

District Convention Schedule

Friday, February 27, 2026

6:00 – 9:00 AM Breakfast in the restaurant *(For those who stayed the night)*
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM Eye Mission & Wellness Event
(Joplin Association for the Blind, 311 S. Schifferdecker Ave.)
5:00 - 7:00 PM Registration Open
6:00 - 10:00 PM Hospitality Night *(Arizona Room)*
6:00 - 8:00 PM Raffle *(continues Sat)*
7:00 PM Town Hall Meeting with ID Melissa Washburn

Saturday, February 28, 2026

7:00 - 8:30 AM Breakfast served in convention hall for Lions
7:00 - 9:00 AM Registration Open
7:00 - 5:15 PM Exhibits & Raffle Open
8:30 - 5:00 PM LEO Convention & Service Project *(Arizona Room)*
8:00 - 8:15 AM Memorial Service *(Texas/Plaza Room)*
Reading DG Paula Rodgers
Recitation of Names 1VDG Tammy James
Bell 2VDG Marlene Payne
Remembrance Special Lion Cathy Simpson
8:15 - 8:45 AM 1st Plenary Session
Call to Order DG Paula Rodgers
Joplin Recognition Joplin Mayor Keenan Cortez
Invocation PDG Stuart Payne
Pledge of Allegiance IPDG Frank Lambrecht
Patriotic Song PDG Toni Morris
Club Banner Recognition 1VDG Tammy James
Establish Protocol PCC Phyllis Krebs
Introduction of Guests DG Paula Rodgers
8:45 – 10:10 AM C&BL Issues on Ballot PDG Toni Morris
District Officer Nominations for 2026-2027
Verification of Nominees Lion Tracy Barger
DG Tammy James Nominations
PDG Nominations Toni Morris & Lion Joyce Jones
1VDG Marlene Payne Nomination Speech
1VDG Nominations PDG Theresa Kee & Lion Cathy Simpson
2VDG Dawna Morris Nomination Speech
2VDG Nominations Lion Rosalie Watts & PCC Walt Hamer
2VDG Junior Nease Nomination Speech
2VDG Nominations PDG Bart Tibbs & PDG Kevin Cantrell
Saving Sight Steve Murray Nomination Speech
Saving Sight Nominations IPDG Frank Lambrecht & 1VDG Tammy James
Voting Procedure Instructions Lion Suzanne Wilson

10:15 - 10:25 AM KidSight PDG Bob Crump
10:25 - 10:35 AM LCIF Presentation PDG Phil Krebs
10:35 - 10:40 AM Eye Mission & Wellness Event Report
Lion Steve Murray
10:45 - 11:05 AM Mid-South & USA/Canada Forum PDG Brad Baker
11:10 - 11:25 AM LBOMB Lion Becca Bentlage
11:25AM - 11:55PM Introduction of International Director DG Paula Rodgers
Keynote Address ID Melissa Washburn
Prayer for Lunch PDG Bart Tibbs
11:55-12:15 PM Voting *(West end of convention hallway)*
ID Melissa Washburn talk with Leo's (Arizona Room)
Visit Exhibits & Raffles
12:15 - 1:45 PM Lunch – Lions, Leos & Guests
Tail Twisting
Peace Poster Award Lion Rosalie Watts
Parade of Checks Service Organization Representatives
Hearing Sweepstakes Drawing PDG Stuart Payne
Announce Election Results Lion Suzanne Wilson & Lion Tracy Barger
Special Recognitions/Awards DG Paula Rodgers & ID Melissa Washburn
2:00-2:45 PM Workshops *(Pick one)*
Mental Health - ID Melissa (Texas/Plaza Room)
Recruiting - IPDG Frank Lambrecht (Arizona Room)
3:00-3:45 PM Workshops *(Pick one)*
Lions 101 - DG Rachel Harper & PDG Al Blumenburg (Arizona Room)
Vision Training – 2VDG Lori Spire & PDG Bob Crump (Texas/Plaza Room)
3:45 – 5:15 PM Service Project -Scavenger Hunt *(Texas/Plaza Room)*
5:15 PM Raffle Closes
5:15 - 8:00 PM Dinner on your own in Joplin area
8:00 PM Sponsored Entertainment
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Words from DG Elect
Adjourn Convention DG Paula Rodgers