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#### **Mid-South Lions**







#### 75th Anniversary Celebration

Several Missouri Lions were honored by PIP Bob Corlew at the Mid-South Lions 75th Anniversary celebration.

Don Noland, PCCs Terry and Gina Boettcher, PDG Bud Dean (Rolla), PDG Walt Hamer and PDG Lisa Alexander all received an LCIF Chair banner, and Lion Jennie Mosher received a Presidential Certificate of Appreciation.









Mid-South is hosting it's quarterly board of directors meeting in Branson, MO, on November 17-18. On Friday evening we will visit Dolly Parton's Dixie Stampede. On Saturday we have our business meeting. All Lions are invited to attend.

The meetings and HQ hotel will be the Branson Grand Plaza. A block of rooms is being held at \$94 plus tax per night for our meeting. You can make reservations by calling 417-336-6646. Tell them you're with the Mid-South Lions group. If you'd like to go with us to Dixie Stampede, tickets, including transportation from the hotel and back, are \$65 per person. Call Mid-South if you'd like to attend. 888-546-6042 option 3. The Saturday lunch price has not been set, but will be somewhere in the \$25 per person range.

#### Global Action Team

#### Empowering Clubs through the Power of Action

The Global Action Team was built with a vision that one day every need in the world will be served by a Lion or Leo. It brings together the three key areas of Lions:

- Leadership development
- Membership
- Service

By unifying the Global Leadership Team (GLT), Global Membership Team (GMT) and Global Service Team (GST) as the Global Action Team, we will create synergy and new opportunities for clubs to grow and serve.

Our Mission – The Global Action Team will champion the vision of LCI & LCIF and build on the passion of our Lions and Leos through service.



Our Goal – To impact over 200 million lives through service, increase our membership to 1.7 million Lions and Leos, and provide learning opportunities to over 500,000 members by the year 2020.

#### You'll see the Global Action Team Difference

The Global Action Team can help you energize your members and take your club to the next level.

- Get great service resources and dynamic project support
- · Identify leadership development opportunities to empower all Lions
- Find compassionate new members and keep current Lions coming back

You can do more good for more people when you have some extra help. That's your Global Action Team. At the end of the day, it's all about service.

Passionate volunteers. Dynamic leaders. Innovative service.

#### To all Missouri Lions:

We would like to encourage Lions who would be interested in being the Global Service Team

Coordinator for the Multiple District (GST-MD) to look into this position and make sure that CC Larry

Boettcher has your name as a candidate. We can't wait to work with you on this Global Action Team!

-PDG Ann Anderson, GLT-MD and PDG Debbie Cantrell, GMT-MD



LCICon: 2018 Las Vegas

The Centennial Celebration Continues! The 101st annual Lions Clubs International Convention will be in Las

## 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.



#### 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









Register

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

# KidSight

#### Volunteer with KidSight!

We currently have two types of volunteer positions: Volunteer Screening Technician and Volunteer Screening Assistant.



**Above:** Members of the Jefferson City Host Lions Club and the Lohman Lions Club volunteering at the Cole County Back to School Fair on July 29, 2017.



**Above:** A group of Columbia KidSight Volunteers from several different Lions Clubs at the Boone County Back to School Fair on August 5th.

**Right:** KidSight Volunteer Technician, Roma Wonneman, conducting screenings at the Boone County Back to School Fair.

Find out more by visiting: www.kid-sight.org



# High-Spirited Preschooler Corrects Vision with Patching Thanks to KidSight

Jameson, a 4-year old with a vivid imagination, sits intently at the kitchen table assembling his favorite super hero puzzle. Being able to see the shape of the pieces and the images on the puzzle helps him put the many pieces together, just like being able to see the letters of words helps him read and learn. Able to recite the alphabet since he was a year and half old, Jameson has always been advanced for his age. But during free KidSight vision screenings at his preschool, Jameson's parents found out he had a previously undetected vision problem that could have left him blind in one eye.



Thanks to a KidSight Screening, Jameson is strengthening his eye to correct his vision

"We truly had no idea anything was wrong. He had 'typical' vision tests at doctor's appointments and a pre-k screening at a local school district last year, which did not indicate anything was wrong. He is very advanced, so we had no idea there was a problem," said Jameson's mother, Carla. "I asked his teachers, 'Did you guys notice anything?' It flabbergasted them as much as us." Because Jameson didn't want to get the vision test wrong, he had been 'cheating' by looking through his fingers.

Carla received a referral packet from the KidSight when she picked Jameson up the day of the screening and drove straight to her local eye doctor to schedule a complete dilated eye exam. Jameson was diagnosed with refractive amblyopia, with 20/100 vision in his right eye. The significant difference in his vision leaves Jameson with no depth perception in that eye. The doctor prescribed patching Jameson's good eye for six hours every day for six months and wearing glasses to help strengthen his right eye. The treatment could help correct the vision in his right eye to 20/40.

Jameson's eye doctor said it's likely Jameson had perfect vision when he was younger, but as he developed, one eye became more dominant over the other. Patching shuts off the good eye as a way to force the brain to focus and exercise the bad eye.

Jameson is adjusting well to having glasses and patching. "We thought it was going to be a huge struggle because he is stubborn – he's a little redhead and is high-spirited – but he is doing great!" said Carla. A few days before Jameson started patching, his parents explained the process to him and showed him the patches that would help strengthen his eye.

When the day came to start the process, Jameson embraced the patch and had a great day at school. "A little boy came up and asked what is wrong with his eye," said Carla. "Jameson told him, 'I'm exercising my bad eye.' It's cool he kind of owns it and can tell people."

Jameson's family is thankful the KidSight screening discovered his vision problem. "If we hadn't had the test or caught it before he was 7 or 8 he could have been completely blind in his right eye," said Carla, adding that had they not had the test it could have impacted his academic career and the rest of his life. "Knowing we

who can be considered as a second considered

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could fix it now eliminated that issue down the road for when he gets into school rather than finding out later."

Carla uses Jameson's story as an education tool and has told friends and community members about Jameson's vision is sues and why patching and wearing the glasses is helping to save his vision. "We figured if sharing his story could help save a kid from something like this in adulthood it's worth it." As part of educating and advocating for KidSight vision screenings, Carla said, "My advice would be take them to the doctor and don't take it lightly. I'm so glad we went and had it checked out and didn't ignore it."

Thanks to the support of generous donors, KidSight provides free vision screenings for children 6 months to 6 years to ensure children have the healthy vision they need to succeed in school. You can help prevent vision loss for children like Jameson by supporting our work.

Visit <a href="https://kid-sight.org/">https://kid-sight.org/</a> to learn more about the program, including how to donate, volunteer, find a screening near you, or request a screening at your local childcare facility or child-friendly community event.









# KidSight by the Numbers

67,913

children were screened in FY16-17 across Missouri for common causes of childhood vision loss.



525,204

children under the age of 6 are currently estimated to reside in Missouri.



It takes KidSight's teams

# 1.5 Minutes

per child to screen, which includes pre and post screening set up.



1,205

partner sites, including Head Starts, day cares, preschools, and public events, hosted KidSight screenings in FY16-17.

3,649

kids referred in FY16-17 to an eye care professional for a full, dilated eye exam and treatment.



71%

of kids referred in FY16-17 got the eye care they needed

thanks to comprehensive KidSight follow-up that connects their families to care resources.



\$40 screens one child for 7 common & detrimental vision disorders.



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Visit <u>kid-sight.org/kidsight-numbers</u> to see a breakdown by Lions districts



## **Lions Giving - FY16-17**

July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017



#### **Giving Levels**

\$20,000 or More

Mexico Host Lions

\$10,000 to \$19,999

Concord Village Lions

\$5,000 to \$9,999

Lions International of Missouri MD 26- All Star Football Game

Lions All-Star Basketball Classic- District M6

Lions Eye Foundation of District 26-M2

PDG Association of District 26-M5

#### **Overall Missouri District Giving**

M1	\$7,879	M5	\$15,836
M2	\$30,800	M6	\$15,121
M3	\$37,209	M7	\$14,773
M4	\$9,930	MD 26	\$8,703



#### \$2,000 to \$4,999

Cape Girardeau Lions Columbia 20/20 Lions Ellisville Lions Jefferson City Host Lions
Millersburg Lions
Owensville Lions
St. Ferdinand Township Lions

St. Joseph Host Lions Washington Lions Webster Groves Lions

#### \$1,000 to \$1,999

Booneville Lions
Bowling Green Lions
Chesterfield Lions
Creve Coeur Lions
Hamilton Lions
Harvester Lions
Hermann Lions
Hurricane Deck Lions

Jefferson City Evening Lions
Jonesburg Lions
Lake Winnebago Lions
Lexington Lions
Linn Lions
Monett Lions
Paris Lions
Platte City Lions

Sainte Genevieve Lions
Sedalia Lions
Sedalia State Fair Lions
Seymour Lions
Sikeston Lions
St. Joseph East Lions
Wildwood Area Lions



## Sikeston Lions host Sikeston Cotton

## Ramble Bike Ride







The Sikeston Lions are hosting two Bike Rides, one in the Spring and the other Fall.





Lions Richard and Sherry Hashagen try out the wheelchair ramp at the recently completed Therapy Swimming Pool project at Camp Brim Shire at St. James. They, the St. James Lions Club and crew from Gibbs Pools want to thank Lions from all over Missouri and International for their support!



#### Peace Poster Contest

Peace Poster entries- Sierra Thompson (on right), 1st Place Winner at Success, MO Elementary; Cecilia Groves (above), 1st Place Winner at Plato, MO School.





Lions: Ed Tilley; Laurie Taylor; Allen Taylor; Fred Elias, ACE store Owner; Dave Baldwin



Houston Lions donate to Convoy of Hope Relief helping flood victims due to Hurricanes Harvey and Irma



District Governor Lion John Preston (right) welcomes new members to the Bunker Lions with Club President Lion Jeff Parker (left)

## Hurricane Relief

The Cape Girardeau Evening
Lions sold mints in front of
our local ACE Hardware
store on September 9.
All donations will go to LCIF
for the Hurricane Relief.



IPDG Lion Bob and PDG Lion Lana Wilson visited Leader Dogs for the Blind





West Plains Lions worked with Ozark Radio Network doing Rib Sales to raise money for the Samaritan Outreach and Bridges Program at West Plains Schools, raising over \$1400.



## Lion of the Year

North West Texas County Lions honor Lion Nancy Davis as Lion of the Year

#### **MISSOURI LIONS DISTRICT 26-M1**



2<sup>nd</sup> CABINET MEETING

Hosted by

#### SIKESTON LIONS CLUB

FOX HAVEN COUNTRY CLUB
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4 at 10am
Come early for coffee & doughnuts!!



#### Help Keep Our Friends Warm This Winter!!!

Bring Warm Clothing Items- Coats, Sweat Shirts, Flannels, Gloves, Socks!

Fox Haven Country Club is on Hwy 62 just to the West of Lambert's



St. Charles Lions Club with Pastor Chris Franklin at St. Charles Christian Church

## The Neighborhood Library

The Neighborhood Library is a source of books for adults and children, typically in locations where people may not have easy access to a public library. Participants are encouraged to take a book, read it, and return it to swap for another. Or, if it is a favorite, keep it to add to a personal collection. It is a project to encourage reading, especially in the summer when kids are

out of school.



The St. Charles Lions regularly restock the libraries with donated books or those purchased at book sales and garage sales.



# Missouri Lions visit Leader Dogs for the Blind



A group of Missouri Lions from across the state took a bus trip to Rochester, Michigan to visit the campus of Leader Dogs for the Blind.







Just one of the many cute puppies



PDG's Bob and Lana Wilson's son and daughter in law found a brick donated in their son's name. Cheston was born blind and already tells his mom and dad he wants a Leader Dog for the Blind! A most warming experience of the trip. It was great to have John and Jonie with us. This is the hands of Cheston's mom and dad.



ID Don Noland taking a blind walk



Maryville Pride Lions Donate \$2,000



Several Clubs from District M2 donate \$5,200



Lions in their best-dressed HOBO outfits

# **HOBO** Day

The Lions of District 26-M6 gather every January for a District fundraiser known as HOBO Day. This event allows us to raise funds for our District expenses, enabling us to keep our District dues to a minimum while having FUN & enjoying fellowship with our fellow Lions.

HOBO Day events include: a Live Auction, Silent Auction, 50/50 Pot, Cake Walk & Best Dressed HOBO competition. The 2018 event will be held January 20, 2018 at the Ernte Feste Building in Freistatt, MO. The meat for this year's meal will be prepared by our very own District Governor Lion Kevin Cantrell & will include Tri Tip & Smoked Pork as well as Hashbrown Potatoes, Salad & Dessert.

For more information please contact 2018 HOBO Day Chair Lion Darci Klick at (417) 669-5200 or darci\_klick@yahoo.com.newsletter to share it to the rest.



Lions Robert Rowles and George Eisenbath work the griddle to provide fresh, golden brown pancakes.



Lion Amy Bell (left) and District Governor Lou Ann Hathcock check the audiometers before conducting the screening.

#### Tipton Lions Host Pancakes in the Park

The Tipton Lions
encourage people to get
out to the local park
(where they provide the
Lions Pavilion) by serving
delicious pancakes and
sausages to support their
service activities. The
Tipton Lions are
celebrating their 75th
year of service to the
area.

#### Jefferson City Breakfast Lions Hold a Hearing Screening

The JC Breakfast Lions conducted a hearing screening for the kindergarten and first grade students of Trinity Lutheran School in Jefferson City.



Warrenton Lions Club raised funds for hurricane victims. All proceeds went to LCIF Hurricane/Disaster relief.





President Dan working hard

#### **Ashland Lions**



From left: PID Doc Garrett, PDG Sandy McCann, ID Don Noland, DG Bob Noellsch, Lion Cindy Downing President, Lion State Representative Sara Walsh, Lion Steve Walsh, Lion Rick Lewis, Lion Tracy Banning, Lion Tim Roth, Lion Jason Reynolds

## Charter Celebration for the Ashland Centennial Lions Club

The Ashland Centennial Lions Club charter celebration was held October 8. The evening included a meal prepared by the Southern Boone FFA, induction of officers, installation of the new members present, presentation of a Proclamation from the Missouri House of Representatives, and a speech by ID Don Noland.

During the Celebration, State Representative Sara Walsh and her husband Steve decided to join the new club, becoming the 22nd and 23rd charter members. The Guiding Lions for the club are Lions David Frech and PDG Sandy McCann from the Columbia Rockbridge Club. Columbia Rockbridge is the sponsoring Club.