



2016 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum

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2016 USA-Canada Lions Leadership Forum Omaha, Nebraska Sept. 15-17, 2016

Leadership ? Service ? It's what Lions do !

"Leadership for Service", the theme for the 2016 Forum, reflects our goal of equipping our Lions to meet the Centennial Service challenge in performing 100 million acts of service.

Saturday afternoon will have three large service projects that every attendee will be able to participate in. Corresponding seminars have been added, teaching the skills and organization needed to better prepare service projects at the Club and District level.

Opening night, Thursday brings master illusionist and motivational entertainer, Billy Riggs. On Friday, Lion Jay Blake brings his drag race car "Follow a Dream" to the Forum, along with his amazing story of overcoming a blinding accident to follow his racing dream. Saturday we look forward to the inspiring words of our then International President, Cahncellor Bob Corlew. We finish the evening with Retired General Dick Abel, who after a long career of military, private sector and public leadership will be talking about the leader within each of us.

Register now via our website: www.lionsforum.org

From District 26-M1

2016 District 26-M1 Convention



International Director Karla Harris



Lion Bruce Simpson (above)



District 26-M1 Peace Poster Winner



Lion Carl Wilfong awarded Melvin Jones Fellowship

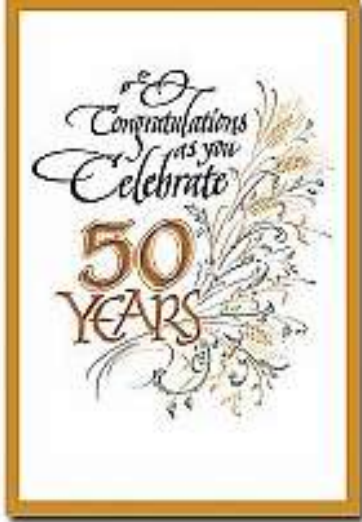


Lion Dave Baldwin

Fort Leonard Lions Club Celebrates 50th Anniversary



Fort Leonard Wood Lions Club is the only Lions Club on a military post.



From District 26-M2

LCI Past International President Jimmy Ross with a member of the St. Louis University Leo Lions Club and District Governor Joe Foster from 26-M2 (see photo on right)

Lions District Receives Flood Assistance Grant

The Lions District 26-M2, which includes Franklin County, recently received a grant for \$10,000 from Lions Club International to help with aid and assistance for those in the district who have been affected by the recent flooding.

Items such as food, clothing, cleaning supplies and medicine are covered.

For more information, people may contact the

Union or Pacific Lions Club.

When natural disasters strike, in addition to being there to offer help and support, Lions are able to rely on disaster relief grants and funds from LCIF to assist with crucial immediate needs.

In the last 10 years, the Foundation has been able to award more than \$100 million in disaster relief funds.



Lions from the Pacific Lions Club feed Flood Victims and Volunteers



From District 26-M3

Zone Meeting at Moscow Mills



Moscow noon Lions Peace Poster winner



50 Years Service for Doc Garrett (below)



Congratulations PDG Sandy (below)



Columbia 20/20 Lions Club Celebrates 25th Anniversary



From District 26-M4



KEARNEY LIONS CLUB

KEARNEY, MISSOURI U.S.A.

DISTRICT 26-M4 CHARTERED 1950

THE "REAL" HOME OF JESSE JAMES



THE LIONS NEWS

www.KearneyLions.org KEARNEY LIONS HOMETOWN NEWSPAPER - Since 1980 -

WINE FESTIVAL - JUNE 4, 2016



01/28/2016 - The 9th Annual Jesse James Wine and Brew Festival is only months away with some exciting new activities being added to the event! Year after year more and more visitors come to Kearney to attend our festival and savor the wine and brew fest. Whether savoring as a couple or celebrating a group of celebrating a group of friends right out, they come and enjoy the occasion. Like every year, the event is held on the first Saturday in June at the picturesque Jesse James Park/Amphitheater in Kearney, Missouri.

If you are a wine or brew vendor, the Kearney Lions would like to invite you to join us in sharing our Missouri heritage with others. Contact the Lions by going to the wine page on our website. Click on the "Contact" button at the bottom and send us an email.

Are you an area artist or vendor wanting to share your craft and/or interest? Visitors come from all over to attend this event, so it's a wonderful opportunity to showcase your art, music and food of Missouri. Please contact us for an application. Deadline for all vendors to register is May 20, 2016.

Event is held rain or shine. All proceeds go back to the community and humanitarian efforts of the Kearney Lions Club.

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TO BENEFIT SAVING SIGHT

SATURDAY, JUNE 11

8am - 3pm

RIVER HILLS

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GLAUCOMA AWARENESS MONTH



CONCORD VILLAGE LIONS CLUB



FISH FOR SIGHT

FISHING TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY, MAY 14

Flights start at 7am



BUCKSAW

RESORT & MARINA

TRUMAN LAKE

Savannah Lions Club Chili Event



From District 26-M5



Mayview Lions Club (Photo on the right below)

With the passing of so many of our Lion Friends I am providing you with the link to the Missouri Lions Yellow Rose Ceremony which is posted on District M5 web site. The link is as Follows: <http://www.molionsm5.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/Microsoft-Word-District-26-M5-Rose-Ceremony-Protocols-June-2009.pdf>



From District 26-M6

2016 M-6 District Convention



LCI International Director Bill Phillipi



2016 District M6 Peace Poster Winner



District Governor Pays to get his Gavel back.



District M6 "Hobo Days" in Branson, MO.

District 26-M7

First Vice President of LCI Visits Southeast Missouri



↑ Above: Left to right are Past International Director Dwayne and Lion Jeanette Garrett, Past International Director Donal Knipp, Lion Dianne Corlew, Lions Club International First Vice President Bob Corlew, Second Vice District Governor Lou Ann Hathcock and Lion Betty Knipp.

Gas Raffle

Sponsored by Rocky Mount Lions Club

16 Chances to WIN!

1st – \$500
2nd – \$400
3rd – \$300
4th – \$200
5th – 16th – \$100



Winners' choice of a gas card for HyVee, Shell, Casey or Breaktime

\$10 per ticket

Contact Lion Luke Milka, lwmilka@yhti.net,
call 573-216-3033 or
write to
19285 Wonderland Road Rocky Mount, Mo. 65072

Millersburg Lions Club Turkey Shoot



**March 6
March 20
April 3**

Shotgun & .22 caliber Rifle

Lions Club Park
2008 County Road 228
Millersburg

Great Food and Drink

Check us out on Facebook:
Millersburg Lions Club

We change lives by saving sight.®



Upcoming Events

Lions L.E.A.D. Saturdays in June

Join Saving Sight for a day of Leadership, Education And Development at either the Lions Volunteer Center in Columbia, or the Family Life Center in Hamilton. All Missouri Lions are invited and Lions Clubs are encouraged to send a representative to participate in the day's session from 8:30 - 3:30.

Participants will learn about Saving Sight in a conference-style format on Saturday. After the weekend, you'll know more about Saving Sight's mission and programs (e.g., the eye bank, KidSight, eyeglass recycling, and volunteer opportunities), the people we serve, and how together we change lives by saving sight.



Saving Sight will provide lunch on Saturday for all attendees. Your spouse or guest is welcome to attend—just add them as an attendee when you register. If you plan to attend, please register by Tuesday, May 20, 2016 to reserve your spot for L.E.A.D. Saturday. Register online at:

L.E.A.D. Saturday, June 4, Columbia, MO
<http://lions-lead-columbia-2016.eventbrite.com>

L.E.A.D. Saturday, June 18, Hamilton, MO
<http://lions-lead-M4-2016.eventbrite.com>

FY15-16 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.

Saturday, April 9, 2016, 2:45 p.m.

In April the Board of Directors will meet for an open session at 2:45 p.m. via video conference from each of Saving Sight's Missouri offices:

Columbia, MO
404 Portland St.
Columbia, MO

Kansas City, MO
10100 N. Ambassador Dr.
Suite 200
Kansas City, MO

St. Louis, MO
10801 Pear Tree Lane
Suite 170
St. Ann, MO

Springfield, MO
3506 Culpepper Cir.
Ste. D & F
Springfield, MO

Due to the format of the meeting, the courtesy of an RSVP is requested so staff can anticipate arrival of meeting attendees. Contact the communications & development department at 800-753-2265 or to pr@saving-sight.org.

Saturday, June 25, 2016, 9:00-11:00 a.m.

The June meeting will be held at the Columbia office (404 Portland St., Columbia, MO 65201).

Recycled Glasses Bring Sight to Senegal Scholar

Education can be the difference between struggling to make ends meet and securing financial independence. But poor eyesight can become a barrier to education one must overcome to see the board at the front of the classroom, write notes or read textbooks. Kadidja Aidara, a student pursuing her degree in biology at Cheikh Anta Diop University in Dakar, Senegal knows that all too well.

Throughout her life, Kadidja had maintained a strong focus in school. She studied hard, but difficulty seeing was making it more challenging for her to be successful in the classroom. Her mother took her to the eye doctor and Kadidja was prescribed glasses. Unfortunately, they could not afford the prescription.

A health screening day sponsored by non-profit Weer Africa in Bambilor, Senegal, however, changed Kadidja's life. Doctors with Weer Africa fit Kadidja for glasses and gave her a pair of donated and recycled spectacles from Saving Sight's Eyeglass Recycling Program.

"You could see the joy on her face. It's very rewarding how one pair of glasses will make her life better," said Fatou Faye, President of Weer Africa.



Kadidja excitedly told Fatou during the screening that day, 'I'm going to college now and hopefully I will do much better this year.'

Over 500 people attended Weer Africa's January 2 health screening in Bambilor, including the mayor. Participants were screened for a number of non-communicable health concerns and vision impairments. Saving Sight provided Weer Africa 160 pairs of glasses through our Eyeglass Recycling Program to distribute on the humanitarian trip.

"We love working with Saving Sight and hopefully we have a partnership that keeps growing," said Fatou. "It helps our mission so much. The glasses are the one thing they are excited about the most."

Fatou pointed out the average pair of eyeglasses costs around \$200. That cost puts eyeglasses out of reach for many in Senegal where a doctor may earn \$500 a month and a teacher may earn \$150 per month. With the help of Lions Clubs who donate used glasses they collect, Saving Sight's Eyeglass Recycling Program helps save sight for those who might not otherwise have access to corrective eyewear.

You can make a difference for people like Kadidja. Get involved with Saving Sight's Eyeglass Recycling Program in one of three simple ways.

- Donate your used eyeglasses at Lions collection boxes in your local community or send them to Saving Sight;
- Volunteer to help clean, read and process donated eyeglasses at the Lions Volunteer Center in Saving Sight's Columbia office; or
- Support the Eyeglass Recycling Program by making a financial contribution.

Thank You for Your Support!

On behalf of the people 'We Serve', thank you to the following clubs for their donations made to date during the 2015-2016 fiscal year (July 1 to February 29). These gifts help us provide sight-saving services in communities throughout Missouri. Gifts marked with a (+) indicate a special gift to the Lions Volunteer Center.

Sight Saver Award

Clubs donating \$2,000 or more

Concord Village Lions - \$10,000
Lions All-Star Basketball Classic, M6 - \$6,500
PDG Association of 26-M5 - \$5,000
Jefferson City Host Lions - \$3,500 (+)
Harvester Lions - \$2,175 (+)
Jonesburg Lions - \$2,000
Paris Lions - \$2,000
Webster Groves Lions - \$2,000

Lions Patrons

Clubs donating between \$1,000 and \$1,999

Missouri Lions MD 26, Missouri All-Star Football Game - \$1,600
Monett Lions - \$1,025
Adrian Lions - \$1,000
Creve Couer Lions - \$1,000
Farmington Lions - \$1,000
Hamilton Lions - \$1,000
Independence Noland Road Lions - \$1,000
Jefferson City Evening Lions - \$1,000 (+)
Lake Winnebago Lions - \$1,000
Rolla Lions - \$1,000
Sainte Genevieve Lions - \$1,000



Recent Haywood Snipes Society Inductees
Lion Edgar Oetting (Posthumously) - Concordia Lions

Lions Benefactors

Clubs donating up to \$999

Alma Lions	Kimberling City Lions
Aurora Lions	Lamar Lions
Auxvasse Lions	Lebanon Host Lions
Bernie Lions	LBOMB
Brazito-Honey Creek Lions	Madison Lions
Brookfield Lions	Malden Lions
Camdenton Lions	Mansfield Lions
Chesterfield Lions	Marshall Lions
Christian County Lions	Mayview Lions
Columbia Host Lions	Mexico Host Lions
Cosby Lions	Mexico Noon Lions
El Dorado Springs Lions	Missouri Lions 26-M2
Elkland Lions	Missouri Lions 26-M6
Fairport Lions	Moscow Mills Lions
Gainesville Lions	Mountain Grove Lions
Gallatin Lions	Nelson Lions
Gilman City Lions	New Florence Lions
Gower Lions	O'Fallon Lions
Granby Lions	Patton Lions
Grandview Lions	Republic Lions
Green City Lions	Rosebud Lions
Higginsville Lions	Salisbury Lions
High Hill Lions	Seymour Lions
Holts Summit Lions	Springfield Evening Lions
Independence Host Lions	Springfield Host Lions
Jefferson City Breakfast Lions	Springfield Queen City Lions
Jefferson City Capital Lions	St. Joseph South Side Lions
Jonesburg Lionesses	St. Peters Lions
Joplin Host Lions	Stover Lions
Kahoka Lions	Valley Lions
Kansas City Red Bridge Lions	Vandalia Lions
Kennett Lions	Weston Lions



Program Statistics: July 1, 2015 - February 29, 2016

Corneas & Tissue			
	YTD	LYTD	LYTotal
Missouri	475	467	708
Kansas	280	206	414
Illinois	30	70	62
Other US	602	475	1,016
International	837	846	1,155
Research	970	870	1,319
Total	3,194	2,934	4,674

Lions Giving			
	YTD	LYTD	LYTotal
M-1	\$ 3,717.50	\$ 5,654.95	\$ 8,720.95
M-2	\$ 13,769.00	\$ 23,691.23	\$ 36,836.23
M-3	\$ 10,090.25	\$ 11,500.00	\$ 36,338.00
M-4	\$ 4,600.00	\$ 6,448.00	\$ 16,447.10
M-5	\$ 13,607.50	\$ 15,437.30	\$ 14,662.30
M-6	\$ 11,540.00	\$ 7,105.00	\$ 20,258.98
M-7	\$ 6,351.41	\$ 6,358.40	\$ 15,646.40
MD26	\$ 2,075.00	\$ 10,370.00	\$ 10,370.00
Total	\$ 65,750.66	\$ 86,564.88	\$ 159,279.96

KidSight									
	YTD			LYTD			LYTotal		
	Screened	Ref.	Screenings	Screened	Ref.	Screenings	Screened	Ref.	Screenings
M-1	7,367	513	114	4,141	357	88	7,034	517	141
M-2	9,575	437	123	9,321	608	161	12,865	752	219
M-3	7,868	524	149	7,069	519	148	10,180	707	216
M-4	4,062	146	81	4,151	183	101	6,896	256	164
M-5	4,394	182	99	5,224	296	117	8,774	393	185
M-6	9,307	781	119	8,303	760	136	11,535	973	202
M-7	2,647	147	64	2,757	165	54	3,422	242	77
Total	45,220	2,730	749	40,966	2,888	805	60,706	3,840	1,204

Healthy Vision Screening									
	YTD			LYTD			LYTotal		
	Screened	Ref.	Screenings	Screened	Ref.	Screenings	Screened	Ref.	Screenings
M-1	48	-	1	-	-	-	128	15	7
M-2	266	-	11	294	-	12	536	37	30
M-3	200	-	8	326	-	10	455	2	17
M-4	29	-	4	52	-	3	40	-	5
M-5	284	1	12	350	4	25	448	5	38
M-6	212	-	12	25	-	1	582	2	29
M-7	43	-	1	54	4	5	175	1	10
Total	1,082	1	49	1,101	8	56	2,364	62	136

We change lives by saving sight.®



Let's Connect at the MD26 State Convention

Saving Sight will be in attendance at the State Convention on April 29th and April 30th. In addition to telling you about our sight-saving programs, we'd also like to introduce you to Seymour (pictured in the KidSight logo at left). Seymour is the mascot of our KidSight vision screening program. At the State Convention, we will have Seymour car magnets for sale, with the proceeds supporting KidSight vision screenings in Missouri. So stop by our booth to say hello, make a donation in support of childhood vision screening, and you can take Seymour home with you.