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# THE MISSOURI LION

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## Letter from the Editor

*Faith Power*

The past few months have been an exciting time for the Missouri Lions. From exciting new volunteer opportunities to community service projects, we are really living up to our motto: We Serve.

In this issue of the Missouri Lion, we look back on many proud accomplishments over the past few months, and we look forward to some exciting new opportunities coming our way. As I put together this issue and looked at all of the ways the Missouri lions have worked hard to improve their communities, I could not be prouder to be a part of this amazing community. Let's keep up the great work!

Lion Faith Power



# Vision Walk 2017

This past season, our 12th year of the Foundation Fighting Blindness' national VisionWalk program, we reached the amazing milestone of over \$45 million raised to support research on preventions and cures for inherited retinal diseases. Your fundraising efforts helped us surpass this revenue mark and in doing so propelled incredible research advances forward.

Those of you who have been active in our walk program since its start will remember that there was a time when no IRD treatment was ready for a clinical trial. Today there are 25 such trials underway and more in the pipeline. And, in the coming months we expect the FDA to announce approval of the first-ever gene therapy for the eye and the first for an inherited disease. A treatment made possible, in part, by FFB funding.

The progress is remarkable and highly encouraging. But as any walker knows, you have to push through the last mile.

Thank you again for everything you are doing for this tremendous cause. Your past and future efforts will, very soon, help achieve the treatments and cures for which we are fighting.

Best wishes and hope to see you during the 2018 walk season!

Valerie Navy-Daniels  
Chief Development Officer





## 2018 LCI Las Vegas Convention Registration and Hotel REGISTRATION INFORMATION

### Registration Fee:

- Registration Fee through January 12, 2018 is US\$150
- From January 13 through March 31, 2018 the regular registration fee is US\$200
- April 1, 2018 through onsite registration, the fee is US\$225

### Leo Registration Fee:

Omega Leo - (18 years and over) US\$100

Alpha Leo - (17 years and under) US\$20

Registrants will receive an official name badge and souvenir medallion; official convention program; one ticket for the International Show.

**NEW THIS YEAR!** All registrants will pick up their name badge onsite in Las Vegas. Badge printing stations will be available at all LCI hotels. LCI will not mail badges in advance.

All changes (*name change, arrival/departure date revisions*) must be submitted in writing by May 1, 2018 to [registration@lionsclubs.org](mailto:registration@lionsclubs.org).

Register today! <http://www.lionsclubs.org/resources/EN/pdfs/lcicon/lcicon-registration-form.pdf>





## 2018 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum

**Start** 09/20/2018  
8:00 AM

**End** 09/22/2018  
10:00 PM

**Location** Columbus, Ohio

**Registered** 626 registrants

**Registration**  
(depends on selected options)

**Base fee:**

- Early Bird – \$260.00



The largest and best Lions Club Leadership training event in world, the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum is for you! With over 50 specific training sessions related to developing quality Lions Clubs, thousands of Lions Leaders share their experiences.

Register

Register today for the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum!  
<http://members.lionsforum.org/event-2639877/Registration>





# Leader Dogs for the Blind

# HAVE INDEPENDENCE WILL TRAVEL

Robert "Bob" Rock

After Bob lost sight in both eyes—one due to a nail accident, the other from **glaucoma and cataract surgery** complications—he couldn't find the confidence to walk around the block. Today, he's tearing up the town by walking up to 40 miles a week with his white cane.

More than **75,000 people become blind or visually impaired** each year. However, only **10% travel independently with a white cane or guide dog.** That's why we're making vital orientation and mobility training more accessible for clients. With your help and our expertise, more people can travel safer, easier and with greater freedom than ever before. And together, we'll make people unstoppable.

**BE OF SERVICE**  
[LeaderDog.org/Lions](http://LeaderDog.org/Lions)



**LEADER DOGS**  
FOR THE BLIND

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IN EVERY LEADER DOG  
LIES THE HEART OF A LION.

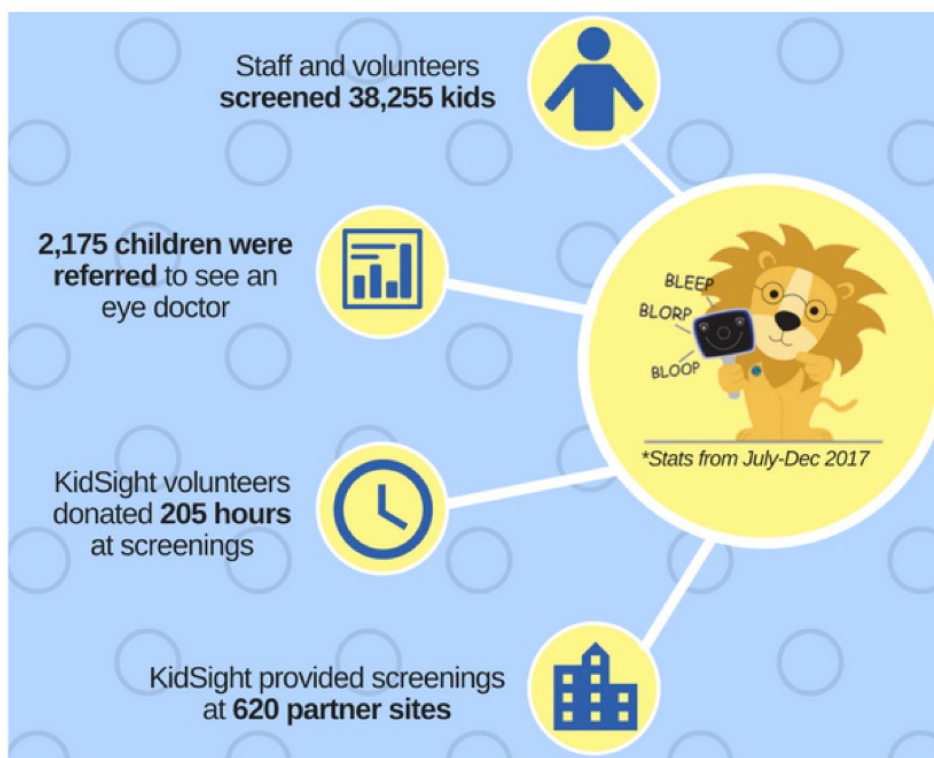
A Leader Dog partner since 1939.





# KidSight Updates

- Please remember that KidSight and Saving Sight are now two separate nonprofit entities. KidSight is the program with the greatest need for donations. *If you wish to make a donation to KidSight please make your check out to KidSight or visit [www.kid-sight.org/give](http://www.kid-sight.org/give) to make a donation.*
- KidSight representatives will be at all the Lions District Conventions this spring to continue to develop our relationship with individual Lions and Lions Clubs. Our goal is to have at least one staff member and one board member at each convention. KidSight is proposing to conduct a basic volunteer training at each convention during breakout sessions in order to make volunteering with us easier. Please contact Lion Katherine Patterson-Paronto, [kpattersonparonto@kid-sight.org](mailto:kpattersonparonto@kid-sight.org) for more information.
- KidSight welcomed three new board members in November and one new board member in January. They are Hannah Luetke-Stahlman, MPA of Cerner Corporation in Kansas City, Roxana Shaffe, MPA of Junior Achievement in Kansas City, Dr. Kory Thoma O.D. of Leet EyeCare in Cape Girardeau, and PCC Steve Wise of Monett MO. If you are interested in the full listing of KidSight's Board of Directors, visit [kid-sight.org/meet-our-board](http://kid-sight.org/meet-our-board). KidSight still has 4 open positions. Please contact Lion Katherine Patterson-Paronto at [kpattersonparonto@kid-sight.org](mailto:kpattersonparonto@kid-sight.org) if you would like serve or recommend someone to be on the Board of Directors.



## KidSight Numbers:

### Fall Semester



## Celebrating 40 Years of LDUN

As we enter our second century of service, Lions Clubs International will celebrate our 40th annual Lions Day with the United Nations with events in three United Nations locations around the world. These events will commemorate our long-standing relationship as a consultative NGO to the United Nations (UN) starting in 1945 when Lions leaders were asked to help develop the NGO charter for the UN. The theme for all three events is “Working Together Globally to Combat Diabetes.”

March 24, 2018, Join Lions, Leos, UN diplomats, dignitaries and other guests as we work together to assess various challenges facing our global community and inspire each other to better serve those in need. Lions helped get the United Nations started and are the only service organization with a day. Any Lion can go, all you have to do is register! Join Lions from over 30 countries in March, you will be glad you did! #LDUN







# Missouri Lions State Convention

CALLING ALL LIONS! District 26-M2 Lions would like to invite you to the 96th Annual Missouri Lions State Convention that will be held on April 26-29, 2018. Welcome to the "GATEWAY TO VEGAS". District M2 is excited to be hosting this year. The Convention will be held at the Doubletree Hotel St. Louis at Westport, 1973 Craigshire, St. Louis, MO 63146.

This year, we are also having a service project. Camp Brimshire and the Missouri School for the Blind has sent us a wish list (you can see this list on our website). Also, we will be collecting non-perishable goods, paper products, and toiletries for food pantries. The District which collects the most products will be our VIP's for the weekend!!



The Council of Governor's will hold their final meeting Thursday afternoon. The opening Plenary session will be Friday afternoon followed by a night of FUN and FELLOWSHIP with our HOSPITALITY NIGHT and Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) Silent Auction. The second Plenary session will be Saturday morning followed by some seminars. We will have an ALL LIONS Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) Luncheon, followed by voting. The banquet on Saturday night will feature our guest speaker Past International President Al Brandel and his lovely wife Lion Dr. Maureen Murphy. We will remember those Lions who have gone before us with our Memorial Service on Sunday morning.

The DoubleTree Hotel St. Louis at Westport is holding a block of rooms and taking reservations at a discounted price of \$89 + tax for a standard room. Please contact them directly at (314) 434-0100 to make your room reservations at the DoubleTree Hotel and mention Missouri Lions State Convention or book online at <http://doubletree3.hilton.com/en/index.html> group code MSM. After APRIL 5, 2018 the room block will be released and the discounted price will no longer be available. You can find more information on our website [www.molionsstateconvention.org](http://www.molionsstateconvention.org), including registration forms for convenience!

The Doubletree Hotel is looking forward to hosting the Lions in 2018, and the committee is looking forward to seeing everyone there for a great weekend!! So don't hesitate any longer, send in your registration now, make your hotel arrangements soon and plan on having a fun time!! And don't forget to share this information with all your Club members!! Make your plans now so that you don't miss any of the fun and fellowship.

PCC Joe Foster - Chair PCC Gina Boettcher - Co-Chair  
If you have any questions please email: [2018convention@lions26m2.org](mailto:2018convention@lions26m2.org)





# Gateway to Vegas

District 26-M2 Lions would like to invite you to the 96<sup>th</sup> Annual Missouri Lions State Convention at the DoubleTree Hotel – Westport St. Louis on April 26-29, 2018

We are the **"Gateway to Vegas"**. Come out and enjoy hospitality, fellowship and leadership.



## 2018 Missouri State Lions Convention Registration

☐ Lion ☐ Leo ☐ Guest Name (as wanted on badge) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
 District \_\_\_\_\_ Club \_\_\_\_\_ Title (PDG, PCC, President, etc) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Special Dietary Needs? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No Details: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Lion ☐ Leo ☐ Guest Name (as wanted on badge) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
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 District \_\_\_\_\_ Club \_\_\_\_\_ Title (PDG, PCC, President, etc) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Special Dietary Needs? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No Details: \_\_\_\_\_

### Mail Registration form & payment to:

PDG Debbie Blumenberg  
 5193 Athlone Court  
 Cedar Hill, MO 63016

### Checks payable:

Missouri Lions 2018 State Convention  
 (No refunds will be issued after March 31, 2018)

### Online Payments:

[www.molionsstateconvention.org](http://www.molionsstateconvention.org)

### Convention Fees per Person:

Full Registration: \$75 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Includes registration, luncheon, & banquet)

Registration & Luncheon: \$55 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Registration & Banquet: \$60 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Registration ONLY: \$30 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

After 4/1/2018  
 Per registration \$10 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Grand Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_



Hotel Information:  
 Everyone is responsible for securing their own lodging.  
 See the back cover for more information.



## M1 Lions Celebrate the Holidays

District M1 Lions Clubs showed their lions pins and vests in their communities during the holiday season by helping Salvation Army, organizing christmas lights displays, and making sure everyone got a gift for Christmas.



Patton Lions



West Plains Lions



Farmington Lions



Sikeston Lions

## Salvation Army

Missouri Lions help Salvation Army raise money during the busy holiday season



Rolla Lions



Fort Leonard Woods Lions

## Lions give back to the Community

The Fort Leonard Woods and NorthWest Texas County Lions gave back to their community by making sure everyone had what they needed during the holiday season (left)



NorthWest Texas County Lions



St. James Lions





Houston and Licking Lions

## M1 Lions Honor Law Enforcement Officers

Members of the District M1 Lions Club honored their friends in law enforcement, sharing their common interest in improving their local community



Houston Lions

## ATTENTION ALL LIONS



## DISTRICT 26-M1 CONVENTION

**February 23 (Friday Night Social at Crown Pointe Lodge)**

**February 24 (Breakfast, Cabinet Meeting, Luncheon)**

**North College Center \* Mineral Area College**

**Hosted by Park Hills Lions Club**

**Rooms Available at Crown Pointe Lodge (\$95 + Tax) \* (888) 766-1159**

**Registration (Breakfast and Lunch) \$35**

**Lion Mary Lee Faircloth (573) 431-1083**

**509 Westwood Drive \* Park Hills, MO 63601**

**Checks made to Park Hills Lions Club**



**FELLOWSHIP \* ELECTIONS \* AWARDS**





## Join Fellow M2 Lions in an Evening of Camaraderie



District M2 Lions- Join us at Holiday Inn Six Flags on Saturday, Feb. 3, 2018. Rooms on the pool floor are \$109.95, upper floors are \$99.95. Check in time is 4pm. Bring a snack to share and whatever you want to drink. This is a great time to relax and have a fun evening before the work on the conventions begins! Please pass the word along. SEE YOU THERE!

## A Letter from LBOMB Board President George Winkeler

As many of you know, my work with the Lions ( Lions Clubs International) is a HUGE part of my life.

One of the jobs I do for the Lions is I am the President of the Board for LBOMB, ( LIONS Business Opportunities for the Missouri Blind ).

LBOMB manages, supports and runs along with the Blind Managers ALL the Rest Stops in Missouri. WE Are in NEED of your Help.

Congressman Banks introduced HR 1990, which would allow commercialization, including restaurants and convenience stores, at the interstate areas. There is support in the proposed budget for the idea of rest area commercialization and the money it will generate for the Federal Government.

What is not being discussed in this bill is that most of these rest stops on our interstates have vending machines that are being maintained by almost 400 blind business people across the nation.

I need you to write the President, the Governor, your senators and house members and ask that this bill gets defeated so that those that are Blind and Visually impaired can keep their jobs.

<https://nfb.constituentvoice.net/nfbaction> use this link and follow some simple prompts.

You will feel better knowing you are fighting for people's livelihood.

THANK YOU for all your help,

We SERVE,

Vice District Governor George Winkeler  
LBOMB Board President





Bowling Green Lions Club



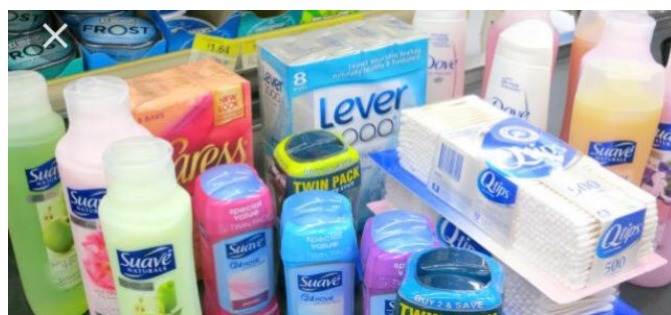
Harvester Lions Club

## Lions Help Salvation Army

Bowling Green and Harvester Lions Clubs helped the Salvation Army collect money, gaining good publicity for their clubs as well.

## Lions Closets

District M3 Ashland Centennial Lions clubs started Lions closets at all the Southern Boone Schools. The teachers let the club know what supplies are needed for the students. They are still in need of winter hats and gloves- all sizes from pre-k to high school. Drop off locations are at Copper Kettle, Connections Bank, Angel Ins., and Ashland Villa. Please donate if you have any extra winter clothing!



Supplies donated to Lions closets

## MU Lions Recruitment

The Mizzou Campus Lions club recruited new members at the Spring 2018 involvement fair at the student center on campus. They got a lot of interest in the club and hope to see their numbers grow!



MU Campus Lions at the involvement fair





Liberty Lions serving breakfast



## Lions Serve Veteran Breakfast

Liberty Lions served a free breakfast for veterans at Hy-Vee on November 11, 2017 for Veterans Day



## Liberty Lions Pancake Breakfast

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD  
8 AM - 11 AM

Includes  
All you can eat  
pancakes, sausage,  
juice, and coffee



**\$7 ADULTS**  
**\$5 CHILDREN**

## Pancake Breakfast

Join the Liberty Lions for a pancake breakfast on Saturday, February 3rd from 8 AM - 11 AM! Breakfast includes all you can eat pancakes, sausage, juice, and coffee. Breakfast is \$7 for adults and \$5 for children. Hope to see everyone there!





## M6 Lions recognized at the Miracle Worker

Springfield Little Theatre presented The Miracle Worker, the story of Helen Keller. M6 Lions thought it was a great opportunity to get together and have some FUN! 47 Lions attended the play for a wonderful evening. The Lions were recognized at the event for accepting Helen Keller's challenge to be "knights of the blind". This is proof that although we work and serve as Lions, there is always time for a little fun and enjoyment!



M6 Lions are recognized on stage with the cast of the Miracle Worker

## New park benches honor the late Lion Clem Korn



Lebanon Host Lions placed three beautiful new park benches at Boswell Park in Lebanon. The benches were placed around the playground area so parents and grandparents can sit comfortably and watch as the children play. All three benches have our Lion Logo welded in place, as well as a dedication plaque honoring the late Lion Clem Korn. Lion Clem loved the children, so this was the perfect project to honor him. In the photo, Lion Dr. Dale Korn and his wife Linda were thrilled with what the Lions had done.



Children wait in line for photos with Santa

## Photos with Santa

Miller Lions Club offered free photos with Santa at the Miller Lions Club Building in downtown Miller. The photos were taken before and after the evening Christmas Parade. Lions also served cookies and drinks to those who attended the event.

What an easy way to make the children and parents feel special!

## March Convention

Lions of M6 are gearing up for our District Convention which will be held on March 16-17. The venue this year makes it particularly inviting! It will be held at the Mighty Oak Lodge! If you think it is pretty on the outside, just wait to see what is inside.

International Director Gwen White will be our special guest from North Carolina.

District Governor Kevin is thrilled about this unusual venue for the convention and hopes to have many Lions roaring in for all the Convention activities!



The Mighty Oak Lodge, site of the March District Convention



Veteran Lions honored at the district cabinet meeting

## Veteran Lions

During District Governor Kevin Cantrell's Cabinet Meeting, he asked for all Veterans to stand and be recognized for their service to our great country. He then had them pose and get a photo by the American flag. Because they served, we can serve! It is always a good time to honor and recognize our Veterans!





JC Evening Lions



Wardsville Lions



26-M7 District Governor

## District 26-M7 Helps with Salvation Army

Lions from the Jefferson City's Host Lions Club, Breakfast Lions Club, Capital Lions Club, Evening Lions Club; Lohman Lions Club; and Wardsville Lions Club united on December 8th to staff all of the Salvation Army's kettles in Jefferson City.

Under the leadership of Lions Wayne Osgood, a JC Host Lion, and supported by club coordinators, 154 Lions joined together, braving sub-freezing temperatures, to help ensure the Salvation Army has the means to carry on its vital mission of helping those in need.

Together, the Lions gathered more than \$12,000 on the cold day. Traditionally, the day Lions staff the kettles is the largest single day of fundraising during the Salvation Army campaign. Great work, Lions!