



Newsletter



December 2025

Lions District MD26-M6



Lions,

Here we are halfway through the year, and it is just going so fast! But everywhere I go I get to meet the best people in the world!! So caring and giving.

Something I would ask every club to do is ask a PDG or someone from our GAT Team to come speak to your club. Not your club PDG but a different one, they are filled with this vast amount of knowledge to share and even to help you with training in your club. If you don't happen to know any just give me a call and I can recommend some to you.

We are headed to GROVESPRING on January 10th for our next cabinet meeting!! Have you ever been there? I haven't but I am super excited to go! I promise, you will talk to some good people, have some good food and definitely find out more about what is going on in the district. We will even do something a little fun after the meeting to make the trip more worthwhile.

Come to Miller on January 17th for HOBBO DAYS!! Lots of good food and friends to enjoy the afternoon with! (And we have a kickin gun shop across the street for the enthusiast). Dress like a Hobo or just wear your comfortable clothes (Maybe stretchy pants for the food).

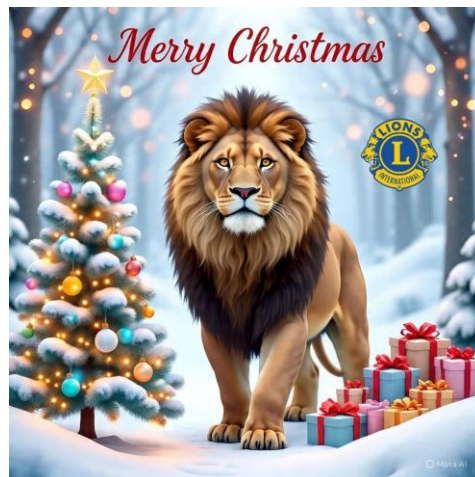
Exciting news. We are working on rebuilding Forsyth, Mt. Vernon and a new club in possibly Republic. If anyone know of people in that area too, please let me know.

And if I see you and forget to tell you...

THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT YOU DO!! YOU ARE AMAZING!!

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!!

Lion Paula Rodgers
M6 District Governor



Stay Connected!



<https://molionsm6.org/>



Missouri Lions District M6

Fellow Lions!



Mark Your Calendars – HOB0 Day is COMING!

Get ready for a day of fun, fellowship, and fundraising!

HOB0 Day on Saturday, January 17, 2026

Miller Lions Club Building – 200 E Main Street, Miller, MO.

Doors open at 11:00 a.m.

Why HOB0 Day?

HOB0 Day is all about raising funds to support District expenses, which helps us keep District dues low while bringing Lions together for a day filled with laughter, fellowship, and community spirit.

Event Highlights:

- A Tasty Meal
- Live Auction
- Silent Auction
- 50/50 Pot
- Cake Walk
- Best Dressed HOB0 competition



How You Can Help

✓ Club Donations

Each club is asked to donate an item valued at \$35 or more or make a monetary donation.

- Items or donations can be given to your **Zone Chair, District Officers, or HOB0 Day Chair, Lion Theresa Kee.**
- Monetary donations can be mailed to:
 - Lion Theresa Kee
 - 911 Lakewood Drive
 - Monett, MO 65708
 - (Please make checks payable to Lions District 26-M6 HOB0 Day.)

✓ Silent/Live Auction & Cake Walk Contributions

Bring items for the **Silent Auction** or **cakes and goodies** for the Cake Walk to make the event extra special!

This is a FAMILY friendly event with fun to be had for all AGES!!

If anyone has any questions; is interested in helping with the event or would like more information please contact Lion Theresa at liontk2020@gmail.com or by phone 417-236-8201.

Thank you and hope to see y'all there!

PDG Lion Theresa Kee
HOB0 Day Chairperson



We Serve



M6 DISTRICT CABINET MEETING

I look forward to seeing everyone in Grovesprings for our 3rd Cabinet meeting.



January 10, 2026
Start At 10:00 Am



Meeting Location
**Grovespring Lions Club at Grovespring Senior
Citizen Center**

2229 State Hwy M, Grovespring, MO



Lunch will be available with Pulled pork,
or Shredded chicken, potato salad,
baked beans with dessert and drinks at
a cost of \$10. RSVP if possible please.

Questions?

Call Lion DG Paula Rodgers at (417) 880-9650

District Cabinet Meeting Minutes are posted on our district website at www.molionsm6.org (go to the "Log In", then down the page to the "Lions M6 Cabinet Minutes" click on the blue box link, there you can see all of the minutes.)

M6 District Convention
Feb 27-28, 2026
Holiday Inn Convention Center
3402 Arizona Ave. Joplin, MO

Join us for the 2026, M6 District Convention. It is sure to include great opportunities to learn, serve and inspire. We welcome our guest, International Director Melissa Washburn, to Southwest Missouri. Our theme this year will be a Route 66 “Get your Kicks with M6” as they are celebrating Route 66, 100th year & our district is in the heart of Route 66, so what better theme to go with.

Some activates include....

- Friday** = Eye Mission Event during the day & Hospitality that night
Saturday = Memorial Service, 1st Plenary Sisson, Lunch, 2nd Plenary Session.
Saturday Evening = Fun activity to relax, socialize & have a great time to reflect on this past year.
Leos = will be present with us for some of our conventions & will be having their own convention too.

Keep up-to-date checking out our district website at molionsm6.org/convention and on our Facebook page at “Missouri Lions District M6”.

Convention Registrations are now available on our website & included in this newsletter on down. Registration deadline is to be postmarked by Feb 10, 2026, before a late fee will be applied.

Hotel Registrations are now available. There is a link on our website that takes you M6 convention rates. Rooms are available till February 10, so reserve yours today!





**MELISSA WASHBURN
INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR**

Melissa Washburn from Carlsbad, New Mexico was elected to serve a two-year term as an international director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 107th international convention in Orlando, FL, USA, July 13 through July 17, 2025.

Director Washburn has earned numerous business certifications through New Mexico State University. Before her retirement with county government, she worked as the chief Deputy assessor for Eddy County and currently serves as a commissioner for New Mexico Governor's Board of Disabilities.

A member of the Carlsbad Downtown Lions club since 2001, Director Washburn has held numerous offices within the association including zone chair, second vice district governor, first vice district governor, district governor, past council chair and council secretary/treasurer. She has also served as a Guiding Lion, Global Leadership Team multiple-district coordinator and Global Extension coordinator.

Other Lion activities include serving on several committees including, membership Development for women and families and the Lions Clubs International Foundation. In addition, she is actively developing two new clubs in New Mexico.

Director Washburn is a three-time Lion of the Year award-winner and recipient of several International President's Certificates and multiple International President's Leadership Awards. She is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow. Her service is defined by promoting Positive impact through membership, service and leadership.

Director Washburn and her husband, Johnny, also a Lion and a Melvin Jones Fellow, have two children and eight grandchildren.

District M6 Convention



Lions Clubs International of Missouri
District 26-M6 Convention
Feb 27-28, 2026 – Holiday Inn Convention Center, Joplin, MO
Special Guest ID Melissa Washburn – New Mexico, USA



Convention Link

Convention Registration Form

~ **Convention Registration Deadline: Postmarked by February 10, 2026.**

~ **Hotel Reservation by February 10, 2026 (More info at the bottom)**

~ Complete form, print and mail with payment. ~ More information on www.molionsm6.org (under the "Convention" tab).

Name of 1st Lion/Guest Registration

___ Lion ___ Leo ___ Guest Name (as wanted on badge): _____
District: ___ Home Club: _____ Current Lion Title: _____
Street Address: _____ Phone: (____) _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Email: _____ Is this your 1st District Convention as a Lion? Yes ___ No ___
Please note any special food allergies, needs, notes or comments: _____

Name of 2nd Lion/Guest Registration

___ Lion ___ Leo ___ Guest Name (as wanted on badge): _____
District: ___ Home Club: _____ Current Lion Title: _____
Street Address: _____ Phone: (____) _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Email: _____ Is this your 1st District Convention as a Lion? Yes ___ No ___
Please note any special food allergies, needs, notes or comments: _____

Registration & Meal Plans

Plan	Description	# of People	Cost	Total
A	Full Registration/Lunch		@ \$75.00 ea.	\$
B	LEO Registration/Lunch		FREE	\$
Registration after February 10, 2026 , add			@ \$10.00 ea.	\$
No refunds after February 10, 2026			TOTAL AMOUNT DUE	= \$

Make Checks Payable to: District 26-M6 Convention **Your Check Number:** _____

If want to pay by Credit Card email Lion Linda Dohmen at: adohmen@sbcglobal.net or can call 417-235-4702 (Credit Card Fee \$3.00)
Print & Mail too: Lion Linda Dohman, 508 Highland, Monett, MO 65708

Saturday evening will be a fun relaxing night at Joplin's Anvil Axe Co. See flyer and website for more information. The doors open at 8:00 pm just for our Lions Convention. This will be a SPONSORED event, a chance to have fun, relax & catch up with other Lions! To assist our planning, please indicate if you plan to attend.

Yes, we are coming (how many) _____ **No, sorry, we have other commitments _____**



Make hotel reservations with Holiday Inn Convention Center, Joplin, MO

3402 Arizona Ave. Joplin, MO 64804, (417) 624-9000

Reserve your room with either scanning the link on the left OR call the hotel.

If calling, you **MUST** mention you are with the Lions to receive the discounted rate.



Feeding Five Thousand

While in Kolkata, India for our Lions International Board of Directors Meeting we had the opportunity to participate in several service projects. One that I held dear was working with the LEO's of Kolkata on a hunger project. While we were in our Board Meeting our spouses, i.e. PDG Kevin and others worked with the LEO's preparing five thousand boxes to be distributed to five thousand hungry children that evening. The LEO's were high-energy and had such fun while preparing the boxes for the needy. Music and dancing were involved. I do have a video on my Facebook page if you are interested in seeing what that all looked like.

After the International Board Meeting we went on buses to the slums area of Kolkata and the children and families were there in masses. I have never seen anything like it! We walked up the center that was fenced off for us to walk up to the front. The children's outstretched arms through the fencing was unforgettable. They just wanted to touch us, and they were hungry and knew we were going to feed them. After a few announcements from our International President AP Singh, we began trading tickets for boxes of food with the children. The smiles were heartwarming and so touching.

I snapped this photo of a beautiful girl when we were leaving, she grabbed me and wanted me to take a photo of her. She was so proud of her boxes of food. She had one for herself and one for her little brother who was hiding behind her and too shy for the photo. Just look into those big brown eyes! This is one of my very favorite pictures I took and believe me I took hundreds!

Lions! Never question if it is a great idea to give personally to Lions Clubs International Foundation! It is so easy to set up a monthly donation online for a certain amount to be sent in the LCIF each month. Just imagine all the good in this world our donations are making. Whether it is helping fund a feeding program or assisting after a disaster our dollars are powerful and are changing the world for the better. If every Lion in our District gave just \$5.00 per month, we would donate \$4,000.00 per month and that translates to \$48,000.00 annually. Wow.

PDG Kevin and I will forever be grateful for this experience as we travel and experience the love of Lions around the world. We are proud to say we are from Missouri, and get to tell of service we are doing here at home!

In Service.

International Director Debbie Cantrell



***LET'S LOOK AT OUR SERVICE
IN M-6 FOR 2025 - '26***

KidSight has been busy in M-6 since August screening in the communities of Cassville, Hollister, Lebanon, Ava, Mansfield, Gainesville, Nixa, Springfield, Grovespring, Hartville, and Pierce City.

Of the screenings completed in M-6 this year there has been a total of 1214 screenings completed with 88 referred for more tests by a doctor. For all 2024-'25 a total of 764 screenings were made. Four more screenings have been booked for February and March with more not confirmed as of now.

Missouri Lions have been busy with KidSight screening throughout the state. From July 1, 2025, to December 18, 2025 (last screening for 2025) 40,600 have been screened. This time last year 29,012 children were screened.

----- GOALS FOR M-6 for 2025-'26 -----

1. More screenings in the district. This goal has been achieved with six more months to go.
2. More clubs making donations to KidSight. Clubs, please put this State Lions project in your budget. You may mail your donation to my address below or mail it directly to KidSight or bring it to the district convention.
3. If your club or zone would like more information, please contact me for a program.
4. Have a second "Get Away to Branson" Sweepstakes with goal of \$1,000 to KidSight.

For more information Contact or mail your donation to:

**PDG Bob Crump,
KidSight Board Member**

P.O. Box 575

Seymour, Mo 65746

Ph: (417) 464-4040 E-Mail: becrump213@yahoo.com

Calendar of Events 2024-2025

January 2026

- 10 = M6 Cabinet Meeting, Grovespring Lions Club Building, Grovespring, MO
- 17 = Hobo Day - Miller Lions Club building, Miller, MO
- 17 = UMKC Cataract-A-Thon, Kansas City, MO
- 25 = Council Of Governors Meeting, St. Joseph, MO

February 2026

- 6-8 = Mid Winter Forum in Jefferson City.
- 20-21 = M1 District Convention, Rolla, MO
- 21 = Zone 4 Meeting, Ava, MO
- 27-28 = M6 District Convention, Holiday Inn Joplin, MO

March 2026

- 3 = Saving Sight Board Meeting, via Zoom
- 6-7 = M7 District Convention, Jefferson City, MO
- 7 = Mid-South Quarterly Meeting, Methodist University Hospital, Memphis, TN
- 13-14 = M4 & M5 District Conventions, Liberty, MO
- 20-21 = M3 District Convention, St. Charles, MO
- 26 = Zone 6 Meeting, Halfway Lions Club
- 27-28 = M2 District Convention, St. Louis, MO

(For more calendar of Events, check on our district website at www.molionsm6.org)

Lions M6 Directory changes

- Page 20 = Lion Bruce Rogers, Email: citymanager@eldomo.org.
- Page 19 = Lion Ron Badley, delete R # & add C: 417-592-2892
- Page 19 = Lion Sherri Austin, email diamondmolionsclub64@gmail.com

** ALL Changes will be on our website at www.molionsm6.org
** Please email your correct info to molionsm6@yahoo.com

District 26M6's IPDG Frank Lambrecht and LCIF-Chair PDG Phil Krebs received the LCIF Presidential Award for Goal Achievement. This is in recognition of our District's work to meet our LCIF fundraising goal. Congratulations M6!



Please submit any articles (already wrote up) & pictures. If it's just a flyer, great send that in. Newsletters will be going out at the end of each month.

Email to molionsm6@yahoo.com.

Thank you,
Lion Cathy Simpson,
M6 Media Publisher

Clubs Corner



Aurora Lions 9th annual golf tournament at Honey Creek Golf Club. This year was a memorial for Frank Peterson who helped start this tournament for us. Thank you Linda, Lion Frank's wife, for joining us and wearing his vest. We highlighted some of Franks 30 years as a Lion member.



The Aurora Lions club fed Project Rise December 18th. This is a great group as they Rise people from poverty and support them for many years after they go through this program. Submitted by: Dawna Morris



Thank you to [Kyndall Phillipps](#) and @TGS for pulling the Lions Club float for the Christmas Parade. We made a Lion out of canned goods and will be donating the cans to the Christian service center later this year.



We look forward to passing out candy downtown Aurora for Halloween and we are planning to make a Lion out of can goods for our float design this year. We will donate the cans to a local food bank after the parade. Submitted by Lion Dawna Morris

Ava Lions Club

We recently selected the winners of the Peace Poster Contest and made the presentation at our school.

We held our Annual Costume Contest on Oct 31, at the Gazebo on the square. Everyone was invited: pets, babies, families dressed in a theme, kids, teens, adults and elders. Many of the businesses around the square stay open late and provide goodies for all the trick-or-treaters. There is also a big event at our park this year.

Submitted by: Diana Middleton, Secretary



Christian County Lions had a great meeting Sept 17, thanks to our guest speakers from Alzheimer's Association. If you are struggling to provide care for a loved one or worried about your own health, reach out to Alz Assoc. Their 24/7 helpline is 800-272-3900 or visit alz.org/10signs

Pictured here (L to R) is Paul Morrison (care giver), Rosalie Watts (CC Lions Club Pres), Julie Milbauer (Walk Organizer), and Gina Whitehead (subject matter expert).

Long Lane Lions

Had a successful 2025 year...

Youth Rodeo – Sept 15, 2025

Gun Show – Feb 13-14, 2026

Pony Pull – May 17, 2025

July 4th Celebration – July 4, 2025

Easter Egg Hunt – April 1, 2025

Christmas Bazar – Nov 1, 2025

Here are their up-coming dates...

Playing Bingo – Jan 17, 2026

July 4th Celebration – July 4, 2026

Easter Egg Hunt – April 2026

Christmas Bazar – Nov 2026

Youth Rodeo – Sept 2026

Gun Show – Feb 20-21, 2026

Pony Pull – May 2026

Maybe another Bingo Night in there....

Clubs Corner



Branson-Hollister Lions

Officer Shin (and Officer Nico) paid us a visit!!! What an awesome meeting we had!!! Our Club sponsored Nico, whereas we purchased his Kevlar Vest; a much-needed tool necessary for him to do his job!!!



Branson Hollister Lions Club held its very 1st Trunk or Treat Event at the Clubhouse on Thursday, October 30th. We had a great turnout with overall more than 100 Trick or Treaters. It was a fun filled night and to see the joy on the children's faces was priceless. The children were all very thankful and appreciative as well. A fun time was indeed had by everyone. We plan to make this an Annual Event.



Submitted by Lion Suzanne, Club Secretary



Branson-Hollister Lions held our Christmas Party December 11th. We had a singing program named A Roaring Christmas. We also had a gift exchange and a Holiday Meal. The top picture was from Monday Bingo December 15th our Ugly Christmas Sweater Night.

We also have an Eye Mission coming up March 5th in Kimberling City & March 12 in Branson both held at the local Catholic Church being held by 4 Ozark Seniors.

Submitted by: Lion Suzi Q, ROAR



We were proud to be able to donate \$2,000.00 to Branson Schools for their Student Store on 12/3/2025. Pictured is student ambassadors from Buchanan Intermediate and Lion Jodi Blackwell!!!



Clubs Corner

Carl Junction Lions, Breakfast with Santa, was a special morning for some kiddos that was ready to give him their Christmas list & eat some breakfast too on Dec 6.



Carl Junctions Lions had a great time waving to the community.



Carl Junction Lions
Cleaning up the environment at Joplin Association for the Blind.



Scan to purchase meals.



CARL JUNCTION LIONS CLUB BREAKFAST
SATURDAY, JANUARY 3RD, 2026
7:30 AM TO 10:30 AM
AT CARL JUNCTION COMMUNITY CENTER

CARL JUNCTION FOSTERING HOPE (THE CARING CLOSET)

will receive a portion of the profits

Pancakes, Sausage, Biscuits/Gravy, Eggs, Potatoes

Coffee, Milk and Juice

\$7.00 adults and children over 11 yrs. old

\$3.00 Children (ages 3-10) – Children under 3 are free.

Cash, checks or credit/debit cards accepted.

All tips go to the CJ LEO Club.



Clubs Corner

The **El Dorado Springs Lions Club** is in full blown service project mode this fall! For the Mental Health and Well Being week of service, they made and served a hot meal and handed out mental health literature at a local program for the homeless. They are currently collecting 16oz jars of peanut butter for children in food insecure homes, and hats, gloves and socks for homeless youth. Their annual 30 Guns in 30 Days ticket sales have ended, and the daily prize drawings start November 1, right after their autumn breakfast fundraiser. On top of all these events, they made time for fun by participating in a chili cook off, and handing candy out at a Halloween event. It's a great day to be a Lion!



Dec 6 the Eldo Lions Club had the privilege to ring the bells for the Salvation Army at Woods. We visited with many people and had a good time helping raise funds for a great cause.

The El Dorado Springs Lions Club, with the help of a few community members, adopted 28 kids in the local school district to provide them with a better Christmas. Pictured are Lions Club President Cassy Hird, District Homeless Coordinator Kareegan Stantorf, and Elementary Principal Jeremy Barger.



The El Dorado Springs Lions Club organized a hat, gloves, and sock drive to help those in need at the El Dorado Springs School. The drive was very successful as lots of socks, gloves, and hats were donated to the school. Pictured are Lions Club President Cassy Hird and Janelle Fugate from the school. Janelle works hard to help those in need at the school, and we are proud to be a small part of that.

Clubs Corner



The **Elkland Lions Club** is so proud of this sign! Billie was a long-time member of the Elkland Lions Club and a lifelong resident of Elkland; he was loved by everyone in the community. We are proud to announce that the arena has a new name! The Billie Cunningham Crossroads Memorial Arena! Bless you Billie, we love you!



The club and some volunteers stuffed all these gift bags for the children who go to Breakfast with Santa at the Webster/Jr High FEMA building tomorrow morning at 10 AM. We love being able to help our community!



Area Lions sponsored diabetic A1C testing today at Hyvee!

Clubs Corner

Oct 4, **Joplin Lions Club Branch** helped Carl Junction Lions serve up a delicious breakfast (eggs, potatoes, sausage, gravy and pancakes) for only \$7. Proceeds benefit the Carl Junction Lions Club and Vita Nova Village.



Joplin Lions Club Branch was out with a booth at the Third Thursday booth August 21. The Dog Days of Summer brought all sorts of beautiful pups out. Giving out free water & fur baby treats.



Clubs Corner



Lebanon Lions Club hosted an Eye Mission Oct 4 in Lebanon, MO! We conducted free vision, hearing and diabetes screening in a community wellness event. Special thanks to the Missouri Lions Eye Mission and fellow Lions from Ava, Carl Junction, Marshfield, Washington and Kansas City area for the help! We were honored to have District Governor Paula Rodgers present! Thanks also to volunteers Diane and Edalene for welcoming and registering people at the door! We also appreciate the Second Baptist Church for allowing us to use their building. Where there's a need, there's a Lion!



Lebanon Police Chief Jerry Harrison shares Department updates and outreach efforts at the Lebanon Host Lions Club meeting today!



Lebanon Host Lions Club received a check for \$1,000.00! Thank you, First State Community Bank & FSCB Charity Classic!! Our Sight Program will greatly benefit from this generous donation!! Pictured Steve Hite FSCB, Jenny Bennett LHLC, Tammy James LHLC, & Travis Townsend FSCB

First State Community Bank



Lebanon Host Lions was excited to serve free chili & cookies downtown Friday night, Dec 12! Thanks for stopping by to see us. Thank you, Cornerstone for the delicious chili & Lions who baked the yummy cookies! We love serving Lebanon.



Clubs Corner

Miller Lions are coming off of a very eventful summer and fall with fundraisers. But they will be celebrating a Christmas Parade on December 13th at 5pm. The Miller Lions will also be the host for the 2026 Hobo Days! Super excited to have everyone join us in Miller on January 17th for food, family and fun times. They are also sponsoring one of the new State of Missouri Tourism signs for the 100th anniversary of Route 66. The sign is being erected on the corner of Highway 96 and 39, so please come by and check it out!!

Submitted by: DG Paula Rodgers

Check out the new Route 66 sign at the roadside park at the junction of 39 and 96. Sponsored and maintained by the Miller Lions club. Come join us and see what other great things we can accomplish!



The Miller Lions Club with the help of our local Cub Scouts went out to share some Christmas cheer. We handed out gifts to the Veterans Home as well as candy canes and Christmas cards. Then went to Mt Vernon Place Care as well as Lawrence County Manor and handed out a total of 300 candy canes and Christmas cards to the residents. Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and giving out smiles. It was a great time!!

The Miller Lions out serving at the Miller High School Football game on Oct 11. Change of pace from slinging fish at ABMD! But we got this!!



Another "Shop with a Hero" in the books!! It was great as well. Had some strange characters show up but the kids loved them!!



Clubs Corner

The Mountain Grove Lions Club with the help of the community were able to raise and donate \$1000 to the OMTC Scholarship Fund. We hosted a tailgate fish fry and thanks to all the people that supported and bought a fish dinner we were able to do this.

We feel like this is an important need in our community. These kids don't qualify for typical scholarships because they aren't planning to go directly to college. These young men and women go directly into the field after graduation. We hope to help them purchase some of the needed tools and work gear that they require to work.



Mountain Grove Lions held a Fish Fry Tailgate. Fish, hushpuppies, and fries for \$10 on Oct 3. Proceeds go to the OMTC Graduate Scholarship Fundraiser.

Ozarks Future Hope Lions supported the 8th Annual Rockin Roll Bike and Music Festival on September 13, 2025, in Willard, MO. An anonymous club member donated \$500 to help sponsor the event for which our club was recognized. Several club members, Lion Daniel and Lion Stephanie, who are blind, were transported by MyTeamTriumph-Mo.org to enjoy the trail and bike ride. Lion friend Frank, also blind, provided music. Lion Teresa brought hand and machine-made jewelry to sell. We also sponsored BalloonLadyDena.com for 2 hours. Our table provided Lion membership information and collected funds for TheDogStays.org, a unique pet rescue organization. Submitted by Cindy Cooper, Secretary





The **Sarcoxie Lions Club** gives a BIG THANK YOU to everyone that participated in putting the Cross up on the hill Saturday morning, Oct 11!



The **Stockton Lions Club** selected Tyler Arent as their 2025 local Lions International Peace Poster winner. Tyler is the son of Sarah Arent of Stockton, Missouri. Tyler indicated he found inspiration for his poster in one of his favorite activities to watch, professional football. Tyler's poster shows images of three of his favorite football players Justin Jefferson, Sayquon Barkley and Patrick Mahomes in several different forms of play and camaraderie.

Tyler's Art Teacher is Jessica Dunn. Ms. Dunn inspires her students to experience art through different mediums and projects. She showcases student projects throughout the school building and through the Artsonia platform.

According to the Artsonia's website, their mission is to bring communities together to celebrate children's artistic expressions.

Pictured left to right: Ms. Dunn, Tyler Arent, Karen Shelton, Rick Spiker - Stockton Lions Club president.

Submitted by: Karen Shelton



Clubs Corner



Thank you to everyone who came out for this years **Seymour Lions Club** Annual Turkey Shoot. It was a cold, rainy (off & on) but everyone had a great time. Congratulations to all the winners & to the winner of the shoot off. Thank you to the American Legion for letting us use their building. Thanks to Webster County Sheriff Roye Cole for coming out & shooting with us.

Thank you to all the decorated vehicles that came out & passed out candy for this years Trunk or Treat on Oct 31, Halloween. Sponsored by the **Seymour Lions Club**. There were LOTS of Trick or Treaters, who had a wonderful night all because of you. Thank you for helping us to give them a safe environment. Congratulations to this year's winners of the decorated vehicles... 1st place - Seymour Community Library, 2nd place - Raymond Wilson, 3rd place - OCC (Ozark correctional center).



Share Your Christmas 2025 is complete, and it was a very successful year. 21 families (97 individuals) were helped with gifts, food, household supplies, and more. Thank you to those that sponsored families, made cash donations, Seymour Elementary school food drive, Seymour Life Church donation of special gift items, the extra volunteers who came in, and many local businesses. We also helped 9 residents at the Glenwood healthcare with Christmas gifts. We couldn't do this event without our amazing community helping.



Clubs Corner

The US Forest Service and the **Shell Knob Lions** cooperated to replace the gazebo roof at the CCC Park. The historic park is located just east of Shell Knob at the base of Shell Knob Mountain. Over several years, the Lions have improved the community park with a large picnic shelter, playground, tennis court and scenic view deck over Table Rock Lake. The gazebo offers a quiet sitting area near the playground.



The Lions donate to the food pantry.



The Shell Knob Lions Club held their annual Christmas Dinner last night with a festive time had by all.



The **Table Rock Lake Lions Club** will be boxing eyeglasses at our November meeting. It's Tuesday, November 18th at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall community room. Anyone who would like to come help us is welcome but please let us know so we make sure to have enough food. Submitted by Lion Ronda Del Boccio

Hotel Accommodations:



Attendees are responsible for securing their own lodging.

A block of rooms are being held until

March 31, 2026

Holiday Inn Express
(Convention Headquarters)

3600 N. Village Drive,
St. Joseph, MO 64506
816-232-2500

<https://bit.ly/4ghEgLP>

Fairfield Inn & Suites
4779 Tuscany Drive
St. Joseph, MO 64506
816-232-2700

<https://bit.ly/3JPr3hj>

Mention you are with the Missouri
Lions State Convention 2026



"Legends of the Dragon"

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For more information contact:

Convention Chair
2VDG Lori Spire
660-254-3422

Convention Co-Chair
PDG Ann Anderson
816-261-0437

**104th Annual Missouri
Lions State Convention**



April 23-26, 2026

Green Acres Banquet Hall

3500 N. Village Drive

St. Joseph, MO 64506



2026 Missouri State Lions Convention Registration

Lion Leo Guest Name (as wanted on badge) _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Address _____
 Phone _____ Email _____
 District _____ Club _____ Title (PDG, PCC, President, etc.) _____
 Special Dietary Needs? Yes No Details: _____
 Banquet Meal Choice: Beef Chicken Salmon
 Have you attended a state convention before? Yes No
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 Special Dietary Needs? Yes No Details: _____
 Banquet Meal Choice: Beef Chicken Salmon
 Have you attended a state convention before? Yes No



District 26-M4 Lions

invite you to

**"Serve with Heart,
Lead with Vision"**

at the

104th Annual

Missouri Lions

State Convention.

We welcome you to come
enjoy hospitality,
fellowship and leadership

with us at

Green Acres Banquet Hall.

in St. Joseph

April 23-26, 2026.

Mail Registration Form

& Payment to:

PDG Tina Anderson
802 N. Gallatin Ave.
Hamilton, MO 64644

Checks Payable:

Missouri Lions 2026 State
Convention

(No refunds will be issued
after March 31, 2026)

Full Registration:	\$100	x	_____	=	_____
<i>(Includes registration, luncheon & banquet)</i>					
Registration & Luncheon:	\$65	x	_____	=	_____
Registration & Banquet:	\$80	x	_____	=	_____
Registration ONLY:	\$40	x	_____	=	_____
After 4/10/2026, ADD	\$10	x	_____	=	_____
Grand Total:				=	_____

****Registrations received on or before Feb. 1, 2026, will be eligible for an "Early Bird Special" drawing. Prize is reimbursement of the \$100 registration fee. Only one lucky winner will be named.**



Website Link

REGISTER AT LIONSFORUM.ORG



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Registration Link



2026 VLV REGISTRATION

**VISITING LIONS WEEKEND AND HALL OF HONOR
IS SET FOR APRIL 10-11
REGISTRATION IS AVAILABLE NOW
\$50 PER PERSON - USE THE QRC
ROUND-TRIP BUS FROM MISSOURI IS \$125
PER PERSON INCLUDING REGISTRATION
SEE BROCHURE FOR ALL THE DETAILS**

Get Ready for the Missouri Lions Mid-Winter Forum!

Lions, it's time to warm up your leadership, inspiration, and service spirit! Join us for a weekend packed with learning, laughter, and Lion pride at the Missouri Lions Mid-Winter Forum!

What to Expect:

- Inspiring speakers and hands-on workshops
- New ideas to take back to your clubs
- Fellowship and fun with Lions from across Missouri
- Energy, enthusiasm, and maybe even a few surprises!

Date: Feb. 6-7

Location: Jefferson City

Don't miss out! Be part of the momentum that keeps Missouri Lions leading with heart and purpose.

Let's make this Mid-Winter Forum one to remember — where ideas ignite and friendships grow!

Register today and bring your Lion pride!

Submitted by Missouri Lions District 26-M2 Facebook Page.

EVENT SCHEDULE Mid-Winter Forum 2026

FEB 6 HOSPITALITY NIGHT (Hosted by 2nd VDG) 6PM-11PM

FEB 7 WELCOME! (Room A/B) 8AM-8:15AM

SESSION SCHEDULE

Room A:	Room B:
GUIDING LION PART 1 "LIONS LEADING LIONS" 8:30AM-10:00AM	LIONS 101 "LION BOOT CAMP: SERVE, LEAD, GROW" 8:30AM-10:00AM
10:00am-10:15am Break	
GUIDING LION PART 2 "LIONS LEADING LIONS" 10:15AM-11:45AM	RECRUITMENT/MEMBERSHIP "MAKING A DIFFERENCE, ONE ROAR AT A TIME" 10:15AM-11:45AM
11:45am-1:00pm Lunch	
SOCIAL MEDIA / AI "AI FOR LIONS: SERVE MORE, STRESS LESS" 1:00PM-2:30PM	HEARING/ EYE MISSION TRAINING "HEAR TO HELP, SEE TO SERVE" 1:00PM-2:30PM
2:30pm-2:45pm Break	
LIONS PORTAL "CLICK LIKE A LION: MASTERING THE LIONS PORTAL" 2:45PM-3:30PM	LCI GRANTS/FUNDRAISING/SERVICE PROJECTS "GRANTS THAT ROAR: UNLOCK LCI FUNDING POWER" 2:45PM-4:15PM
Room A: SAVING SIGHT "SEE WHAT'S NEW!" 3:30PM-4:15PM	
Room A/B	
Happy Hour 5:00PM-6:00PM	Dinner 6:00PM-7:00PM
SPEAKER/ ENTERTAINER 7:00PM-8:30PM	TRIVIA (OPTIONAL) 8:30PM-10:00PM

JOIN US FOR THE ANNUAL MISSOURI LIONS

Mid-Winter
FORUM

FEBRUARY 6TH & 7TH 2026 | **COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT**
 610 BOLIVAR ST. JEFFERSON CITY, MO 65101

FRIDAY: REGISTRATION & HOSPITALITY NIGHT
SATURDAY: FORUM, DINNER & ENTERTAINMENT

EASY REGISTRATION!
 JUST FILL OUT THE BACK SIDE OF THIS FLYER

KEYNOTE SPEAKER/ ENTERTAINER:
Josh McVicar
 Comedy Magic & Hypnosis

AS SEEN ON: **ME McVICAR** | **YouTube** | Nationally Touring St. Louis based Comedy Magician & Hypnotist



MISSOURI LIONS 2026 MID-WINTER FORUM
REGISTRATION

Friday & Saturday, February 6 & 7, 2026
Courtyard by Marriott, 610 Bolivar Street, Jefferson City MO

- Registration Packets may be picked up on Friday in the Hotel Lobby from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.
First Session begins at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday
Full Forum Registration includes: * Friday Night Hospitality * Saturday Seminars * Saturday Lunch Buffet * Saturday Dinner Buffet with Speaker/Entertainer.
Anyone planning to attend any of the seminars/meals will require a full registration.
No tickets are needed or issued for any of the events – your name will be on a list.
Casual Attire. Please be sure to wear your name tag at all events.
If you're planning to attend the Guiding Lion sessions please indicate below in checkbox.
An optional Trivia Event on Saturday Night will require a separate registration form.
Breakfast will be on your own and is available for purchase in the hotel lobby.

Registration and payment to Missouri Lions must be postmarked by December 15 for Early Bird Discount. Drawings will be held for First Timers and Early Birds! Complete one section below per person.

Full Registration #1:

Name:
Address:
City: State: Zip:
Phone: Email address:
Club: District 26-M
Are you a Lion? Is this your first Mid-Winter Forum?
Special Program: Large Print Braille (requires 4 weeks' notice)
Any Special Meal Requirements?
I am planning to attend the Guiding Lion sessions.
If postmarked by December 15, 2025 Early Bird Discount Amount Due: \$75
If postmarked after December 15, 2025 Amount Due: \$85

Full Registration #2:

Name:
Address:
City: State: Zip:
Phone: Email address:
Club: District 26-M
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Any Special Meal Requirements?
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If postmarked by December 15, 2025 Early Bird Discount Amount Due: \$75
If postmarked after December 15, 2025 Amount Due: \$85

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE

Mail registration form and check to Missouri Lions, 2415B Hyde Park Road, Jefferson City MO 65109
No Refunds after January 25, 2026. A block of rooms is being held for this event at Courtyard by Marriott at a rate of \$159 King/\$164 Double Queen until January 6, 2026. (573-761-1400) Our group code is MLC.

Book your group rate for Missouri Lions



Learn how to grow Lions & our impact

Join Lions & Leos across the U.S. & its Affiliates for **Let's Grow**, a 4-part interactive workshop designed to help you start new clubs, rebuild existing ones & ignite unstoppable momentum in your community.

You'll learn proven strategies, share ideas & leave each session ready to grow your pride.

BONUS: All new success stories, inspiration & interaction!

Our Focus:

- January 6: Process & Club Types
- January 20: Recruiting
- February 3: Marketing & PR
- February 17: New Club Application & Keep Growing

Perfect for:

- GAT Coordinators & Team Members
- Lions & Leos hungry for growth & impact



January 6 - February 17

(Every Other Week)

8 pm EST / 7 pm CST

/ 6 pm MST / 5 pm PST

Register Now: <https://bit.ly/GrowthWkshp26>

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