



Newsletter



April 2026

Lions District MD26-M6

M6 Lions at Missouri Lions State Convention 2026

The 2026 Missouri Lions Convention is over & M6 had a great time with fellow Lions in St Joseph, MO. They attend Council of Governor's meeting, training, hospitality, banquet & so much more fun. Guess speaker for the weekend was 1Vice President Mark Lyon from Connecticut (Picture on the left). Here are some pictures of events and guess who made an appearance....our very own ID Debbie.



Hospitality Night



Stay Connected!



<https://molionsm6.org/>



Missouri Lions District M6

District M6 – Missouri Lions State Convention

Day 2 of State Convention Sat morning was a full day. Lots of learning, meetings, lunch, funny stuff & memories being cherished. Saturday night was the banquet with many awards presented.



MO Peace Poster Winner.

District M6



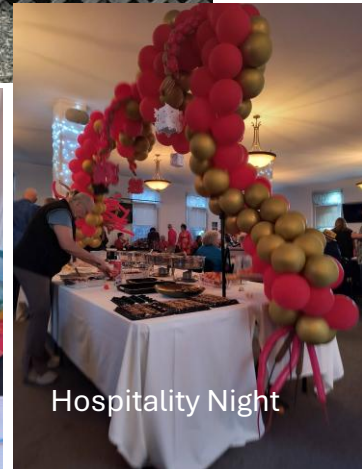
All M6 Lions at MO State Convention



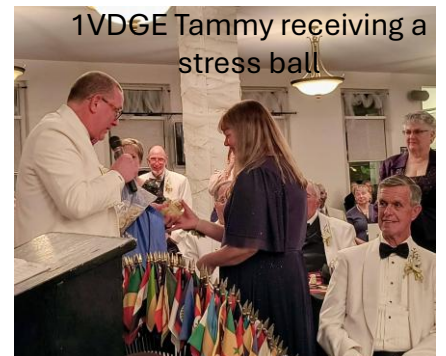
PDG Stuart collecting fines at the luncheon, Hong Kong style.



1VDGE Marlene's Quilt she made for the silent auction



Hospitality Night



1VDGE Tammy receiving a stress ball



We Serve

M6 DISTRICT CABINET MEETING



I look forward to seeing everyone in Lebanon for our 4th and final Cabinet meeting this year. Come to welcome Tammy as she takes the reigns for the 2026/27 year. It's going to be a great one!!



May 9, 2026
Start At 10:00 Am



Meeting Location

Wallace Center
325 Hardwood Ave.
Lebanon, MO



Lunch will be available and announced at a later date.

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.)

● MD26/M6 Presents

Leadership Training Workshops

*Unlock Your Full Potential as
a Leader*

Date/Time

● 6th June, 2026

● Start at 10:00am

Location

● 4117 W. 2nd Street
Battlefield, MO.

Incoming President?
New Secretary?
Want to be a Treasurer?
Dream of being a Zone
Chair

**Secure Your
Seat Here!** ▼

● www.molionsm6.org

RSVP to DG Paula Rodgers 417-880-9650



Reporting Club Officers

Club Officers **MUST** be reported by **15th of May** to ensure details are correct for the Lions Directory and for International transition into the new Lions year.

From LCI Main page (www.lionsclubs.org) click on **LION PORTAL**

Select **MY CLUB**

Select **OFFICERS**

Click on **MANAGE OFFICERS**

A pop-up box will appear. Click on **CREATE NEW ASSIGNMENT** then **NEXT**

A pop-up box will ask "When should this assignment begin?"
select **THE UPCOMING YEAR**

A pop-up will ask "What is the Officer and Title type for this title?"
Click on the small arrows and choose either **OFFICER** or **ADMINISTRATOR**, do the same for the next item **OFFICIAL** or **LOCAL** and click on **NEXT**

Officer options are Officer or Administrator
All appointments are Officer, you only use Administrator if you have a member strictly assigned to update portal details for your club.

Title Type is Official or Local
Official titles are President, Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership, Marketing, LCIF, Service, Club Director.
Local titles are positions like Bulletin Editor, Social, Health & Safety.

A list of your Club members will be shown, at the top you select the **OFFICER TITLE**. Then select the **CLUB MEMBER** to fill this position, click **NEXT**

Always select **YES** for adding officer address and check to see details are correct and update if required.

You will follow the same procedure for each of your elected officers



In Missouri

In District M-6

In Donations

In Get Away To Branson

In Missouri: From July 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026, the staff and volunteers provided screenings for **57,671 children** at **766 screening events** across the state. That’s over 14,000 more children reached than this lame last year. At these screenings, we **identified 5,376 children** who needed a full eye exam – including **1,231 who were at high risk for vision loss**. (Those are amblyogenic risk factors.) So far this year, we have served children in **100 Missouri counties** across the state.

In addition, KidSight has facilitated **10 mobile clinic days**, bringing vision exams into schools for KidSight referrals! At these clinics, **120 kids received free eye exams**, and we provided **115 free pair of glasses**.

Think of This ---- 57,671 children screened so far this year. That’s 210 kids every day, 9 children every hour, or **one child every 7 minutes**.

In District 26-M6: Screening in M-6 has increased since July 1, 2025.

	<u>Children Screened</u>	<u>Referrals</u>	<u>Screening Events</u>	<u>Counties</u>
This Year to March 25	1,894	148	18	11
Year of 2024-25	764	107	21	9

KidSight staff are busy now booking screenings for 2026-‘27

In Donations:

As of April 30, twelve clubs have donated to KidSight. A big Thank You to each of these clubs for your donation.

Christian County	Elkland	Gainesville	Grovespring	Hartville
Lebanon Host	Long Lane	Miller	Monett	Seymour
Springfield Host	Stockton			

If your club would like to donate this year, please do so by **June 1 - Make check payable to KidSight - and mail to Lion Bob Crump, PO Box 575, Seymour, Mo 65746**

If unable to make a donation this Lions’ year, please place in your 2026-27 budget!!!

In “Get Away To Branson” Sweepstakes:

At the Missouri Lions State Convention, the winning ticket was drawn from a box full of tickets on the evening of Saturday, April 25, by our special First International Vice President, from Brookfield, Connecticut.

The winner was **Lion Pat Martchink** from St Louis, Missouri

Total money raised from the sell of tickets was **\$1,001.00**. Total expenses for the sweepstakes including ticket printing, poster, and mailing of tickets was \$215.11. Lions Bob and Elaine Crump paid all expenses plus made a \$200 donation. A check was mailed to KidSight in the amount of **\$1,201.00**.

2026 Lion Ambassador of the Year Nomination

Six Lions from the state were nominated for the 2026 Lion Ambassador of the Year

Each year, Saving Sight is honored to recognize Lions who go above and beyond in the dedication to service and our mission: We Change Lives by Saving Sight.

The 2026 Lion Ambassador of the Year nominees represent the very best of Lionism – individuals whose compassion, leadership, and commitment are making a meaningful difference in communities across Missouri, Kansas, and Illinois. Through vision screenings, outreach, and direct service, the nominees are helping ensure more individuals have access to the gift of sight.

This year DG Lion Paula Rogers nominated PDG Bob Crump for this award. Then all nominations were reviewed by the MD26 Governors and the Council Chairman before submitted to Saving Sight. There was a total of six nominations submitted.



Other nominations made was Lion Janice Bonnot - Jefferson City Host Lions Club, Lion Dr Teri Page - Popular Bluff Lions Club, PDG Wayne and Susan Cunningham - Chillicothe Lions Club, Lion Lauralee Taylor - Cape Evening Lions Club, and PID Lion Don Noland - Harvester Lions Club.

The recipient of the Ambassador of the Year went to Dr Teri Page.

PDG Bob felt honored to be nominated.

Calendar of Events

May 2026

9 = M6 Cabinet Meeting, Lebanon Wallace Center, Lebanon, MO

15 = Club Officers must be reported on LCI website.

16 = Ava Lions, Eye Mission & Health Screening, 10am – 2pm, MOCH Wellness Center

16 = Long Lane Lions, Pony Pull, 6pm

30 = Monett Lions 80th Anniversary, 5pm social hr, RSVP by May 15, 2026.

30 = Buffalo Future Club, Free Wellness Event, 10am – 2pm, Grace Community Church

June 2026

1 = GPLLI & FDI applications deadline.

5 = Mid-South Lions Golf Tournament, Cherokee Valley, Olive Branch, MS

6 = M6 Leadership Training Workshop, 10am, Battlefield Fire Training Room, Battlefield, MO.

6 = Mid-South Quarterly Meeting, Hamilton Eye Institute, Memphis, TN

12-13 = Saving Sight Leader Summit/Board mtg, Kansas City, MO

20 = Aurora Lions, Food Truck at Light the Night

27 = Ozarks Future Hope Lions, Dine in the Dark, Springfield Elks Lodge, 5-7 pm

July 2026

3-7 = International Convention Hong Kong

4 = Hartville Lions, 4th of July Fireworks & Gun Raffle Drawing Winner announced

16-19 = FDI, Baldwin City, KS

17-19 = GPLLI, Baldwin City, KS

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



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.

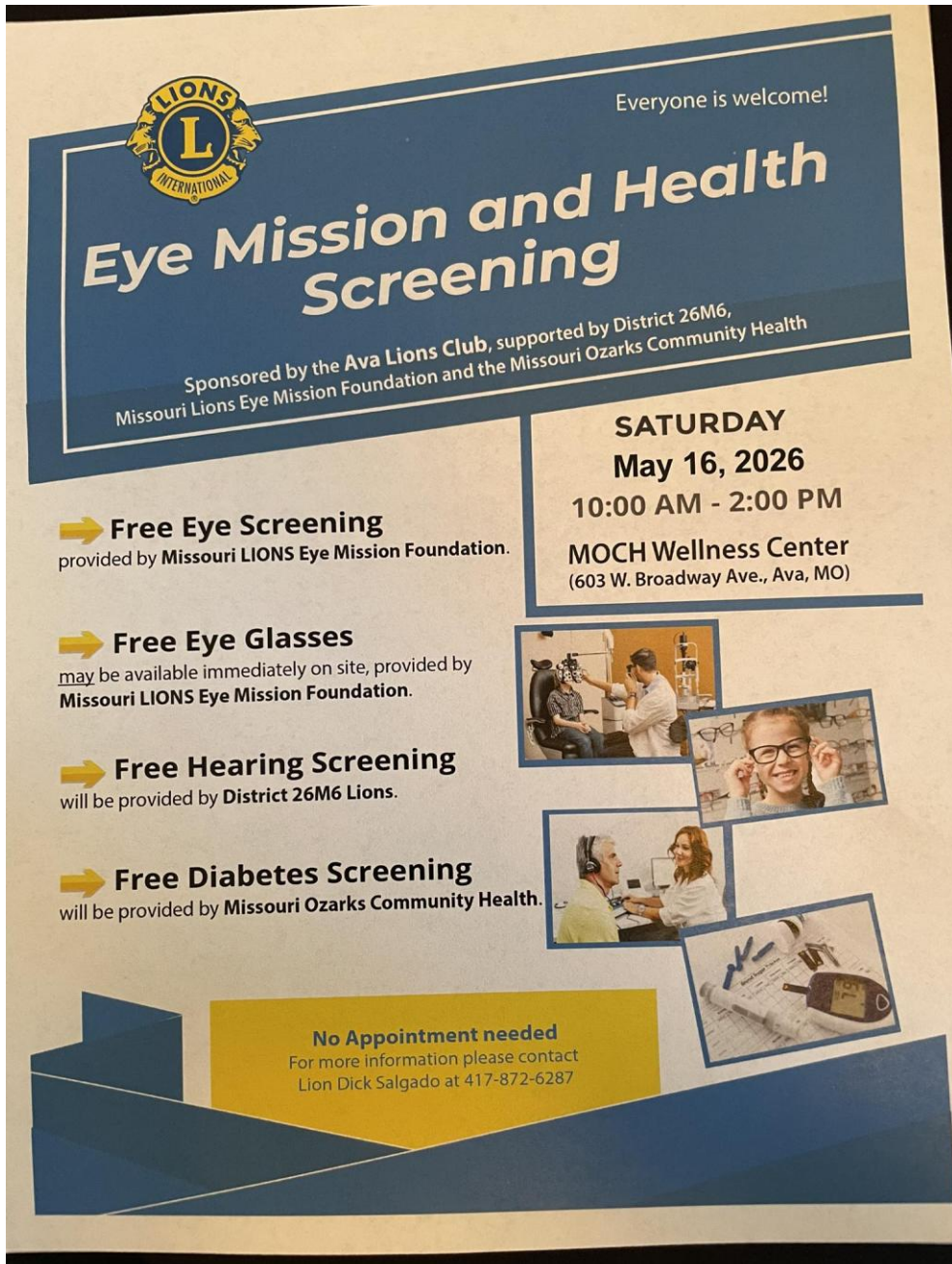
Email to molionsm6@yahoo.com.

Thank you,


Lion Cathy Simpson, M6 Media Publisher

Clubs Corner

The **Aurora Lions club** has had speakers from Heritage Harmony house and For the Kids Foster/Grandparents (Which included fellow Lion from Monett Ann Milliron) at our meetings this year. We also set up a booth at the Chamber Expo which has resulted in a few prospective members. We recently purchased 5 pairs of glasses that resulted from a recent vision screening. We are looking forward to finishing the Lion year with our food truck at Light the Night on June 20th, 2026, where we plan to offer reduced cost meals in exchange for donations to the For the Kids Foster/Grandparent foundation.



The poster features the Lions International logo at the top left. The main title 'Eye Mission and Health Screening' is in large white font on a blue background. Below the title, it says 'Sponsored by the Ava Lions Club, supported by District 26M6, Missouri Lions Eye Mission Foundation and the Missouri Ozarks Community Health'. To the right, the event details are listed: 'SATURDAY May 16, 2026 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM MOCH Wellness Center (603 W. Broadway Ave., Ava, MO)'. On the left, four services are listed with yellow arrow icons: 'Free Eye Screening', 'Free Eye Glasses', 'Free Hearing Screening', and 'Free Diabetes Screening'. At the bottom, a yellow box contains the text 'No Appointment needed' and contact information for Lion Dick Salgado. Three small photos are included: one of an eye exam, one of a child with glasses, and one of a person at a computer with a blood glucose monitor.

 Everyone is welcome!

Eye Mission and Health Screening

Sponsored by the **Ava Lions Club**, supported by District 26M6, Missouri Lions Eye Mission Foundation and the Missouri Ozarks Community Health

SATURDAY
May 16, 2026
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
MOCH Wellness Center
(603 W. Broadway Ave., Ava, MO)

➔ **Free Eye Screening**
provided by **Missouri LIONS Eye Mission Foundation**.

➔ **Free Eye Glasses**
may be available immediately on site, provided by **Missouri LIONS Eye Mission Foundation**.

➔ **Free Hearing Screening**
will be provided by **District 26M6 Lions**.

➔ **Free Diabetes Screening**
will be provided by **Missouri Ozarks Community Health**.

No Appointment needed
For more information please contact
Lion Dick Salgado at 417-872-6287

Branson Lions Club had 2 members attend the Lions State Convention. It was just Shawn and I from Branson Hollister.

- We will have 2026-2027 Officer Installation coming up soon.
- We will be having Member Awards on June 18th

Submitted by
Lion Suzi Q



FUTURE BUFFALO LIONS CLUB



Buffalo's Free Wellness Event



May 30th, 2026 10 am to 2 pm
Grace Community Church

Free Eye Screenings

This service is provided by Missouri Lions Eye Mission Foundation

Free Eye Glasses

May be available on site

This service is provided by Missouri Lions Eye Mission Foundation

Free Diabetes Screening

Free screenings will be available to check blood sugar for diabetes

This event is sponsored by the Lebanon Host Lions Club and future Buffalo Lions Club

For More Information

📞 417-402-9835- cell 📧 buffalolionsclub@gmail.com 📍 1652 S Ash St. Buffalo, MO 65622

Christian County Lions



Shred event on May 2 was a success - over 150 vehicles. We hope you didn't have to wait too long. We soooooo appreciate our sponsors for making the event possible. To all who donated, thank you. All donations will be used to help Christian County residents.



Congratulations to Lion Adam Kreher - winner of our Melvin Jones Fellow Award. Lion Adam is one of our charter members and with us for the 15 years we've been serving Christian County MO. He is a past president and always helps with our 5K Fund Raiser. Many times, his contributions are behind the scenes but always vital. Last week, our President, Lion Rosalie Watts recognized his sustained commitment and contributions to Lions. Congratulations, Lion Adam and thank you for all you do.



El Dorado Lions and Lions family members showed up Saturday morning, despite it being wet and chilly, to clean up the park. They picked up trash and sticks and overall improved the park for the community.



Elkland Lions...This is what 103 pounds of plastic looks like.

With this being the 250th birthday of America, **Hartville Lions** are doing something special. We will be drawing the lucky winner on the 4th of July! This is a very limited production item so make sure you buy your ticket soon and buy lots!

Tickets Available HERE

 Benefit **Hartville Lions Club** 
Semiquincentennial
Gun Raffle

America's 250th Anniversary Limited Edition Engraved Rifle
Individually Numbered 1 thru 2026 Henry Golden Boy
Ticket Prices \$5 each or \$20 for 5 Tickets
Don't wait, Limited Number of Tickets



Double Eagle (417) 741-1182 Fishers Feed (417) 741-6182 Lila Dean's (417) 250-2894 MFA Agri Service (417) 462-3266

Lebanon Host Lions Club members, District Governor-Elect Tammy James & International Director Debbie Hough Cantrell just after the Banquet at the Missouri Lions State Convention in St Joseph, Missouri. LHLC is proud of the leadership that has come out of our Club! When Lion Tammy takes office on July 1 in Hong Kong, she will be the 6th District Governor from Lebanon Host Lions Club!!





LONG LANE LIONS CLUB PONY PULL



MAY 16TH, 2026

Starts at 6:00 pm
25 Park Trail
Long Lane, MO

Concessions available!

NO ALCOHOL OR DRUGS ALLOWED!



MILLER LION'S CLUB
JOIN US FOR THE 76TH ANNUAL
*Miller Fall
Festival*
August 27th-29th 2026

A photograph of a colorful Ferris wheel with red, blue, yellow, and green cars, set against a clear sky. The wheel is the central background element for the festival announcement.



PLEASE JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE THE

MONETT LIONS CLUB

80th

ANNIVERSARY

SATURDAY
MAY 30, 2026

Social Hour 5:00 PM
Celebration 6:00 PM

Scott Regional Technology Center
2 David Sippy Drive Monett, MO

Please RSVP

PDG Lion Theresa Kee: 417-236-8201
liontk2020@gmail.com

We look forward to celebrating with you!



Monett Lions Club
80th Anniversary Celebration



Registration Form

Guest No. 1:

___ Lion ___ Leo ___ Guest

Name: _____ Home Club: _____ District: _____

Current Lion Title: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Please note any specialty needs or dietary restrictions below

Guest No. 2:

___ Lion ___ Leo ___ Guest

Name: _____ Home Club: _____ District: _____

Current Lion Title: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Please note any specialty needs or dietary restrictions below

****If registering more for more than 2 attendees please use additional forms****

Registration - \$25.00 meal & \$10.00 Non Meal

Number of Guests	Cost \$25.00 ea.	Cost \$10.00 ea.	Total Amount Due	Check Number

Pay by Credit Card- contact Lion Linda Dohmen – adohmen@sbcglobal.net or (417)235-4702

Make Checks Payable to Monett Lions Club

Print & Mail to: PDG Lion Theresa Kee 911 Lakewood Drive Monett Mo 65708

****Registration deadline May 15, 2026****

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Super 8

201 Hess Drive Monett, MO

(417) 236-9200

Reserve your Room by mentioning

The Monett Lions Club for

discounted rate

**** Hotel Reservation deadline**

APRIL 30, 2026**

Thank You!

Clubs Corner



Congratulations to our Student of the Month for April, Brodie Probert from Seneca! Pictured with **Neosho Lion Club** Lion Jonathan Russell.

Seymour Lions Annual Pancake Feed on April 18th was a success. It's not just a fundraiser that we do (& proceeds go back to the community) but everyone socializing & catching up with friends is great to see. We love to SERVE our community. Stole Lion Duane's spot cooking pancakes at the end & using up the last of the batter. It's not a perfect LIONS... but I tried.





You Are Invited to
"Dine in the Dark"
with
Ozarks Future Hope Lions
Saturday June 27, 2026



WHERE: Springfield Elks Lodge
2223 E Bennett St Springfield, MO 65804

TIME: 5 - 7 pm

COST: \$60 per person

Join **Ozarks Future Hope Lions Club** of Springfield MO for a unique dining experience. This is a fund raiser for **The Dog Stays**, a respite care program for dogs when their owner is temporarily unable to care for them due to illness or hospital stay. Come join us for an evening of fun and enlightenment. There will be a silent auction and cash bar. Program includes table games and guest speaker from **The Dog Stays**.

RSVP and pay by June 13, 2026

Check or Credit Card contact Lion Ian Lindevald

660-349-9631 or Lindevald@gmail.com

CashApp \$OFHLions

For more information contact Lion Debra Whitt

President and Event Coordinator

417-922-0227

Clubs Corner

50 YEARS!!! WOW!! What an honor to hand out this year's of service to such a deserving Lion in **Shell Knob**. As well as getting to meet the other members. Keep your eyes open for an eye mission coming soon to their area!



2026 GREAT PLAINS LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE (GPLLI)

GPLLI Event Description: “Training to prepare Lions for leadership positions throughout the organization. The GPLLI program is customized to best accommodate the needs of the area.” Dynamic facilitators from across the Great Plains will provide emerging Lion leaders with modules on diversity; goal setting; Lions fundamentals; local issues; mission statement; motivation; public speaking; time management; and working in teams.

GPLLI Candidate Description: “Qualified candidates are Lions ready to pursue leadership roles within their Lions communities. Club Leaders would benefit from attending.” **NOTE: Previous attendees are not eligible to participate without prior approval from the Institute Coordinator.**

GPLLI Sponsors: Multiple Districts 3 (Oklahoma), 9 (Iowa), 17 (Kansas), 26 (Missouri) and 38 (Nebraska).

WHEN: July 17-19, 2026. Check-in at the dormitory will take place from 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. on Friday, July 17, 2026. Adjournment and checkout, by Noon on Sunday, July 19, 2026.

WHERE: Baker University, Baldwin City, Kansas 66006.

COST: US \$220 per attendee if payment received on or before April 30, 2026. Cost increases to US \$240 beginning May 1, 2026. Registration covers single occupancy room, seven meals, and all course materials. Lion attendees may request to room together if desired. Mail completed application and full payment to PID Hans Neidhardt, 2744 E Ironstone St, Park City, KS 67219.

SPECIAL Needs: If you have special needs (meals, mobility, sight, hearing, etc.) please be sure to provide this on your application. Attached additional sheet if necessary.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES: Please download the fillable PDF application and provide complete information to the entire application before printing and submitting it. If you are given a hard copy of the application, please print the information legibly. Application deadline is June 1, 2026.

Curriculum Coordinator/Registrar:

PID Hans Neidhardt
2744 E Ironstone St, Park City, KS 67219
316-435-2800
hnwizardofoz@gmail.com

2026 FACULTY DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE (FDI)

Purpose of Faculty Development Institute (FDI): As a train-the-trainer focused institute, the primary purpose is to enhance training delivery skills and training techniques that will increase the quality of training and overall effectiveness of Lions leadership development programs. Given the limited FDI slots, acceptance into the institute is not guaranteed. Each applicant will be vetted prior to final selection to attend the training. Accepted applicants will be notified by the Curriculum Coordinator/Registrar. Applicants not selected will have their course fees returned.

FDI Qualifications and Expectations:

- Current active member of a club within the constitutional area.
- Not attended an FDI within the last five (5) years. (International or Local)
- Have an interest in improving training delivery skills.
- In-depth knowledge of Lions' culture, Lions leadership experience, and comfort using PowerPoint is preferred.
- **Expectations: Upon acceptance, participants are obligated to the following conditions.**
 - Attend all sessions of the 3-day institute.
 - Arrange personal travel to and from the institute.
 - Complete all pre-assignments prior to arrival.
 - Arrange to be observed and evaluated conducting a local training event within 6 months of attending the FDI. The evaluation will be certified by the GLT MD Coordinator and Council Chair.
 - Upon "certification", assist in facilitating leadership training at the District, Multiple District, and area levels.

FDI Sponsors: Multiple Districts 3 (Oklahoma), 9 (Iowa), 17 (Kansas), 26 (Missouri), and 38 (Nebraska).

WHEN: July 16-19, 2026 Registration is from 3:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. on Thursday, July 16, 2026. Classes begin at 8 A.M. on Friday, July 17. Checkout by Noon on Sunday, July 19, 2026.

WHERE: Baker University, Baldwin City, Kansas 66006.

COST: US \$220 per attendee if payment received on or before April 30, 2026. Cost increases to US \$240 beginning May 1, 2026. Registration covers single occupancy room, nine meals, and all course materials. Lion attendees may request to room together, if desired. Mail application and full payment to PID Hans Neidhardt, 2744 E Ironstone St, Park City, Kansas 67219.

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Curriculum Coordinator/Registrar
 PID Hans Neidhardt
 2744 E Ironstone St, Park City, Ks 67219
 316-435-2800
 hnwizardofoz@gmail.com

REGISTRATION FORM

2026 FACULTY DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE

Sponsored by the Lions of Multiple Districts 3, 9, 17, 26, and 38
Baker University, 615 Dearborn St, Baldwin City, Kansas 66006

July 16-19, 2026

Name (Last, First, MI): _____ Badge Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Home Club Name & Club Number: _____ LCI Member #: _____

Sub District #: _____ Joined Lions (Yr.): _____ Highest Position Held: _____

Please Mark All That Apply:

- | | | |
|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Double Occupancy | Requested Roommate Name: _____ | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Diabetic Diet | <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian Diet | <input type="checkbox"/> Vegan Diet |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vision Impaired | <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing-Impaired | <input type="checkbox"/> Mobility Challenges |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wheelchair Access Required | | |

List special accommodations that you require: _____

Registration Fee is US \$220 if received by April 30, 2026. Fee increases to US \$240 starting May 1, 2026. Your fee includes nine meals, Institute costs, and dormitory rooms (single occupancy). Lions may request to room together. Check-in at the dormitory is permitted between 3:00 – 4:00 PM, on Thursday, July 16th. Attendees may purchase a GPLLI embroidered polo for an additional US \$30. Shirts run a little large. To ensure receiving a polo, please order it on this form & increase the fee accordingly. **Shirt Size:** _____

Mail completed Registration Form and full payment to FDI Registrar, PID Hans Neidhardt, 2744 E Ironstone St, Park City, Kansas 67219. Applications will not be accepted without full payment.

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

The following information will be used in case of an emergency arising during the 2026 Institute. The Emergency Information will be shredded at the conclusion of the course.

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Contact Phone #s: Home: _____ Cell: _____ Work: _____

Medical information to be shared with EMS: _____

NOTICE: Please provide complete application information before submitting it. Application Deadline, June 1, 2026



So excited for this fundraiser project for Mid-South!!! You can participate in the race individually, as a club, or a sponsor. Win prize money or our grand prize; a night at the Peabody and breakfast for 2!! Watch the video on their website midsouthlions.org Purchase some duck & help us help others!



NEW CHECK OUT OUR ONLINE STORE!

A photograph of a person's hands holding a smartphone. The screen of the phone shows a website interface with a shopping cart icon and a red "CHECK OUT" button. A laptop keyboard is visible in the background.

Mid-South Lions now has an on-line store for you to purchase your favorite items from Shirts, Challenge coin set, Art prints, and more. Go to midsouthlions.org & click on "Mid-South Lions Store".

USA/Canda Forum – September 2026



Website Link



Registration Link

ONLY 5 HOURS FROM OUR DISTRICT M6!!!

Early bird registration for the Memphis Forum ends March 31, 2026. The price goes up on April 1 (not an April Foolish joke) and this is a Forum you will not want to miss.

First of all, this is an historic USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, **celebrating our 50th year** of bringing some of the **top educational sessions** in Lions to the members of the United States, Its affiliate and Canada.

Memphis, Tennessee is a beautiful city located at the crux of interstate 40 , 55 and 69 – easily drivable for many Lions. There are lots of exterritorialy activates in and around the city.

- Bass Pro Shops at the Pyramid
- Sun Studios
- Memphis Music Hall of Fame
- Elvis Presley’s Graceland
- Beale Street (during the day)
- and more

Registration covers:

- 4 meals that include an anniversary party on Thursday Evening.
- Motivational speakers, 80-plus educational seminars,
- 2026-2027 International President Mark S. Lyon – Sat luncheon
- Sat evening, singer, songwriter, & entrepreneur Floyd Armstong. And a Lion charter member of the All City Entertainment Lions Club.
- Forum Store, exhibits
- Meeting International Officers & Directors
- Fantastic fellowship with other Lions
- and so much more.

Don’t miss this once-in-a-lifetime experience of the 50th USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum.

Registration is \$340 through March 31, goes up to \$360 on April 1. You can register at the LionsForum.org or by scanning the QR Code above.



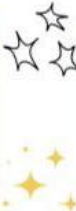
SERVICE PROJECTS



Food Pantry:
Friday
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM



Strides Walk:
Friday
1:00pm - 2:00pm



Magic Yarn:
Saturday



Follow us on Facebook!



ANTHONY "TONY" BENBOW INTERNATIONAL THIRD VICE PRESIDENT

Tony Benbow from South Vermont, Australia, was elected to serve as international Third Vice President of Lions Clubs International at the association's 107th International Convention held in Orlando, Florida, July 13th through 17th, 2025.

Vice President Benbow is a retired head of operations in banking.

A member of the South Vermont Lions Club since 1985, he has held many offices within the association, including International Director, Club President, District Governor, Council Chairperson and GMT Area Leader.

In recognition of his service to the association, he has received numerous awards, including a Membership Advancement Key, Club President Excellence Award, two International President's Certificates of Appreciation and nine International President's Awards. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lion activities, Vice President Benbow has been active in numerous professional and community organizations, including an associate member of the Institute of Community Directors, chairman of Lions House Foundation and chairman of the Australian Lions

State Convention Registration Form

1st Registrant

Name:

How it will appear on your nametag

Full Name: _____
 Club: _____
 District: _____
 Email: _____

2nd Registrant

Name:

How it will appear on your nametag

Full Name: _____
 Club: _____
 District: _____
 Email: _____

- ▶ Dietary needs _____
- ▶ Full Registration _____ \$100 X _____ = _____
- ▶ Registration & Lunch _____ \$60 X _____ = _____
- ▶ Registration & Banquet _____ \$80 X _____ = _____
- ▶ Registration Only _____ \$30 X _____ = _____

*Add \$10.00 after 4/7/27 \$10 X _____ = _____

First time attending? If so, Check here:

Total: \$ _____

Or Scan here to pay: (3% Convenience fee)



Checks Payable To:

MO Lions 2027
 State Convention
 (No refunds will be issued
 after March 31, 2027)

Mail Registration To:

PDG Susan Paden
 25105 Hwy J
 Mexico, MO 65265

Early Registration:

Prize for those who register by 12/31/26!!

Rooms/Rates:

Courtyard by Marriott
 573-443-8000
 Double or King...\$125.00
 Block ends March 29, 2027
 ****Use Code: MISSOURI LIONS****

Hospitality Night:

Friday 6:00pm - 11:00pm
 FOOD + DRINKS + DJ + all at the Hotel!
 Theme: "RED, WHITE 'n BLUE & YOU"
 Wear your Patriotic Outfits!!

Breakfast:

Breakfast will be on your own.

Sunday:

Memorial Service

Have you heard about
The Magic Yarn Project?

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Handmade with Love.
Worn with Courage.

A GREAT SERVICE PROJECT
FOR PEDIATRIC CANCER PATIENTS.



And your magical dreams!

Why it matters:

- Boosts confidence & self-esteem for children
- Provides warmth & comfort during treatment
- Creates joy & a sense of normalcy
- Shows that they are loved and never alone

From Our Hands to Their Hearts

WE CROCHET HOPE. ONE STITCH AT A TIME!

We crochet (not knit) wigs and hats using soft, colorful yarn.



YOU CAN HELP!

- Crochet a wig or hat (patterns provided!)
- Donate yarn or supplies
- Share the word
- Join us in making a magical difference!

Beginners welcome!
Everyone can make a difference!

COME JOIN THE FUN!
AT YOUR STATE CONVENTION IN 2027!

CONNECT ♥ CREATE ♥ CHANGE LIVES ♥

TOGETHER, WE CAN TURN YARN INTO HOPE, SMILES & MAGIC!



Learn more or get involved:
themagicyarnproject.com

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This is the service project we will be doing on Saturday during our convention. Jobs for all no experience required!