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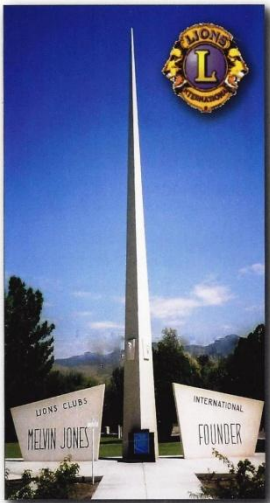
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Loving Individuals Offering Needed Services

45th Annual Re-dedication of the Melvin Jones Memorial

Lions across the world are invited to join in the 45th Annual Re-dedication of the Melvin Jones Memorial located at Fort Thomas, Arizona. This memorial was erected and dedicated to honor Melvin Jones, founder of the **Lions Clubs International Association** in 1965.



Lions are invited to this special Re-dedication Ceremony

Saturday January 11th, 2014 at 11:00 A.M.
Memorial Grounds located at Fort Thomas, Arizona

Luncheon will follow at 12:30 P.M.
Eastern Arizona College located in Thatcher, Arizona

Luncheon Speaker 1st Vice President Joe Preston



MELVIN JONES 1879-1961

To purchase lunch tickets and or get additional information about this special re-dedication, please contact IPDG Lisa Alexander, your Melvin Jones Lions International board member.



2013 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum

The 2013 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum was held in Overland Park, Kansas on September 19th - 21th, 2013. Over 2000 Lions from around the world were in attendance at this wonderful forum. Missouri Multiple District (MD 26) had 70 Lions from across our state attending this year.

Lions attending the closing ceremony were treated to a terrific performance by **Patrick Henry Hughes**, a remarkable man born without eyes and without the ability to fully extend his arms and legs. He also had to have 2 steel rods surgically attached to his spine to correct scoliosis.

This young man overcame overwhelming physical issues to be excel as a musician, student, performer and public speaker. Lions were treated to a dynamic performance during the closing dinner on Saturday night, what a great inspiration for all those in attendance.

If you did not attend this year, the 2014 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum will be held September 11-13, 2014 in San Juan, Puerto Rico. What a time and location for a vacation!



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2014 Mid-Winter Forum: February 7 – 9, 2014

Chateau on the Lake at Branson, MO (417-334-1161)

Room Rates for the Forum is \$79/ night

(Special room rates will only be held till January 7, 2014)



**Full Forum
registration and
Saturday night
Dinner and a Magic
Show \$65**

Don't Delay, Register today for this wonderful Lions Event

Registration form can be found on page 4 of this publication

Registration is available on-line at <http://www.molionsm5.org/mwf.htm>

Pay by Credit Cards at the on-line registration site

"College isn't the place to go for ideas."

Helen Keller



2014 ALL LIONS MID-WINTER FORUM REGISTRATION

Friday & Saturday, February 7-8, 2014



***** NEW LOCATION *** *** NEW LOCATION *** *** NEW 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

******* First session starts at 8:30 AM Saturday *******

This Forum will feature two professional instructors guiding the attendees on a self-discovery process of character and values. By engrafting values into your life, you will become a powerful influencer.

They will use a Roundtable methodology to create a fun environment during the day that is a key part of bringing change in your life. The Roundtable is very simple and allows for stimulating discussions to take place, and has been proven to bring personal transformation, as well as, corporate culture change in organizations such as ours. The instructors will use this structured approach while establishing character as a central focus in yourself and our organization. They will share four character values with the participants and will help create an atmosphere for personal growth and development as each person in the roundtable focuses on character development.

These sessions will lead you to a better understanding of others, using common sense and proper thinking with 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 and professional 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 **Missouri Lions** MUST be postmarked by January 27, 2014.

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

* No tickets will 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	\$35
OR Lunch Only	\$20
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	\$35
OR Lunch Only	\$20
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 Missouri Lions. Mail Registration form and check to:
Missouri Lions, 2415B Hyde Park Road, Jefferson City, MO 65109.

NO REFUNDS AFTER JANUARY 28, 2014.

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 7, 2014, 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.

FREEDOM FROM BLINDNESS DAY

Fellow Lions and Friends:

It is with great pleasure that we are able to announce that our LCIF grant request for \$25,000 has been APPROVED by the LCIF board of Trustees!

MD-26 CC Gina (and President of Mid-South) Boettcher informed me of their decision today. Since we have been collecting matching funds for several months through our Freedom From Blindness and other programs and contributions, we already have the matching funds in hand and will be able to collect the LCIF monies as soon as our official letter arrives and the appropriate grant agreement forms are completed and returned to LCIF.

We have informed the surgery center so they can begin ordering the new equipment. We expect to have the equipment in hand and paid for, and the grant closed by sometime in early 2014. In addition to current patients, we will be sending many more new patients from our waiting list into the clinic for exams and treatments in mid-November.

For those of you just tuning in, this will allow Mid-South to treat about 50 patients through our facility in the Hamilton Eye Institute.

Thanks so much to the Lions of Missouri, in particular District 26-M2, for their sponsorship of this grant, and to all those who helped us match the LCIF funds!

Once again, by working together, we are able to continue providing "A MIRACLE A DAY" to those in need!

Thanks again!
Together in service,

Brad

"Although the world is full of suffering, it is also full of the overcoming of it." [Helen Keller](#)



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

Messages from The District Governors

District 26-M2

District Governor Sharyn Scheidt

District 26-M2 held their second cabinet meeting on October 7, 2013 at Mike Duffy's in Kirkwood, Missouri. All lions were invited to the cabinet meetings. We had Jake McEntire as our guest speaker as he had went to Australia with the Lions Youth Exchange program. He also had a slide show with pictures he had taken while over in Australia.

District 26M-2 cabinet and I have visited several clubs in our district, but still have quite a few to go. The St. Louis University Club (Campus Club) has installed over 30 new members and they are working on getting additional new members.

The clubs in District 26-M2 are busy doing what they do best and that is helping their various communities by volunteering their services. As always the District and the clubs are helping the less fortunate in receiving eye exams and glasses.

PDG Roger and I would like to wish everyone a HAPPY THANKSGIVING



AND A MERRY CHRISTMAS.



DG Sharyn

"Of all the senses, sight must be the most delightful." [Helen Keller](#)

Multiple District 26-M3

District Governor Sandy McCann

New Eyeglass Project In St. Charles County

(Used Eyeglasses – A Cooperative Venture From Collection Through Mission Trips)

Article submitted by PDG Lyn Porterfield

There is an exciting new project in St. Charles County which makes use of eyeglasses collected throughout Missouri. Many of you have taken used eyeglasses to MLERF (also known as “Saving Sight”) in Columbia, or to the Eyeglass Wrap in Warrenton, where you separated the glasses from their cases and loose lenses. Ever wonder what happened to those glasses?

Lions Clubs in St. Charles County are cooperating with each other, and with another organization, in an effort to wash, dry, read the prescriptions, bag, sort, and box the glasses in order to prepare them for mission trips to other countries, such as Mexico.

The St. Charles Lions Club obtains boxes of usable glasses from MLERF, and hands them off to the folks at Community Living, which is a non-profit organization that enriches the lives of people with disabilities, located in St. Charles County. There they are washed and dried, sorted into single lens and bifocal categories, and then taken back to the St. Charles Lions Club by participants in Community Living’s Day Program. Members of the St. Charles Lions Club, along with volunteers from other Lions clubs in the area, use a Lensometer to determine the prescription on each pair of glasses. The pair of glasses is placed in a baggie, with a label showing the prescription.

The bagged glasses are then taken to the St. Charles 1st Capitol Lions Club, where they will be sorted into categories for adults and children, and then further sorted by type of prescription. After placing the sorted glasses into boxes, the 1st Capitol Lions Club returns the boxed glasses to MLERF ready for a mission trip. Over 3,000 pairs of glasses have been prepared since the program began. Other Lions clubs are joining the process, including the Harvester Lions Club, which has purchased a Lensometer and is reading prescriptions.

The groups participating in this new program are excited about working together to transform discarded eyeglasses into new opportunities for improved vision in other countries.

If you have any questions about the new program, contact PDG Lion Lyn Porterfield at 636-916-4441 or at lynpat@charter.net.

Missouri Lions Eye Research Foundation *(where it all starts)*



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“The most pathetic person in the world is someone who has sight, but has no vision.” [Helen Keller](#)

Step 1: Collection by Clubs

(sign used on collection boxes)



Step 2: Separation of Glasses

Glasses are separated from cases and loose lenses.



Step 3: Temporary Storage



Step 4: Washing and Drying



Step 5: Reading Prescriptions



Step 6: Sorting and Boxing



"If your club, your church, or community group need glasses for a mission trip, call Saving Sight (formerly MLERF) at 573-443-1471.

District 26 M-4
District Governor Roger Unruh

Continue the Dream

The second quarter of the Lion year is in full swing. The small communities in 26 M-4 are well into the football seasons at the High Schools and basketball will soon occupy everyone's interest. It seems as though there is no time to think with each and every moment seemingly taken and no time to spare. Halloween is a mere memory and Thanksgiving is right around the corner. Christmas is already in all the stores and the landscape outside is turning from brilliant color to its drab winter coat.

As we approach the holiday as Lions we should remember that now is a time when new thoughts and new members can be a blessing to each and every club. New ideas will bring new involvement and new involvement will strengthen you clubs. This is a time when we can make changes and involve people in the life of Lion Service. All too often we ignore the suggestions of the newer members and stick to the old ways of

doing things. All too often we recycle leadership roles instead of asking new leaders to bring new life to the clubs and revitalize the club members with new opportunities of service.

By involving the newer members in leadership roles you fill one of the basics needs of all Lions and that is to be needed in the success of the club. You also build on the integrity of the clubs mission in service to the community.

This is also a great time to invite new members to attend the club and show how to get them involved in community issues. 90% of good new ideas come from new members so all you long term Lions out there remember the success of your club doesn't rest on doing everything the same way year after year but it does give you the opportunity to support the new ways of doing things and will Continue the Dream.

District MD 26-M5
District Governor Ellen Upchurch

HAITI — Early in the morning of Sept. 28th, 2013, a group of 5 met at Kansas City International airport to begin a flight that would culminate in Port-Au-Prince, Haiti. Included from Warrensburg, was Lion Mark Curtis, Optometrist, 1st VDG Gary Curtis, Lion Jennifer Ross, and Bailey Eggen. Joining us in Kansas City was PDG Kenny Goetz. Eventually, we were met in Atlanta by RN Lindsay Overturf. Our mission was to meet the eye care needs of the Haitian

people. A secondary mission was to provide gifts to the young people of Haiti. The Lions of District 26-M5 were very generous in helping our team meet these two critical needs. They provided sunglasses, regular glasses, toys, and clothing items. We arrived in Port-Au-Prince in the afternoon of the 28th and were met by Salonique Adolphe and Michael Hobbs who helped us through customs and provided transportation to Salonique's home in Gonaives. We were greeted by Salonique's family. Holgine, Salonique's wife, provided the team with a tasty evening meal. The meals were outstanding throughout the whole mission.



After a night of rest our day started with an early breakfast and a very early church service. Church services in Haiti are very enthusiastic. We should take some lessons. After lunch we began meeting the eye care needs of the Haitian people. Because of the sun most of the people that we served were in need of sun glasses, prescription glasses, and various eye solutions. During the four and one-half days of patient care, we were challenged with about every eye problem that you could imagine. We served the very young as well as the very old. The total number served exceeded 400 in 4 1/2 days. It was very rewarding to the team to see the faces light up when vision problems were corrected. Many of the patients traveled long distances to receive care.

On Friday morning we traveled to the Living Waters Christian School. We interacted with many of the students who were very delighted to see us. They were all in uniform and anxious to learn. That experience was very rewarding. On Friday evening we spent the night at a resort between Gonaives and Port-Au-Prince. We had a chance to relax in the ocean and wind down from the week. Saturday morning we traveled to Port-Au-Prince to begin our long flight home. Overall, it was a great experience. We were able to put in action what Lionism is about. We were able to serve. We had a great team and I would like to thank the Lions of 26-M5 for all their support..

MD26-M6

District Governor Nick Paulin

In July, during District Governor- elect Training, we were asked to identify one of our dreams for the year. This was in keeping with International President Barry Palmer's theme of "Follow Your Dream". The dream I expressed was to see enough Lion power show up to do the plantings at the new Irving Elementary School in Joplin. I am happy to report that the dream was fulfilled, as approximately 60 workers showed up on October 19th, to present the MOLATE check, and plant flowers and shrubs at the school. Thanks Missouri Lions for all your support in labor and donations.

The second 26-M6 cabinet meeting was held at the Long Lane Lions Club on November 2nd.

The holiday season is upon us, and as we partake in our celebrations, let us be mindful of those less fortunate, and remember those serving in foreign lands, who cannot share the holiday season with their loved ones.

Lion Noma and I wish you and yours a joyous holiday season.

MD 26-M7

District Governor Jeff Hilke

Don't Be Afraid Of ...



Change. It's what parents ask for when giving their children money. The promise of it helped win a presidential election. It's what Lions must do to survive.

The thought of change scares some people. To others, it's a challenge. Hopefully, you're in the latter group.

As Lions, we must be willing to "think outside the box." We must not be afraid to try new things, even if it means changing the way we operate, the time we meet or the activities we participate in. We all know that the world operates differently than it did 40 years ago, or even 5 years ago for that matter. If service organizations, especially the Lions, want to continue to function as we did 40 years ago, how can we expect to be attractive to the world today?

Everyone talks about wanting to attract younger members, but many are afraid to ask young people because we're afraid that, with family and career commitments, they won't have time to be active Lions. How do we know this until we ask them? When approaching them as

potential members, why not ask them what type of activities they would be interested in, instead of telling them this is what we do?

When younger members see value in what we do and see they are valued as members of a club, it will be easy to attract them. But this is only part of the battle. Once a new member joins, we must be willing to listen to their thoughts and ideas, even if it will change the way we do things. How do we know if something won't work until we evaluate it or give it a try? I realize that change is hard for some people. The thought of change can cause some people to panic. If you're one of these people, please stop to think about how your reactions and comments affect the members you speak to. Please consider how those reactions and comments affect the future of our Lions Clubs. When we lash out at new or younger members who suggest new ideas for leading our organization, how does this encourage others to share their thoughts, or even remain as active members?

I ask everyone to please keep this in mind – does the way I treat my fellow Lions help to promote the overall health and well-being of our Lions Clubs? For the vast majority of Lions, the answer to this is an obvious yes, but the actions of only one or two Lions can counteract the hard work of hundreds of others.

“A Roaring Good Time”

A great time was had by all on Friday, October 25, as Lions from around the state gathered to have a “Roaring Good Time” before the Council of Governor’s meeting on October 26 in Jefferson City. Thank you to those of you that came out for a fun filled evening. A special thank you goes out Lions Amy Bell, Lou Ann Hathcock and Jesse Hathcock for decorating and handling the food, Lion Greg Kliethermes for preparing the delicious barbecue, the Lion Eyes Band (Lions Stan Horn, Dan Muessig, Gary Kempker, Randy Doerhoff, Stan Idel and their manager, Lion Matt Muessig), Lion

Chris Hilke for donating the beverages, Beau Voss for providing the hayrides and Reid Millard for donating the use of the facilities. The contributions of all these folks made for a wonderful evening. As Lions, we are often called upon to work hard for our clubs. We need to remember to relax and have fun occasionally also.

A special thank you also goes out the Pastor Joe Skiles and the Solid Rock Family Church for allowing the Missouri Lions to use their facilities for the October Council of Governors meeting. Their generosity is greatly appreciated.