

Messages from the District Governors

District 26-M1

District Governor Don Beckham

Lions in District 26-M1 will host the 2015 Missouri State Convention. They send a special invitation to Lions all across the state to attend this event. A paper registration Form is included below. Please join us in May.

2015 MISSOURI STATE CONVENTION REGISTRATION				
Complete this form for mailing or register online at MOLionsConvention2015.com				
Lion's Name _____	Guest _____			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Same address as Lion			
Address _____	Address _____			
City _____	City _____			
State _____ Zip _____	State _____ Zip _____			
Phone (_____) _____	Phone (_____) _____			
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	Is your guest a Lion? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
District _____ Club _____	District _____ Club _____			
Title _____	Title _____			
Name for Badge _____	Name for Badge _____			
Special dietary needs? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Special dietary needs? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
Details _____	Details _____			

CONVENTION FEES PER PERSON				
 ACTIVITIES	Standard Registration	Late Registration	LION	GUEST
	Postmarked by April 1, 2015	Postmarked after April 1, 2015		
Registration	\$25	\$30	\$	\$
Friday Evening Social	<i>Free admission</i> with registration!		<i>Free!</i>	<i>Free!</i>
Exhibits	<i>Free admission</i> with registration!		<i>Free!</i>	<i>Free!</i>
Luncheon with Speaker	\$15	\$20	\$	\$
Reception	<i>Free admission</i> with registration!		<i>Free!</i>	<i>Free!</i>
Banquet with Speaker	\$30	\$35	\$	\$
			TOTAL \$	

Please make checks payable to **2015 Missouri Lions State Convention**.

No refunds will be issued after **April 1, 2015**.

Mail completed registration form and payment to **Lion Clint Karnes, PO Box 724, Cape Girardeau MO 63702-0724**.

Attendees are responsible for securing their own lodging. See the back cover for details regarding accommodations.

If you have questions regarding registration, contact **Lion Tom Grantham** at 573-579-3290 or tomgrantham@charter.net

East Perry County Lions Being Busy

The East Perry County Lions have been busy, raising money, helping their neighbors and getting another beautiful float ready for the East Perry County Fair!



Houston Lions Club Fish Fry

Members of the Houston Lions Club prepare fried fish while Miss Texas County helps arrange the deserts for their fund raising project. Look at all the French fries and fried fish; they are prepared for a large crowd.



"I can see, and that is why I can be happy, in what you call the dark, but which to me is golden. I can see a God-made world, not a manmade world." [Helen Keller](#)

Patton Lions Club Sponsors Lawn Mower Races

Many stories were told by Past District Governor Murray Dunn from District 26-M1; as he described this annual event sponsored by his Lions Club. This event sure looks like a lot of “FUN” and we have the pictures to share with Lions all across the state. It certainly looks like these racers are having a lot of fun! This event also featured future “Lions” racing in their motorized vehicles as shown below in the picture on the left.



District 26-M3 District Governor John Clark

Columbia 20/20 Lions Club

September 10th, 2014 Columbia 20/20 Lions Club had one of their members, Mindy Young, honored by Jason Noland, Director of Development at Saving Sight, along with the Club President, Jacki Davidson for the Haywood Snipes Award!!



Also the 2nd picture above on the right is all the Haywood Snipes honorees from Columbia 20/20 Lions Club. We are very proud of this honor!!! Mary Brunkhorst, Mindy Young, Bob Young, & Julie Koirtyohann.

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Pictured below: Columbia 20/20 Lions Club members: Jacki Davidson, Mary Brunkhorst, Lori Geissert, Rebecca Pattillo, Nancy Drebes, & Marilyn Bell holding their "Certificate of Appreciation" from Saving Sight for working the Back to School Fair. We were awarded this at our Club meeting Sept 10th, 2014. Saving Sight told us they appreciate our continued support & invaluable service in helping bring eye care to the Children of Missouri!!



Pictured below: Mary Brunkhorst, club secretary, Patty OBrian, Past President & Jacki Davidson President stand with Jason Noland, Director of Development at Saving Sight. We were honored with a plaque for our services to Saving Sight. What an honor for our Columbia 20/20 Lions Club on September 10th, 2014.



District 26-M
District Governor Richard Werner
Wellington Food Drive Restocks Pantry



The Wellington area responded generously for the Community Wide Food Drive Saturday August 23. Pictured from left with the food collected are Lions members Marvin Siefker, Allen Lohsandt, Tim Logan and Kelly Logan. Donations of \$75 were also received for the Food Pantry to purchase need items of food.

A community wide food drive for the Wellington Food Pantry was set from 1:00 to 3:00 on Saturday August 23rd. Drop off location was at the Wellington Park Band Stand located north of the 4 way stop at the Jct. of Hwy 224 and Hwy 131.

Most needed items are fruit, soup, hamburger helper, pork n beans, pasta sauce, pasta, mac & cheese, tuna, spaghetti o's, peanut butter, snack items, and toilet paper.

The Food Pantry serves families that are on the brink. Hunger exists in LAFAYETTE COUNTY according to the Missouri Hunger Atlas. With a population of 33,000 the survey found 16% of families with children food uncertain and 4% of households with children with serious need for food. The Wellington Food Pantry serves families in the Wellington and surrounding area twice a month. Over 35 families are given food through the Wellington Food Pantry. The Wellington Lions will collect the food and deliver it to the food pantry.

Norborne Soybean Festival

Late summer and fall are seasons of festivals, large and small, throughout Missouri, and the Norborne Lions Club is no exception.

Coordinated in conjunction with the Norborne Soybean Festival Committee, the Norborne Lions Club began sponsoring the Norborne Soybean Festival in 1968. Since that time there have been many years of celebration, community spirit, and good will towards the Lion organization and its purposes. The celebration is held annually on the second weekend in August (Thursday night through Saturday).

As with many festivals in the Midwest, the merriment features a variety of foods and refreshment, entertainment for the adults and races, games, and contests for the children. Highlights of the Norborne Soybean Festival include the Southern Fun Carnival, a parade, the “homegrown, Hometown “Ha! Ha! Show” and the crowning of “king Soybean”. The Norborne Lions Club also provides a “beer garden” seating area with karaoke or live band every night of the festival.

Each Year the Norborne Lions Club are in charge of a covered area with tables known as “the Soybean Patch”. On rotating shifts, members of the club man the kitchen, serving pork burgers, drinks, chips and many other edibles through the Soybean Patch Serving Window.



There are a few long time members still in attendance at the Norborne Lions Club meetings. Resting firmly on the edge of the head table resides a metal bell. It was a gift from the Carrollton Lions Club chapter when the Norborne Lions received their charter back in 1955. A photo on the wall of those in attendance at the founding meeting so long ago is a reminder of those who have gone before, and those who are still at the meeting after so many years of faithful community service.

So, we tip our hats to the current pride of Lions in Norborne, Missouri. The service is firm, and the tradition continues.

District 26-M6

District Governor Peter Frantzen

District 26-M6 held its second cabinet meeting on November 1st, it was well attended. Perhaps a reason for better attendance was the selection of a more central location for District Cabinet meeting. Previously, the District Cabinet meeting was rotated to various Lions Clubs who had their own facility throughout the year. As the travel time to the meeting increased we noticed fewer Lions coming to the District Cabinet meeting. Hopefully, we have reversed this trend by returning to Springfield at the Chubb O'Reilly Cancer Center; a more central location for everyone in the district.

As I have made my visits to Lions' Clubs in my District I have found several new Lions who have accepted positions on my cabinet this year. At the second District Cabinet meeting all those present were treated to a special report done in sign language by one of these new additions. This report was very well received and seemed to add a surge of revitalization to those Lions present. My take home message for the incoming Vice District Governor's is look for new cabinet members when you make all those club visits; the growth/survival of our organization depends on bringing in new members with different ideas.

Like my fellow District Governor's I continue to visit the Lions Clubs within my district. When I see a Lions Club could benefit from assistance from a member of my cabinet, I suggest they contact the cabinet member directly and I also request the Cabinet Chair contact that particular Lions Club. This is a win-win for our Lions Clubs International Organization.

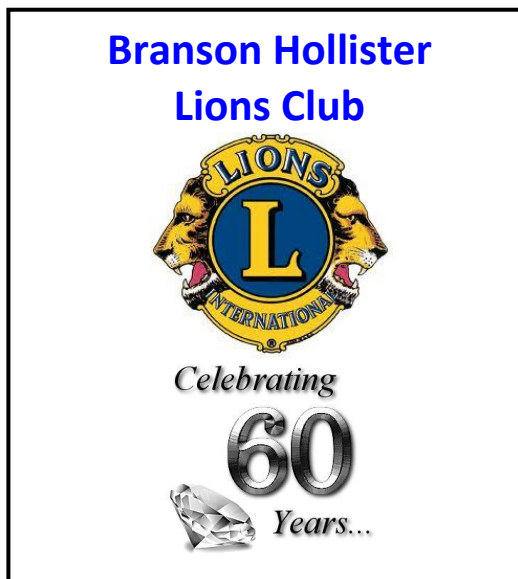
I recently attended a 60th Anniversary at the Branson-Hollister Lions Club. Today not many clubs reach this level of existence in a community. It was very interesting listening to all the wonderful community service projects members of this group had done since their beginning in October 1954. Their celebration was simple but very much team orientated. I have included a few photos from this event on the next page.

"Self-pity is our worst enemy and if we yield to it, we can never do anything wise in this world."
Helen Keller

Branson-Hollister Lions Club 60th Anniversary cont'd



PCC Howard Hawkins Club President



Leader Dog in Training



The Branson Hollister Lions Clubs was recognized for its 60 years of community service by both the mayor of Branson and the mayor of Hollister. Since the club was chartered in 1954; the members have provided many valuable community services to the Branson-Hollister area. Pictured above far left is Lion Pete Waldo with the mayor of Branson. In the middle is Lion Club President PCC Howard Hawkins with the mayor of Hollister. District Governor Peter Frantzen congratulates the Branson-Hollister Lions Club on 60 years of service.

Also, like the other six sitting District Governor's; we are busy planning our 2015 District 26-M6 Convention. Our convention will be held February 27-28, 2015 and our International Director will be Robert S. Littlefield, PH.D from Minnesota. We invite any Lion who wants to attend to come to Ramada Oasis Inn in Springfield.

On January 10th we will have our Annual Lions HOBO Day at the Branson Hollister Lions Club building. This event will feature both silent/live auctions, a cake walk, great Hobo stew and lots of **FUN**. Local Branson area facilities often donate weekend packages which are auctioned off during the live portion of the auction. The event starts at approximately 4:30 PM, you don't have to be from our district to come and have FUN.

As the holidays are upon us, I want to wish everyone a Happy Holiday as well as a Merry Christmas. May your New Year be better than 2014 for you and your Lions Club.

During the past few months we have had a lot of summer and fall activities happening around the district. Like most Lions Club the warm days of summer and fall are when we are most active in the community raising funds to support or various community service projects.

At the end of August the Lamar Lions Club could be found at the local fair selling items from a concession stand while selling chances to win a John Deere Z₂₅₅ Zero Turn Lawn Mower. The lucky winner was Mike Kelly from Lamar, Missouri (pictured below sitting on the mower).



Pictured left to right: Lion Kevin Bull, Lion Dean Westbay, Lion Dorris Westbay and Lion Darlene Lehman

During this past quarter the Monett Lions Club could be found making its Annual Apple Butter. Everyone wants to buy this wonderful treat, if you have never tried their Apple Butter you do not know what you are missing. The Monett Lions Club has it down to a science; the following pictures do not begin to describe all the work that goes into this fundraiser.



As I am sure anyone who has had the Monett Lions Club Apple Butter would say, you will look forward to getting more next year.

Another crazy wet and wild event was held by the Forsyth Lions Club; it was a cardboard boat race. This is just the perfect event if the day it is held is **HOT**. However, if the temperature is below normal it can get a bit chilly when your cardboard creation suddenly starts to take on water. This is a fun activity to raise funds to support all our Lions Club community projects. The pictures below are from this event. Pictures were not available at publication; below is an example of a generic cardboard boat.



So many different ideas from Lions Clubs throughout our district, some more successful than others, some certainly a lot more fun but done for the sole purpose of helping those in need in our local communities. With that I will remind Lions this is the season when Lions help so many in need with food, shelter and clothes as we give back to our local communities.

"The world is moved along, not only by the mighty shoves of its heroes, but also by the aggregate of tiny pushes of each honest worker."

[Helen Keller](#)



Membership Application : New _____ Renewal _____

(Please Print)

Name : _____ Title : _____ Partner in Service: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Country: _____

Home Phone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Club: _____ District: _____ Multiple District: _____

Will you trade by mail? Yes _____ NO _____ Outside Country? Yes _____ NO _____

Sponsoring Lion (new member only) _____

May we include your information in directory? Yes _____ NO _____

Please send check to : Lion Craig Lehman at 519 S. Hwy "O", Lamar, MO 64579

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



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

2014-2015 Missouri Lions Calendar

Date	Event	Location
December 6, 2014	Saving Sight Board Meeting	Columbia, Missouri
January 24, 2015	Council of Governors Meeting	Cape Girardeau, MO
February 6-7, 2015	Mid-Winter Forum	Chateau on the Lake, Branson, MO
March 13-14, 2015	Mid-South Board Meeting	Hamilton Eye Institute Memphis, TN
April 10-11	Lion Leaders Weekend	Hamilton Eye Institute Memphis, TN
April 11, 2015	Saving Sight Board Meeting	Columbia, MO
April 30, 2015	Council of Governors Meeting	Cape Girardeau, MO
May 1-3, 2015	93 rd Missouri Lions State Convention	Cape Girardeau, MO
May 15, 2015	Saving Sight Lions L.E.A.D. Weekend	Columbia, MO
June 5-6, 2015	Mid-South Annual Membership Meeting	Memphis, TN
June 20, 2015	Saving Sight Board Meeting	Columbia, MO
July 17-18, 2015	Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute	Jamestown, N.D.
July 18, 2015	Football/Council of Governors Meeting	Warrensburg, MO
April 30 – May 3, 2015	93 rd Annual Missouri Lions State Con.	Cape Girardeau, Missouri
	USA/Canada Forum	
TBA	94 th Annual Missouri Lions State Con.	Springfield, MO
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
July 5-9, 2019	International Convention	Milan, Italy

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

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Thank you to everyone who joined us on Saturday, September 27th from 12-2 p.m. for an open house at our newly renovated Kansas City office. Lions from M5, M4, and M6 made trip in, plus our board members from around the state. Attendees enjoyed a tour of Saving Sight's new, state-of-the-art eye tissue processing labs as well as information about volunteering with KidSight and Eyeglass Recycling.

Upcoming Events

May 15-16, 2015 Lions L.E.A.D. Weekend

Join us at Saving Sight for a weekend of leadership, education, and development. Saving Sight's board of directors and honorary board of directors as well as the incoming Missouri Lions District Governors, 1st and 2nd Vice District Governors, and Sight Committee members are strongly encouraged to attend this learning opportunity. All Missouri Lions are invited to participate as well.

The event will begin in Columbia on Friday, May 15 from 5:30-8:00 p.m., and the conference will take place on Saturday, May 16 from 8:30-3:30. Exact location is TBD.



FY14-15 Board of Directors Meetings

All Lions are welcome to attend Saving Sight's quarterly board meetings, and Lions leaders are especially encouraged to attend. Save the date for the following board meetings, to be held at the Columbia office (404 Portland St., Columbia, MO 65201) from 9-11 a.m.:

Saturday, December 6, 2014

Saturday, April 11, 2015

Saturday, June 20, 2015

Mission Group Recycles Used Eyeglasses in Jamaica



Many students from the local community received glasses to help them succeed in school.

Richard, a pastor from Bolivar, Missouri, has been doing mission work in rural Jamaica for the past 17 years. He and his fellow missionaries have built two churches in the Craighead and Warsop districts near the center of the island. Twice per year, they bring at least one physician down to offer medical services to local people in need. Recently, Richard contacted Saving Sight to add eyeglasses to his mission clinics, and during his July 2014 trip, he and his team distributed 125 pairs of glasses.

"We were able to brighten so many lives," said Pastor Richard. "There were some so poor that they couldn't manage to purchase reading glasses even though they needed. It was a blessing to have Saving Sight help us in that community with the eyeglasses. It's added to our clinic in a remarkable way." Furthermore, providing glasses to those with vision problems has improved the efficiency

and effectiveness of the medical clinic. "The doctor was able to treat more patients who needed serious medical attention, as opposed to vision problems," he said. "He treated 300 patients in a week's time because the 125 people who came for glasses didn't need his time."

Pastor Richard and his team will be returning to Jamaica in October for another medical mission trip. Saving Sight has provided an additional 100 reading glasses for the upcoming trip. "To watch the people's faces—it's so wonderful that they're able to see after being handicapped for so many years," he said. "That's a blessing." Saving Sight looks forward to an ongoing partnership with Pastor Richard and his team as they change lives by saving sight.

A big thank you to PDG Stuart Payne from the Carl Junction Lions for connecting Pastor Richard with Saving Sight. If you or someone you know is traveling overseas for a medical mission and used glasses are needed, please contact Lion Sheila Fields at 573-443-1479 or sfields@saving-sight.org.

Learn more about Eyeglass Recycling at www.saving-sight.org/eyeglass-recycling-program

Interested in Serving on a Lions Mission Clinic?

Are you interested in traveling abroad with your fellow Lions to distribute recycled eyeglasses to people in need? Saving Sight is collaborating with Lions leaders to coordinate Lions Mission Clinics in 2015. At this point, we're still gathering a list of interested Lions and eye doctors so we can notify them with details about the trip once the logistics have been confirmed.

If you are interested and able to serve on a Lions Mission Clinic next year, please contact our volunteer coordinator, Lion Sheila Fields, at sfields@saving-sight.org or 573-443-1479 to get your name added to the contact list. More information will be available at a later date, so there is no obligation at this time. Just sign up if you're interested in the trip.

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Thank You for Your Support!

Last fiscal year we served more than 50,000 people, and with your help, we can serve 50,000 more this year. Thank you to the following clubs who made a financial donation during the first quarter (July 1 to September 30, 2014).

Multiple District 26:

Missouri Lions Multiple District 26 - \$75.00

District: M2

Creve Coeur Lions - \$1,250.00

Webster Groves Lions - \$1,000.00

St. Louis Harmony Lions - \$500.00

Beaufort Lions - \$175.00

Woodson Terrace Lions - \$150.00

Chesterfield Lions - \$50.00

Past District Governors of MD26-M2 - \$50.00

District: M3

First Capitol Lions - \$2,500.00

Columbia Rockbridge Lions - \$1,500.00

Madison Lions - \$250.00

District: M4

Green City Lions - \$500.00

Brookfield Lions - \$500.00

Fairport Lions - \$200.00

Salisbury Lions - \$100.00

Cosby Lions - \$50.00

Gentry Lions - \$50.00

District: M5

Past District Governor Association of MD26-M5 - \$5,030.00

Concordia Lions - \$1,300.00

Higginsville-Lafayette Lions - \$200.00

Marshall Lions - \$50.00

District: M6

Gainesville Lions - \$100.00

Springfield Host Lions - \$50.00

District: M7

Brazito-Honey Creek Lions - \$300.00



Recent Haywood Snipes Society Inductees

Congratulations to the following Lions who were recently inducted into the Haywood Snipes Society:

Lion Bob Linnenbrink – Wardsville Lions

Lion Mindy Young – Columbia 20/20 Lions

Preschooler Treated for Amblyopia Thanks to KidSight Screening

Colton, a 4-year-old from Florissant, MO, was screened by KidSight at his preschool. "That day, I got a letter home stating that they believed Colton had astigmatism and was nearsighted," said Kristina, Colton's mother. "At first I was concerned it was some sort of business ploy, so I brushed it off. But when I took Colton to school the next day, the teacher said Colton was the only one who received a referral. My heart sunk immediately." Once she understood the gravity of the situation, Kristina wasted no time in scheduling an appointment to have Colton's eyes examined by a pediatric eye specialist.

The doctor confirmed the screening results: Colton suffered from astigmatism and nearsightedness, which contributed to bilateral amblyopia, or "lazy eye" in both eyes. "I got tears in my eyes while the doctor explained all of this," said Kristina. According to the American Association for Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus, bilateral amblyopia is best treated with consistent wearing of glasses, followed by regular visits to the eye doctor. And like most childhood vision problems, the earlier the problem is detected, the better it can be treated.

It took Colton a few weeks to start seeing a lot better with the prescription glasses, but he understands that he must wear them all the time. In fact, Colton has said, "These glasses give me x-ray vision. I can see everything now." Kristina said he enjoys sports and video games, and as the middle child of three boys, his brothers are his best friends. He likes taking care of his younger brother and playing with his older brother.

Because children with vision problems don't know their sight is poor, they just adapt to it and don't mention anything to their parents. Kristina now recalls how Colton always lay closest to the TV when the family gathered to watch. "I felt like a terrible parent for not realizing this sooner," said Kristina. "I didn't know how much he couldn't see." But small signs like this are only obvious in hindsight—most vision problems are undetectable to parents. That's why vision screening and professional eye care recommendations are so useful: vision problems can be found early and children like Colton can get the treatment they need before problems worsen.



"It takes this technology to help parents figure out that their children need help," said Kristina. "I cannot say thank you enough to Saving Sight and KidSight for the impact it has had on Colton. He would have missed out on however many years of not being able to see things properly."

Eye doctors recommend that children receive an eye exam before starting grade school, and children with vision or learning problems should get exams earlier.

To learn more about volunteering for the KidSight program, visit www.saving-sight.org/lions or call Volunteer Coordinator Lion Sheila Fields at 573-443-1479.

Learn more about KidSight, including how to volunteer, find a screening near you, and request a screening in your community at saving-sight.org/KidSight



KidSight Impact Report

Below is the KidSight screening statistics for July 1 to September 30, 2014. "Referrals" are the number of children who the KidSight technicians and volunteers have found to be at high-risk for vision problems.

YTD			
District	Screened	Referrals	Screenings
M1	2096	77	49
M2	3792	150	61
M3	2656	143	60
M4	1973	92	44
M5	878	42	31
M6	2863	226	51
M7	1416	66	16
Total	15,674	796	312

Learn more about KidSight at www.saving-sight.org/KidSight

PDG Leo Bergeron Added to Saving Sight's Memorial Plaque in Columbia

Saving Sight was saddened to hear of the loss of PDG Leo Bergeron, a wonderful Lion and committed supporter of Saving Sight. After an outpouring of memorials donated in support of Lion Leo, Saving Sight has added his name to the memorial plaque in the Columbia office's library and board room.

Memorials are an important way to enable our loved ones to continue to help others. From the corneal transplant recipient who gains sight thanks to cornea donation, to the child who receives care for vision problems after one of our KidSight vision screening events – gifts made in memory of Lion Leo will empower people in our communities through the precious gift of sight.

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Waiver Form for the Missouri Lion Newsletter

We are aware that many families receive multiple copies of *the Missouri Lion* bulletin. While many Lions have sent in the waiver form to help us reduce the cost associated with publishing and distribution of our state newsletter we are still facing escalating costs. Please help us reduce the cost of delivering information about state wide Lion Club activities and events. If you have Internet access and your newsletter can be sent by e-mail, we can save money on postage as well as publishing costs. I understand many do not have the luxury of Internet service and it is our goal to be able to continue providing current Lion information to these members. Through your efforts we can continue to meet the needs of the Missouri Lions and keep our costs down. Thank you for your assistance. Send completed waiver forms to the Missouri Lion editor Lion Jennie Mosher.

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