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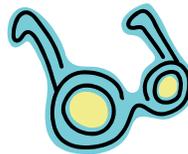


300,000 Children Screened for Vision Problems

On Wednesday, October 16, 2013, the Children’s Vision Screening program reached an incredible milestone: 300,000 children screened. The program began in 1995 as a collaborative initiative piloted by St. Louis Children’s Hospital and Lions in the St. Louis area. Today, the program serves every county in Missouri, and last fiscal year, staff and volunteers screened 42,329 children (ages 6 months to 6 years) for common causes of childhood vision loss such as amblyopia.

Using a Plusoptix photo screening device, the technicians quickly and noninvasively take a picture of each child’s eyes, and the device produces an immediate “pass” or “refer” result. For children who receive a “refer” report – historically, about 9 percent of children statewide – the staff strongly encourages their parents to take these children to eye doctors for professional examination and any necessary treatment. The program provides parents with timely, accurate and free health information so they can preserve their children’s sight and better prepare them for success in school.

Such an achievement could not be attained without strong leadership from Program Manager Tamara Oberbeck and the diligence of the vision screening staff and volunteers. Congratulations to all involved in this important milestone!



KidSight on December 1

On December 1, 2013, when the Foundation officially begins to operate as Saving Sight, the Children’s Vision Screening program will re-brand as KidSight. The name KidSight will sharpen the identity of the vision screening program, which is poised to become Saving Sight’s signature charitable program under the organization’s strategic plan. KidSight was chosen to heighten the visibility of the program and reflect its commonalities with other Lions screening programs around the country (e.g., Lions screening collaborations in Iowa, Colorado, and Texas all use a variant of KidSight for their brand).

The program will operate much as it currently does, which includes considerable volunteer support from Lions. To volunteer or learn more about the KidSight program, visit the new Saving Sight website, www.saving-sight.org, beginning on December 1st or call 1-800-753-2265.



Do You Know What Lions Are All About?

Each month we will feature one of the major Lions service activities in the state of Missouri. Please contact your Club, District Chairman or the MO Lions State Office for more information: Missouri Lions State Office P.O. Box 104535 - 2415B Hyde Park Road Jefferson City MO 65110-4535 (573) 635-1773 Fax (573) 635-2383 missourilions@gmail.com



World Service for the Blind (WSB):

The WSB organization was founded to serve blind and visually-impaired people who needed to learn independent living skills or job-training skills. It is a comprehensive adult rehabilitation center located in Little Rock Arkansas offering a complete personal adjustment program (learning Braille reading and typing, clothing care, cooking, grooming, housekeeping, independent travel through the use of a long cane, orientation to the environment and use of transportation system), 14 vocational courses, a vision rehabilitation clinic and training, an assistive technology learning center, job placement assistance, and a college preparatory program. WSB 2811 Fair Park Boulevard, Little Rock, Arkansas 72204 (501) 664-7100 www.wsb.org training@wsb.org Executive Director: Larry Dickerson.

Calendar of Events

January 25, 2014
Council of Governors Meeting
Best Western, Sedalia, MO

February 1, 2014
District 26M-3 Cabinet Meeting
Mexico Lions Den
Mexico, MO

February 7-9, 2014
All Lions Mid-Winter Forum
Chateau on the Lake
Branson, MO

February 29-March 1, 2014
District 26M-3 Convention
Columbia Hilton Garden Center
Columbia, MO

April 6, 2014
School of the Blind Appreciation Night
St Louis, MO

April 13, 2014
Eye Glass Wrap Warrenton Lions
Warrenton, MO

April 6, 2014
School of the Blind Appreciation Night
St Louis, MO

April 24-26, 2014
Council of Governors Meeting
Sedalia, MO

April 25-26, 2014 MD26 State
Convention
Sedalia, MO

May 17, 2014
District 26M-3 Cabinet Meeting
Mexico Lions Den, Mexico, MO

July 4-8, 2014
International Convention
Toronto, ON, Canada

Family and Friends Month in April

Family and Friends Month is your opportunity to invite family and friends to learn, serve and celebrate with your club. Organize a service project, host an open house or even a picnic—you decide how to introduce your family and friends to the club you love!

Here are some great ways to make the most of your Family and Friends Month:

- **Go Green in Your Community.** [Plant a tree, recycle, or clean up a park](#) for the [Protecting Our Environment](#) campaign so everyone can feel the satisfaction of making a difference.
- **Share the Gift of Literacy.** Organize a fundraiser or a service project that promotes the power of reading. Learn more about the LCI [Reading Action Program](#) and find [literacy project ideas and resources](#) for your club.
- **Have a Picnic or Barbecue.** Celebrate with family and friends after your service project.
- **Host an Open House.** Invite family and friends to learn more about your club and what it means to the community.

Melvin Jones Birthday January 13

Melvin Jones was born on January 13, 1879 in Fort Thomas, Arizona, the son of a United States Army captain who commanded a troop of scouts. Later, his father was transferred and the family moved east. As a young man, Melvin Jones made his home in Chicago, Illinois, became associated with an insurance firm and in 1913 formed his own agency.

He soon joined the Business Circle, a businessmen's luncheon group, and was shortly elected secretary. This group was one of many at that time devoted solely to promoting the financial interests of their membership. Because of their limited appeal, they were destined to disappear. Melvin Jones, then a 38-year-old Chicago business leader, had other plans.

"What if these men," Melvin Jones asked, "who are successful because of their drive, intelligence and ambition, were to put their talents to work improving their communities?" Thus, at his invitation, delegates from men's clubs met in Chicago to lay the groundwork for such an organization and on June 7, 1917, Lions Clubs International was born.

Melvin Jones eventually abandoned his insurance agency to devote himself full time to Lions at International Headquarters in Chicago. It was under his dynamic leadership that Lions clubs earned the prestige necessary to attract civic-minded members.

Melvin Jones, the man whose personal code – "You can't get very far until you start doing something for somebody else" – became a guiding principle for public-spirited people the world over, died June 1, 1961 at 82 years of age.

2nd Vice District Governor

If you are interested in running for 2nd Vice District Governor, please send the nominating committee 1) your letter of support from your club and 2) letter of intent to run for office. The nominating committee includes Past District Governors: Dick Klopfer, Nancy Drebes, Larry Davis, and Jerry Schwartz.

Advanced Lions Leadership Institute

Advanced Lions Leadership Institutes focus on building the skills of Lions leaders to prepare them for leadership responsibilities at zone, region and district levels. Qualified candidates are Lions that have completed a successful term as club president, but have not yet attained the position of First Vice District Governor. Candidates do not have to hold a position currently. Candidates must be willing to commit to every day of the institute. Participation is limited to Lions from the constitutional/geographical area noted in the schedule below.

Applications

Lions who meet the qualifications may apply to the Advanced Lions Leadership Institute. Applications will be available four months prior to the event. If you are interested in applying, please obtain a copy of the application from your Global Leadership Team District Coordinator or download the application from the list below. Because of the high number of applications received by the association, acceptance into the institute is not guaranteed.

Cost of the Institute

Lions Clubs International will provide meals and lodging according to the schedule of the institute. Please note that a non-refundable participation fee of **\$95.00** will be required to offset these costs for all institutes. This fee will be due no less than four weeks prior to the institute start date. **Please do not send funds until you receive a letter of acceptance to the institute.** Participants are responsible to pay for their own transportation and related travel expenses to and from the institute site.

Constitutional Area I: USA, Affiliates, Bermuda and The Bahamas

March 8-10, 2014

Location: Oak Brook, Illinois, USA Language: English and French Submission Deadline: December 24, 2013

Application <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/alli-oakbrookCA1.pdf>



Help LCIF Save Children's Sight – It's Easy and Free! **Deadline Extended**

We're excited to announce that you'll be able to help LCIF protect a child's sight throughout the entire holiday giving season, up to January 31, just by uploading a photo! The Sight for Kids cause in Johnson & Johnson's [Donate A Photo app](#) has been extended by **60 days**, which means you can put all of those holiday photos of the family to good use. See our [cause page](#) on the Donate A Photo website to learn more and help us reach our goal of giving 30,000 children vision screenings!

For every photo donated via the app to Sight for Kids, J&J will donate \$1 towards [Sight for Kids](#) screenings.*

Thank you for your support and for protecting children's sight!

Photo Guidelines

Users can donate up to one photo a day, every day, to the Sight for Kids cause through January 31, 2014. Be sure to tag photos with the hashtags **#lionsclubs** and **#eyepledge** on Facebook and Twitter. We will share select photos through the Lions Clubs International official [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages. The Donate a Photo app is available in the United States only. No matter where you live, be sure to get the word out about Lions Sight for Kids program and the importance of eye exams for children. Photos shared are not used for any commercial purposes.



Events and articles for Roaring Lions District Newsletter and District Website

Please send Sharon Hammel shammel1250@gmail.com your information by the 25th of the month for the newsletter.

Send Sally Poole sally@pooleadvertising.com pics and Information about your events for the district website. Lion Sally has been working hard on creating us a new website. We will let you know once it is completed.

Holiday Wishes

Our lives may not be what we imagined them to be or would like for them to be. We may hit the mark we aim for once out of every three or four times, but that doesn't matter. What matters in life is that we approach each day with joy and gladness and with a thankful heart.



May this season of thanksgiving remind us of the opportunities, the people, and the things for which we are thankful, and may we remember that the key to life is the joy we take in it, not the talent that we bring to it.

I wish everyone a Happy Holidays.

DG Lion Sandy



Bid Live during Jonesboro area TV Auction

The auction is set for Saturday, December 7 from 10-3. You can watch live at <http://www.lionstvauction.com> and you can bid **LIVE NOW** through the end of the auction by registering, signing in, then scrolling through our growing list of items (more items are added as we get them). Click on the item and bid. If you are not in the Jonesboro area, we can ship any and all items for a low shipping rate (\$9.99 for most items).

Mid-South will receive 60% of all net proceeds of this annual event, so take a moment and look at what you can get for Christmas presents, what you can get for a bargain, and what you can do to help Mid-South and the Jonesboro area Lions. Take a minute right now and visit

<http://www.lionstvauction.com>

And since you don't have to be a LION to bid, please forward this to everyone on your email list!

Thanks for your continued support of Mid-South and the Lions TV Auction.

Golden Boy Rifle Winner

The Canton Lions Club is pleased to announce that Zach Dye is the proud winner of the Henry Golden Boy and 1400 rounds Raffle.



We want to thank everyone who participated in this drawing. Thank you so much for supporting the Canton Lions Club with their first fund-raising venture.



QR Code to Lions Facebook

Scan with a smartphone to go to our district Facebook page.

December/January – [Relieving the Hunger](#)

Today, there are more than one billion people who do not have enough to eat. One person out of six lives in a state of chronic hunger. Lions have an opportunity to show the strength of our worldwide network during a special service action campaign, "Relieving the Hunger."

Add Eyeglass Collection Box Locations

Did you know you can add eyeglass collection locations to your club information? Our club had a doctor call and want to be added after seeing the list of locations we have around Columbia.

Columbia Eyewear

1601 Chapel Hill Road
Suite 72
Columbia, MO

Eyedentity

2200 Forum Boulevard
Suite 102
Columbia, MO

Andrew Stone Optometry

2012 Cherry Hill
Suite 201
Columbia, MO

Hallsville Area Family Clinic

501 N Route B
Hallsville, MO

MBS Textbook Exchange

2711 W Ash Street
Columbia, MO

Welcome New Lions

District 26 M3

8 New Members reported 11/1/13 - 11/30/13

COLUMBIA ROCKBRIDGE (041885) - LIONS CLUB

JOSEPH A VEASMAN (3850512)

HANNIBAL (010000) - LIONS CLUB

MATTHEW M KLEMM (3848759)

ANNA L LEMON (3853720)

ST CHARLES (009889) - LIONS CLUB

AMY C. KOCH (3853708)

ST. CHARLES COUNTY (119824) - LIONS CLUB

AMY E HARRINGTON (3849152)

JOE J HARRINGTON (3849151)

JEFF J VIETMEIER (3849142)

LINDA VIETMEIER (3849148)

Lions Monthly Membership Focus

December Membership Focus: Family

January Membership Focus: Target markets

February Membership Focus: Women

March Membership Focus: Women

December Membership Focus on Family

Promote family membership and the \$20.00 savings a member would have.

Invite your family to participate in your club's next community event, because as a family unit, you can receive a dues discount when volunteering together.

As a Lions family unit you can:

- Increase quality family time
- Be a role model
- Help your community

The Family Membership Program applies to family members who are

- (1) eligible for Lions membership,
- (2) currently in or joining the same club, and
- (3) living in the same household and related by birth, marriage or other legal relationship. Common household family members include parents, children, spouses, aunts and uncles, cousins, grandparents, in-laws and legal dependents.

To be part of the Family Membership Program, your club secretary must complete the [Family Unit Certification Form](#) or [file online](#).

LCI awards clubs adding 10 or more new family members at the time of charter with the Family Membership Banner Patch.

What is your club going to do to promote these events?

- Dec 2-8 Lion Eye Bank Week
- Dec 5 International Leo Day
- January Is Glaucoma Awareness Month

IN REMEMBRANCE

Alice Wise of Monett, MO, wife of PCC Steve Wise and mother of Lion Kent Wise passed away Nov. 7 after a long battle with leukemia.



Missouri All State Band Is Looking For . . .

Students who have a combination of marching and show band experience. A variety of musical styles are performed. The band will consist of a balanced horn line, a full drum line and color guard.



How can you help? By sending a check of any amount to PDG Altha

Marsh for Missouri State All Star Band. Or you can split the cost for a student with other clubs.

We also need help in finding students who want to go on the trip. There are only 8 signed up. Camp starts for the percussion and color guard on June 26, 2014. The full band camp starts June 27 at Ft. Leonard Wood. July 1 is the farewell concert for Lions, parents and guests. July 2-July 9 Toronto, Canada. July 9 return to Ft. Leonard Wood. Passports will be required, thus the need to have the students apply early.

Making a Difference in Your Community?

Tell us how your club is making a difference in your community and we will put it in our newsletters. You can include pictures with your information.

Send your information to Sharon Hammel at shammel1250@gmail.com



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 engraving 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.



House Springs Lions Christmas Parade

Saturday

December 14, 2013

Registration is

\$15 per group



The Theme is GIVING

What will you come as?

(Examples: pilgrims sharing and helping Indian neighbors, carolers at nursing homes, helping out at soup kitchens, barn-raising, quilting bees, helping harvest crops, etc.)

