Mid-Winter Forum!

[Register Now!](#)

[I can't make it](#)

If you encounter any issues with your registration please contact me at the number listed below.

We look forward to seeing you at this year's exciting forum!

Sincerely,

Lion Tom Rayfield, PDG

MD26 Global Leadership Team

chief92@sbcglobal.net

816-331-7531



2015 ALL LIONS MID-WINTER FORUM REGISTRATION

Friday & Saturday, February 6-7, 2015



*** LOCATION ***

Chateau on the Lake Resort • 415 N State Hwy 265 • Branson, Missouri 65616

Your Registration Packages may be picked up on Friday from 4:00-6:00 PM and Saturday from 7:30-8:30 AM

***** Session starts at 8:30 AM Saturday *****

- In order to lead others you have to first lead yourself- As we look to "Strengthening the Pride"- what is your Role? What is your personal and leadership vision for your pride? It all starts with WHY. In this high energy and intensive day, the first half will be dedicated to personal and leadership growth and connecting to the Vision. The afternoon session will be focused on the keys of execution, implementation, and living the message. Every leader must know they are the message- how they live is the message and everyone is looking at them to see if they are the real deal.
- We strengthen the Pride one member, one leader at a time. When a leader grows and builds followers join - When leaders build leaders- explosive growth takes place! *Discover how this develops!*
- Morning- Session:** The vision workshop - **Afternoon Session:** Living/Implementing the Message/Mission/Vision. If Joe has a vision- do you? What is your role in his Vision, Lions vision, your life vision? These two sessions will lead you to a better understanding of others, using common sense and a strong sense of direction. You will be able to use all of these at all levels of your Lions activities as well as in your personal life.

* Full registration includes Friday evening hospitality, all seminars on Saturday, and the lunch on Saturday. Anyone planning on attending any of the seminars will need a full registration. If you will be attending only the hospitality on Friday and the lunch on Saturday, a lunch registration is all that is needed. Note: "COMPLETE ONLY ONE SECTION BELOW PER PERSON"

UNFORTUNATELY - NO LATE OR WALK-UP REGISTRATIONS CAN BE ACCEPTED!

* Reservations and payment to MD26 Mid-Winter Forum MUST be postmarked by January 27, 2015.

* The Saturday Dinner and Show will be held at the Chateau on the Lake Resort Hotel. The cost is \$30 per person, which includes dinner and Show. This cost is not included in the Full Registration and is a separate charge.

* Tickets WILL NOT be issued for any of the events - your name will be included on a list.

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: Large Print or Braille - **Special Meal Requirement:** Description _____

Full Forum Registration.....	\$40
OR Lunch Only	\$25
Optional Saturday Night Dinner/Show	\$30

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: Large Print or Braille - **Special Meal Requirement:** Description _____

Full Forum Registration.....	\$40
OR Lunch Only	\$25
Optional Saturday Night Dinner/Show	\$30

TOTAL AMOUNT is due in advance for all events **Total:** _____

Everything can be paid with one check payable to MD26 Mid-Winter Forum. Mail Registration form and check to:
 Lion Donna Jungerman, 8627 Three T Rd, Mayview, MO 64071.

NO REFUNDS AFTER JANUARY 28, 2015.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS: Please call the Chateau on the Lake Resort in Branson at 1-888-333-5253. A block of rooms has been set aside for this event. Mountain or Lake View rooms are \$79 + tax per night and Ambassador Suites are \$149 + tax per night. This room block will be held until January 15, 2015, at which time the rooms will be available on a *space and rate available* basis. You must be sure to tell the reservations associate that you are with the Missouri Lions Forum to get the special room rate. These rates will also be available two days before and two days after for attendees wishing to stay longer.

Mid-South Lions Sight and Hearing Services Leader Weekend



THE ONE AND ONLY
BRIAN STARON
ENTERTAINS US
ON FRIDAY NIGHT!



Brian has been a full time performer for over 30 years. His family friendly show is made up of a special blend of slap-stick humor and incredible magic. Brian's show has been described as "live situation comedy". The show is suitable for all ages and relies heavily on audience participation, that's right, you and your guest will be part of the show!

Brian has performed before millions of people throughout the world at world renowned theme parks, cruise ship lines, colleges, and private venues, including the world famous Magic Castle, in Hollywood!

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

Mid-South Lions Sight and Hearing Service Center Lion's Leader Weekend April 10-11, 2015

LION LEADERS WEEKEND
APRIL 10-11, 2015
4 PM Friday till 3 PM Saturday
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

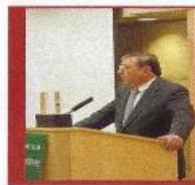
JOIN ABOUT 100 OF YOUR
FELLOW LION LEADERS
FOR THIS EXCITING,
INFORMATIVE AND
INSPIRATIONAL WEEKEND!



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

ENCOURAGE YOUR CLUB TO SEND
SOMEONE PLEASE!

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



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

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

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



Mid-South Lions
Leaders Weekend
April 10-11, 2015
Memphis, TN



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

Look inside for all the
details! Or go to
www.midsouthlions.org

Perhaps the most important weekend of the year for the sight and hearing impaired in your community...

Lion Leaders Weekend 2015
is open to anyone who has
the desire to learn more
about Mid-South Lions Sight
And Hearing Service and how
the organization



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

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



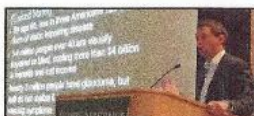
Consider the Cost

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

Your only cost to attend is
your travel and lodging.

Rooms have been arranged at
the Holiday Inn Express on
Union Avenue at a rate of
\$105 for one night and \$190
for two nights. This great
rate includes lodging,
parking, and a hot breakfast.

Room Reservations must be
made by completing the
enclosed form. Payment is
required to reserve a room.
Cancellations must be made
no later than April 5 to
receive a full refund.



Consider the Benefits

The information you'll receive
during this weekend will help you
understand how Mid-South Lions
can be a tool to bring the gifts of
sight and hearing to those in need
from your community.

Experience our
* Hearing Clinic
* Low Vision Center,
* Surgery Center,
* Research facilities,
and our
* one-of-a-kind
* Pediatric Clinic

Plus you will
see how your
Lions money
is being put
to use to
preserve and
restore sight
and hearing.

AND you should get a
rejuvenating jolt of the spirit of
Lionism that will help YOU take new
enthusiasm and energy back to your
fellow Lions Club members.



Special thanks to Wal-Mart Foundation
for helping Mid-South
provide MIRACLES!

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

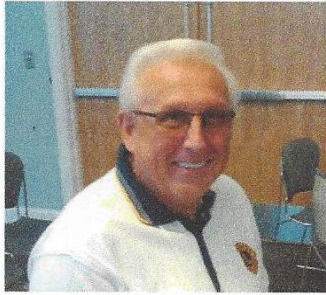
Don't miss this
chance to find out
how Mid-South
AND YOU
can serve your
community!



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



2015 Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute

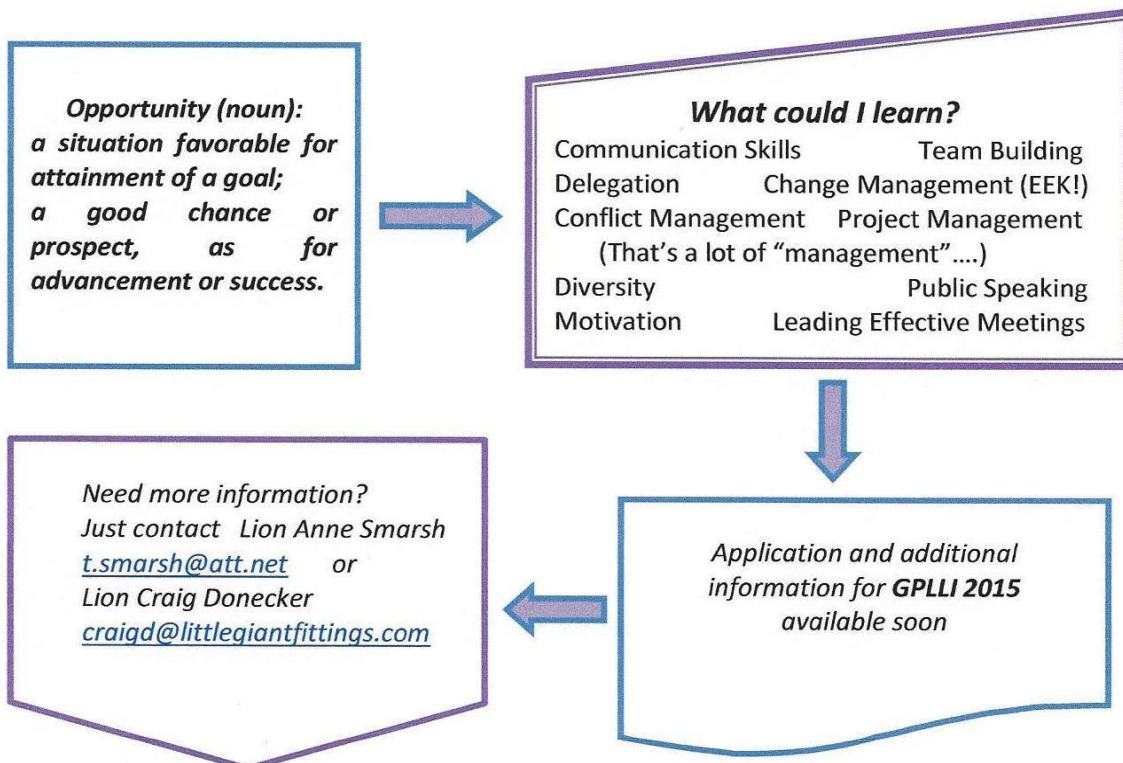


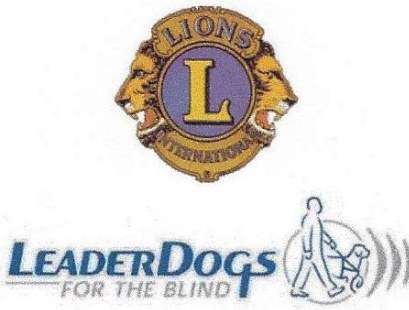
Lion Ed says. . .



Everybody knows Kansas Lion Ed McCormick. If Ed says it's amazing, it's amazing!!!!

What is GPLLI?	GREAT PLAINS LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE
Where?	Jamestown University in Jamestown, North Dakota
When?	Ed says July 24-26, 2015
Cost?	We don't know yet.....still working on facility details. We'll let you know as soon as we know. . .
Who can attend?	Any Lion, Lioness, or LEO who's 18 or older, who has not yet served as District Governor as of July 24, 2015





Fellow LIONS of Missouri and Arkansas

I am LION Phil Krebs of Missouri district M6, and I am Regional coordinator for the LIONS portion of the Canine Development Center campaign for Leader Dogs for the Blind.

It is my pleasure to bring you news of the work at Leader Dog and to enlist your help for the next 75 years of service to the vision impaired. Leader Dog was started in 1939 by three LIONS with "\$400 and a hat full of ideas" and 75 years later LIONS are 25% of their referrals for service, and annually contribute \$2 million of their \$11 million dollar budget for operations and client services.

To serve the current clients and those yet to come, Leader Dog has embarked on a 14.5 million dollar renovation and reconstruction of the 50 year old kennel and veterinary facilities. Think for a moment about our world today and what it was like 50 years ago. Imagine being blind then and the world you were travelling in, versus today and you will understand the need for the project. 75 years of experience in housing, training and caring for dogs have created the blueprint for the next 50 years in facilities, methods of training and animal husbandry.

"Our dogs have the immense responsibility of being the eyes of our clients"

Do I need to say anything more? In one word, what we offer the client is independence. The ability to be involved in the world, the confidence to travel, the ability to show the sighted that *I am not blind, I just see things a little differently than you do.*

How can you help? Several ways really, but for now we need a pledge of support from your club, you as an individual LIONS member, or individuals that you know that feel this is an important endeavor worthy of support.

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Your current club contributions go to support the daily operations of Leader Dog, the support for current recipients, future recipients, housing of dogs in training and everything else that goes with the LIONS motto "We Serve".

What we need are pledges of support over a 3-5 year window. Club pledges at the \$7500 level and above gain naming rights within the Canine Development center. All contributions from LIONS clubs at a \$75/member level and above get a banner patch for your banner based on the per member contribution level. In addition, personal member donations or non-LION personal donations on behalf of your club to the campaign are tax deductible and accrue to your club pledge of support. One time gifts are also welcome.

What else should you do? Have your Leader Dog chair in for a club visit and invite non-LIONS to hear about Leader Dog (maybe you'll get a member). Go to www.leaderdog.org and see what wonderful things they do. Go to www.leaderdog.org/canine-development-center-project to learn more. If you'd like to view the video Leader Dog produced in support of the Canine Development Center project, go to <http://youtu.be/7am9nZuGtl8>.

If you have any questions, please feel free to e-mail me at philx2@sbcglobal.net or contact your district Leader Dog chairperson.

In LIONISM, I am

LION Phil Krebs

MO/AR LIONS-Leader Dog coordinator

Past District Governor Lisa Alexander Receives Membership Award

Increasing Lions Club membership through developing new clubs throughout a District is critical to our organization here in the United States. It is no surprise that Past District Governor's such as Lisa Alexander would be recognized for her efforts during her governor year. During the 2012-2013; four new Lions Clubs were chartered in District 26- M3. Each new club requires at least 20 new members before they can apply for membership in Lions Clubs International Organization.

PDG Lisa Alexander was recently awarded a special Lions Club pin by Immediate Past President Barry J. Palmer for her work to increase the membership in her district in 2012-2013 lionistic year.

Congratulations **PDG Lisa Alexander** for a job well done.

GOLF TOURNAMENT RAISES OVER \$12,000 TO HELP PEOPLE WITH LOW VISION AND VISION LOSS



Vision Rehabilitation Center of the Ozarks presented the 13th Annual Memorial

“Sight Saving Scramble”

Golf Tournament

on Friday, October 24, 2014.

SPRINGFIELD, MO, October 24, 2014 - Vision Rehabilitation Center of the Ozarks (VRCO) and the Queen City Lions Club hosted the 13th Annual Memorial “Sight Saving Scramble,” Friday, October 24, 2014. 52 golfers hit the links on to enjoy 18 holes of golf and some gorgeous fall weather at Millwood Golf & Racquet Club. The tournament included a sponsored beverage cart and an after party reception.



“Close your eyes and imagine for a moment that you could not read these words, watch TV or see your children grow up due to vision loss,” shares Wendy Jackson, VRCO Executive Director. “VRCO is here to meet those needs and many others that people with vision loss face every day.”

VRCO provides services to people of all ages regardless of their ability to pay. The latest technologies for low vision care are expensive and not covered by insurance. Patients face great challenges completing daily activities without proper vision care and assistive devices.

Since opening its doors in 2010, VRCO has helped over 1,700 people maintain independence through specialized vision care and the use of adaptive technology. VRCO has worked with more than 100 children, age's birth to three, and their families learn how to do things like explore their environment safely, prepare them for using braille, and transition into the school system.

It is through the continued support of the community that we are able to help improve the quality of life for people with vision impairments. The event proceeds of over \$12,000 will continue to help to magnify the quality of life for people with low vision or vision loss by providing these needed services and equipment.

Vision Rehabilitation Center of the Ozarks, VRCO, is the Ozarks' leader specializing in low vision optometry, neuro-optometry and First Steps vision services for children ages birth to three.

Founded by Mercy Eye Specialists, VRCO is a 501(c) (3) organization that is operated through private donations, local grants, and insurance reimbursement. Community partners include Abilities First, Delta Gamma Alumnae, Drury University, Lions Clubs of District 26, Mattax Neu Prater, Mercy Health System, and Missouri State University.

Wendy R. Jackson, LCSW, MSW

Executive Director
Vision Rehabilitation Center
Phone: 417.831.0555
Fax: 417.831.0532
Mobile: 417.844.5636

2015 MD-26 District/State Conventions

District	Date	International Speaker	Location
26-M1	Feb. 20-22	ID Karla Harris	Rolla
26-M2	Mar. 27-29	ID Linda Tincher	St. Louis
26-M3	Mar. 6-8	ID William "Bill" McKinney	Columbia
26-M4	Mar. 13-15	ID Ed Farrington	Chillicothe
26-M5	Mar. 21	ID Esther LaMothe	Warrensburg
26-M6	Feb. 27-28	ID Robert Littlefield	Springfield
26-M-7	Mar. 6-8	ID Donald Shove	Jefferson City
MD26	Apr. 30-May 3	2nd VP Bob Curlew	Cape Girardeau