



Newsletter



March 2026

Lions District MD26-M6



IT'S A GREAT YEAR TO BE A LION!!!

And I truly mean that, I have been more blessed this year than I could ever explain in words. The love that I feel each time I visit a new club or get to visit with a Lion is amazing and welcoming. Lately I have been visiting other District conventions and being supportive of my fellow Governors. And as much as I enjoy that I have to say M6 still is the best! And if you came to our convention THANKS!!!

I am still getting around to some Clubs to hand out awards I have so I may be popping in on you sometime soon.

Since I have been traveling, I have accrued a list of things other Clubs do as service projects across the State of Missouri. Sometimes as a Club we get comfortable in our projects and don't want to try anything new but just imagine the interest it can inspire in your community. Even find a new member in the community to try running it for you! Give them the reigns and motivate them and watch your club grow!

I hope I get to meet each of you! And remember to roar like a Lion and try something new!

Service Project Ideas

- Breakfast with the Easter Bunny
- Hand out cookies or baked goods at a 4th of July event celebration
- Photo Contest for nonprofessionals
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Breakfast with Santa
- Hang Flags around the community for holidays
- Kids bike safety program for kindergarteners
- Sponsor kids swim lessons for kids under the age of 8
- Get a grant for new playground equipment for your park
- Christmas cards for Veterans Home and Nursing homes
- Christmas presents for Nursing home and Veterans homes who don't have family members

*Lion Paula Rodgers
M6 District Governor*

Fundraising Ideas

- Cowpie Bingo
- Gun Raffle
- Pancake Breakfast
- Pancake Dinner
- Trivia Night



Stay Connected!



<https://molionsm6.org/>



Missouri Lions District M6

District M6 Convention – Eye Mission



Fellow Club Members: I am pleased to report that the District M6 Eye Mission held at the Joplin Association for the Blind last Friday in conjunction with the M6 District Convention was successful beyond all expectations. 47 Lions representing 14 Lions Clubs participated in the event including all five members of the new Joplin Lions Club and 10 from our Carl Junction club. Hours for the event were 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. but a line around the building began forming at 8 a.m. About 50 were in line when the doors opened at 10:00 a.m. By the time that we closed the doors, 151 people had registered and were scanned by our volunteers. This resulted in over 125 pairs of prescription glasses distributed and 27 referrals for further testing. In addition, the Eye Mission included our district's Kid Sight chairman who screened 41 children for early detection of vision issues. Several children, including a three-year-old, were then processed through the Eye Mission and provided with glasses with a few referred for further evaluation.

Although Joplin residents were the primary registrants, we saw people from Carthage, Aurora, Neosho, Granby, Galena, KS, Webb City, Carl Junction, Diamond, Girard, KS, Monett, Verona, Alba, Peirce City, Oronogo and Carterville.

Special recognition goes to our new 1VDGE Marlene Payne for coordinating the Eye Mission between the Joplin and Carl Junction Lions Clubs along with the District M6 leadership who included a slot on the convention agenda for us. Also, Lions Harold and Lori Spire from the Maryville Host Lions Club for delivering several hundred prescription eyeglasses and PDG Frank Lambrecht for bringing the scanning equipment from Eldorado Springs. Lion Joyce Jones from the M6 District Diabetes Awareness program was on hand with literature and blood sugar screening. Emilie Williams from Kansas City University-Joplin and her assistant worked all day distributing children's books and visiting with parents. Stephanie Mann and Joplin Lion member Joyce Vaughn staffed the Joplin Association for the Blind information table.



Not to be overlooked, DG Paula Rodgers arrived with International Director Melissa Washburn and PCC Gemma Ferguson who came to us from the Carlsbad (NM) Downtown Lions Club and spent the day with us.

District M6 Convention – Eye Mission & Hospitality Night

Director Washburn spoke several times at the M6 District Convention the following day about how impressed she was by what she observed at the Eye Mission.

Lion Jeremy Boes, president of the Neosho Lions and 1st VP Marianne Taylor from Neosho were on hand to review the process as they plan for an Eye Mission in Neosho. Lion Suzanne Wilson from the Branson/Hollister Lions was also there to help lay the groundwork for their scheduled Eye Mission. Amanda Burk, a recent arrival to Lebanon, Missouri from Wisconsin, found us through the Eye Mission Foundation and spent the day with us helping fit the prescription eyeglasses.

We owe a debt of gratitude to Dr. Jeff Barkley, from Sam's Club who virtually without a break saw all but a handful of those who registered. And finally, our thanks to Carl Junction Lions Ken and Linda Culbertson, Ken and Judy Heins, Kent Wise, Norma Frakes, Patsy Murray, Stuart and Marlene Payne and Joplin Lions Matt Vaughn, Rhonda Thompson, Gail Vaughn, Ashobi Ajith, Fran and Dale Owens for volunteering to staff and organize event. It was a day where "We Serve" truly came to life.

Lion Steve Murray



Our M6 District Convention 2026 was held Feb 27-28, with a great turn out & beautiful weather!!! We started Fri night with a hospitality night with IPDG Frank's fish with his crew cooking outside.



District Convention 2026 – Joplin, MO

Sat, Feb 28, was the big day of memorial, reports, LEO's, voting, awards & ID Melissa's presentation. Great memories & fun. Congratulations to our district Peace Poster winner, Lion Steve Murray for being elected to the Saving Sight director's position. Congratulations to our 2026-27 officers...DGE Lion Tammy James, 1VDGE Lion Marlene Payne & 2VDGE Dawna Morris. (E=Elect) For more pictures check out our Facebook page at Missouri Lions District M6.



District M6 Convention – Anvil Axe Co.

M6 ended our district convention at Anvil Ax Co. Where there's was throwing off Ax's (with workers teaching & watching over us, they were awesome). Everyone had a great time.



District M6 – Zone Meetings

Zone 4 had a great turn out Feb 21, 2026. 12 Lions from 3 different clubs & 1VDG Tammy came. We discussed projects going on in our clubs & new projects in the works. We also did a little training on planning for your Club's Success with leaders, goals/vision, S.W.O.T., & team from inside our clubs & with our community. Big thank you to Ava Lions for hosting us & supplying lunch too.



Back in the fall, a lady showed up at the Diamond Concession Stand wanting to get rid of her late husband's Lions clothing, pins, and hat from the old Joplin Rangeline Club. I knew where to take them!

Another lady came to the Joplin Eye Mission on Feb 27, bringing his blue DG Jacket and other clothing items, along with this vest that PDG Craig Lehman is holding. At that time, this Lion was in the Webb City Lions Club and later to a Joplin Club. While PDG Craig and I inspected the vest and pins, we found the owners DG Pin (PDG Howard House) and learned that PDG Craig actually served the SAME year as PDG Howard (1988-89). What a reunion!

Lion Marlene Payne, 1VDGE

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.)



IN MISSOURI:

From July 1, 2025, through February 15, 2026, KidSight staff and volunteers provided vision screenings for **46,961 children at 601 screening events** across the state of Missouri. So far, we have served children in 94 Missouri counties. It would take about **1,900 school buses full to transport 46,961 kids** whose vision was checked to help them see, learn, and thrive.

As a result of our screenings, **4,448 children were identified as needing a comprehensive eye exam.** Of those referred children, 22% were found to be at high risk for vision loss, presenting amblyogenic risk factors that could significantly affect their vision development if left unaddressed. Our Care Coordinator has worked directly with 201 families to help them overcome barriers to care – coordinating no cost care, replacement glasses, connecting families with providers in their community, etc.

IN DISTRICT M-6:

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

In May working an Eye Mission in Seymour. Two more locations are pending on dates.

CLUB DONATIONS:

As of March 31, 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 make a donation 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

IN FUNDRAISING:

“Get Away To Branson” Sweepstakes For KidSight is on for the second year. Tickets are being sold for a package value at approximately \$1,000. Winner will receive all these certificates and good anytime during 2026.

- 2 nights at Branson Towers Hotel - 2 tickets at Presleys’ Country Jubilee - 2 tickets to Golden Corral Buffett & Drink
- 2 tickets to CJ Newsom’s Classic Country & Comedy - 2 tickets to Titanic Museum – 2 tickets to Dolly Parton’s Stampede

Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 tickets for \$5.00

Drawing will be at State Lions Convention – April 25, 2026

All tickets sold will go to KidSight. All printing and postage being paid for by PDG Bob Crump

For more information on KidSight or **“Get Away To Branson” Sweepstakes** tickets contact; PDG Bob Crump, KidSight Board member and Screener at becrump2123@yahoo.com or 417-464-4040.



Get Away to Branson

Approximately
a \$1,000
Value!!

Sweepstakes For



Tickets are
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or
6 for \$5.00

One Winning Ticket Gets All of This!!

- 2 nights at Branson Towers Hotel
- 2 tickets at Presley's Country Jubilee
- 2 tickets to C.J. Newsome's Classic Country & Comedy
- 2 tickets to Titanic Museum
- 2 tickets to Dolly Parton's Stampede
- Buffet & Beverage for 2 at Golden Corral (Good Anytime in 2026)

For More Information Contact: PDG Bob Crump
PO Box 575, Seymour, MO 65746
417-464-4040
becrump213@yahoo.com

Drawing will be at the
Missouri Lions State Convention
Saturday, April 25, 2026

Calendar of Events

March 2026

31 = MO Lions State Convention, Hotel rooms special ends.

31 = Memphis Forum early bird registration ends for \$340, to \$360 on April 1.

April 2026

4 = Carl Junction Lions Breakfast, with special Easter guest.

4 = Elkland Lions, Turkey Shoot 9am-noon & Easter Egg Hunt at 1pm.

10-11 = [Mid-South Visiting Lions Weekend](#), Memphis, TN

11 = Hartville Lions Consignment & Donation Auction

18 = Elkland Lions Pancake Breakfast 8am and Craft Fair, 9am-1pm.

18-26 = Environment Week of Service

23 = Council of Governors Meeting, St. Joseph, MO

23-26 = MO State Convention, St. Joseph, MO

30 = GPLLI & FDI registration early bird payment ends.

May 2026

1 = Council Of Governors Meeting, St. Joseph, MO

2 = Seymour Lions Eye Mission, Seymour Methodist Church, 10am-2pm

2 = Christian Count Lions, Shred Day, Price Cutters Nixa, MO

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

16 = Long Lane Lions, Pony Pull, 6pm

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

June 2026

1 = GPLLI & FDI applications deadline.

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

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

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

July 2026

3-7 = International Convention Hong Kong

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



Rebecca Haine the Executive Director of The Pregnancy Resource Center was our speaker last Thursday at the **Aurora Lions Club** meeting. If you know anyone expecting, they are a great resource. They provide education and resources to expecting parents and stay with them thru the first year after birth.

Heritage Harmony House came and spoke to the **Aurora Lions** about all they do for our community last night. It was great to hear about the activities and meals they offer our community! Check them out at [Heritage Harmony House](#) for more information.



I didn't get photos of the **Aurora Lions** at the Chamber Expo today but looks like we made other posts! Thanks! We are looking at holding our second Free vision screening later this year! We are looking for volunteers. We meet next the Second Thursday of April at 6:30 Pm in the basement of the Aurora Library

Clubs Corner

2 eye mission, 2 towns & in 1 week with **Branson-Hollister Lions Club** along with 4 Ozark Seniors Health Fair. We screened 72 people for vision, 27 for hearing, about 22 fitted with glasses & about 15 referrals for further vision care. Thank you to everyone who came out & helped. Thank you to Dr Trey Upton from My Vision Clinic in Branson for coming out to help us today.



Branson Hollister recently processed and delivered 3,179 pairs of glasses to Jefferson City.



Branson Hollister members at District Convention in Joplin.

DG Paula Rodgers inducting new members into the **Branson-Hollister Lions Club**.

We had 11 new members recently join the club.



Carl Junction Lions will be having a breakfast Saturday, April 4th and will have a special guest “Hopping” in.

Christian County Lions Club

Spring is a time of new growth and beauty – and we renew our commitment of service to our community.

Scholarships – April 1, 2026, is the application deadline for graduating high school seniors in Christian County. Through some hard fund-raising work, we are able to offer 3 scholarships.



Pancake breakfast – we hosted our third pancake breakfast on March 7, 2026, to raise money for the scholarships. We are building on our successes!

Alleviating hunger – every year, we support Least of These Food Pantry – “Feeding People, Changing Lives”. On average, they feed 1400 families per month. On Feb 19, 2026, we presented a check for \$300 to help restock the shelves (pictured). In addition, we donated an extra \$100 for hygiene items (not pictured).

White Cane Day – will be in April at Harter House in Nixa, MO.

Plastic Recycling – we continue to partner with Trex Corporation to recycle over 1,000 pounds of soft plastic every year. That’s right, over 1,000 pounds of plastic every year.

Shred event – we will host our first shred event for the community on Saturday, May 2 at Price Cutter parking lot in Nixa, MO. We look forward to providing this service to our community.

Elkland 2026 Lions Club Events

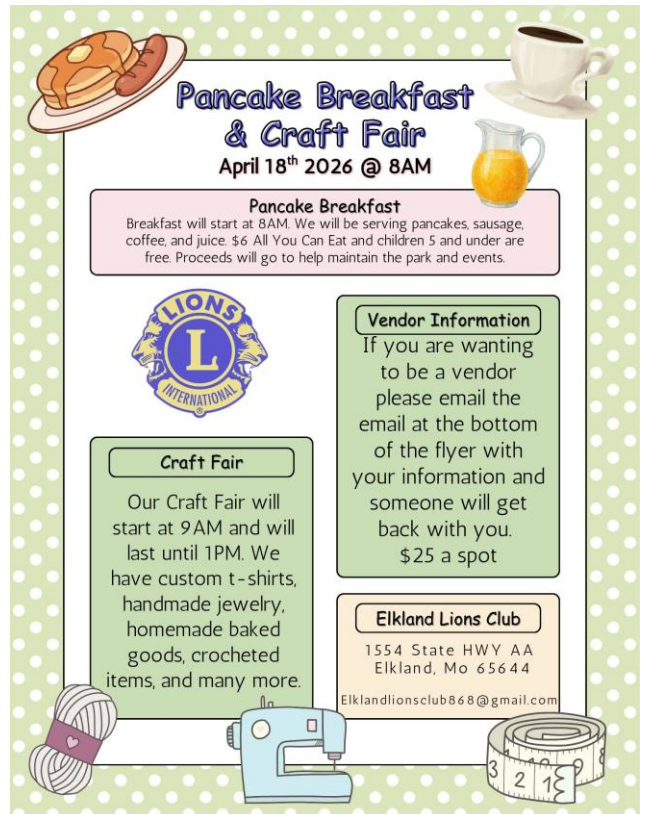


TURKEY SHOOT & EASTER EGG HUNT
 9AM to Noon
 Starts at 1PM
April 4th 2026 | Elkland Lions Club

Turkey Shoot
 Saturday, April 4th 2026,
 We will be having a Spring Turkey Shoot from 9AM to Noon. \$5 per round with a 50/50 payback. We provide the shells.

Easter Egg Hunt
 For our kids, we will be having an Easter Egg Hunt, this event starts at 1PM shortly after the turkey shoot. This is a free event for the kids. Our age categories are as follows:
 • 2 years and under
 • 3 & 4 years old
 • 5 & 6 years old
 • 7 & 8 years old
 • 9 & 10 years old

Contact Info
 Elkland Lions Club
 1554 State Hwy AA, Elkland, MO 65644
 Email: elklandlionsclub888@gmail.com



Pancake Breakfast & Craft Fair
 April 18th 2026 @ 8AM

Pancake Breakfast
 Breakfast will start at 8AM. We will be serving pancakes, sausage, coffee, and juice. \$6 All You Can Eat and children 5 and under are free. Proceeds will go to help maintain the park and events.

Vendor Information
 If you are wanting to be a vendor please email the email at the bottom of the flyer with your information and someone will get back with you.
 \$25 a spot

Craft Fair
 Our Craft Fair will start at 9AM and will last until 1PM. We have custom t-shirts, handmade jewelry, homemade baked goods, crocheted items, and many more.

Elkland Lions Club
 1554 State HWY AA
 Elkland, Mo 65644
 Elklandlionsclub888@gmail.com

- Saturday, April 4th - Turkey Shoot 9 AM - 12 PM
- Saturday, April 4th - Easter Egg Hunt @ 1 PM
- Saturday, April 18th - Craft Fair 9 AM - 1 PM
- Saturday, April 18th - Pancake breakfast @ 8 AM
- Saturday, May 9th - Ranch Rodeo @ 7 PM
- Friday, May 15th - Play Day @ 7 PM
- Friday, June 19th - Play Day @ 7 PM
- Friday, July 17th - Play Day @ 7 PM
- Friday, August 21st - Play Day @ 7 PM
- Saturday, September 12th - Ranch Rodeo @ 7 PM
- Friday, September 18th - Play Day @ 7 PM
- Saturday, October 3rd - Ranch Rodeo @ 7 PM
- Friday, October 16th - Play Day @ 7 PM
- Saturday, October 31st- Trunk-or-Treat @ 6 PM
- Saturday, November 14th - Pancake breakfast @ 7 AM
- Saturday, November 14th - Chili Cook-off & Auction @ 5 PM



HARTVILLE LIONS CLUB

**Consignment & Donation
21st Annual Auction**

Saturday, April 11th

Good Consignments Needed

Low Fee Commissions

Donations Appreciated

To consign or donate items contact:

**Aaron
Huffman
741-2613**

**Lonnie
Hilliard
741-2095**

**Scott
VerPloeg
741-0082**

**James
Teske
217-6202**

Consign ASAP for sale bill listing

Clubs Corner

Lebanon Host Lions Club members visited the OTC Lebanon campus Feb 4, 2026! Enjoying a great lunch and learning about how OTC serves our community! Thanks to President Dusty Childress for the invite and information shared today!



Long Lane Lions Club
EASTER EGG HUNT
March 28, 2026
Doors open at 10:00 AM
Books close at 11:45 AM
Hunt Begins at 12 noon
Ages are 0 to 14 years old
A hotdog and soda for each CHILD
For Information call:
Diana Massey 417 594 0532
Myrna Burtin 417 345 8228

Long Lane Lions Club
BINGO
Saturday- March 28, 2026 @ 5 PM
10 cards for \$15 or \$ 2.00 per card
Silent Auction
Chili Frito Pie Hot Dogs
Drink Chips Candy Bars
Come Join Us in an evening of BINGO and FUN!!
25 Park Trail Long Lane, MO
For Information call
417-733- 2370 or 417-594-0532
*NO CARDS
CASH - CHECKS
ONLY*

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!



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!

Clubs Corner



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

Number of Guests	Cost \$25.00 ea.	Total Amount Due	Check Number	Paying by Card

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

** A Credit Card fee of \$3.00 will apply per transaction**

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!

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



Missouri Lions – Convention Registration

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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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 _____ = _____

(Includes registration, luncheon & banquet)

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.**



The 104th Missouri Lions State Convention is fast approaching.

On Friday Night, April 24th, a silent auction will be held.

It is your opportunity to showcase to other Lions your talents and generosity.

We know there are painters, woodworkers, metal artists in our midst. And don't forget the wine makers and chefs. Are you talented in creating a basket of goodies to entice interest?

District Challenge? Maybe!

If you are not attending the convention, but have ideas and items, perhaps your district governor or another attendee might deliver for you.

Show the other districts what you are proud of from your own!

We look forward to your creativity!

Mid-South

Mid-South Lions is hosting **VISITING LIONS WEEKEND** and **L. B. BAKER HALL OF HONOR** Induction on April 10-11, 2026, at the Hamilton Eye Institute in Memphis.

On April 10-11, 2026, you can see for yourself how Mid-South Lions works with the medical professionals and facilities at Hamilton Eye Institute in Memphis to make **MIRACLES** for your patients.



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

Beginning at 5 PM on Friday, we'll have some great food, fun, and fellowship on including food, drinks and games booths from each state, an auction and some other fun fundraising activities plus an opportunity to visit with Lions from all four states.

And as a special added attraction, we will induct three GREAT Lions into the L. B. Baker Hall of Honor. Dinner will begin at 7 PM in the Freeman Auditorium and the ceremony will follow.

Past Mid-South Presidents Bill Holbrook and Bill Norris along with long-time supporter and golf tournament sponsor Sam Ware will be inducted. These outstanding men have dedicated their lives to service and have helped hundreds of patients regain the gift of sight.

Saturday sign-in will begin at 7:30 AM with events starting at 8. Your tour will include our operating room suites, the one-of-a-kind pediatric floor and our research facilities. World-renowned ophthalmologists and outstanding Lions will lead your tours.

We should adjourn about 2 PM. Afterwards we will hold a special in-person meeting of the 2026 USA/Canada Forum Memphis Host Committee. We expect that meeting to last about 90 minutes.

COST FOR THE ENTIRE WEEKEND IS \$50 PER PERSON. IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND SATURDAY ONLY, THE COST IS \$20 PER PERSON. DRESS IS CASUAL FOR ALL EVENTS.

A block of hotel rooms has been arranged at the Holiday Inn Express at 1180 Union Ave. The rate is \$109 plus tax (about \$127) per night. Please call 901-276-1175 to make reservations. If you have a problem, ask for Elise. **Do not allow them to transfer you to the national reservations line!**

AND, for Missouri Lions there is a bus trip scheduled to leave Washington at 9 AM on Friday, April 10 then move on to Valley Park and then down I-55 to Memphis. The bus will return on Sunday morning. For more information about the bus ride to VLW call Joe Foster at 573-259-7700, Lisa Alexander 314-258-1069, or the Mid-South Lions office at 9001-543-5466. You can also register for the bus ride on THIS website when you register for Visiting Lions Weekend. **The round-trip bus ride is only \$75 per person.**

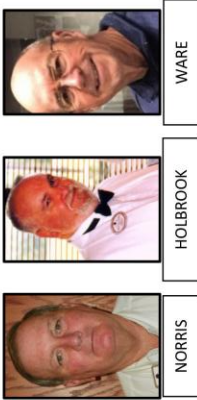
For more info go to www.midsouthlions.org



VISITING LIONS WEEKEND AND HALL OF HONOR INDUCTION

APRIL 10-11, 2026

HAMILTON EYE INSTITUTE MEMPHIS, TN



WARE

HOLBROOK

NORRIS

MID-SOUTH LIONS

L. B. BAKER

HALL OF HONOR

ESTABLISHED 2003

SCAN THIS QR

TO REGISTER

FOR VLW



FULL REGISTRATION \$50

MO BUS \$125

includes Registration

check website for details

Important 2026 Dates to Remember:
GO TO www.midsouthlions.org for details and to register

MARCH 7

THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING
METHODIST HOSPITAL, MEMPHIS

APRIL 10-11

VISITING LIONS WEEKEND
AND HALL OF HONOR INDUCTION
HAMILTON EYE INSTITUTE, MEMPHIS
JUNE 5 – MSL GOLF TOURNAMENT
CHEROKEE VALLEY, OLIVE BRANCH, MS
JUNE 6-ANNUAL MEMBERS MEETING
HAMILTON EYE INSTITUTE, MEMPHIS

HEI CATARACT-A-THON – TBD

AUG 21-22 – QUARTERLY MEETING
BATESVILLE LIONS DEN
BATESVILLE, MS



SEPT 3-5 USA/CANADA FORUM
RENASANT CONV CTR, MEMPHIS



NOVEMBER 14 – QUARTERLY VIA ZOOM

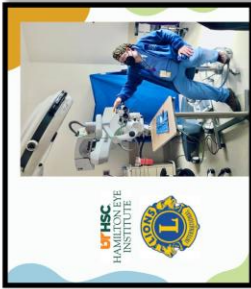
PLEASE DO YOUR BEST TO ENSURE THESE DATES ARE ON YOUR CLUB, DISTRICT AND STATE CALENDARS AND AVOID SCHEDULING OTHER EVENTS ON THESE DATES





On April 10-11, 2026 you can see for yourself how Mid-South Lions works with the medical professionals and facilities at Hamilton Eye Institute in Memphis to make **MIRACLES** for your patients. We'll have some great food, your \$50 per person registration fee will get you two meals) plus fun, and fellowship! On Friday beginning at 5 PM, we'll have games and hospitality booths from each state, a silent auction and some other fun fundraising activities plus an opportunity to visit with Lions from all four states.

Then at 7 PM, the highlight of the weekend will be the Mid-South Lions L. B. Baker Hall of Honor Induction ceremony. Three outstanding individuals will be enshrined in the Hall of Honor. Past Presidents Bill Holbrook and Bill Norris and longtime supporter Sam Ware will be the latest honorees.



BUS TRANSPORTATION IS AVAILABLE IN MISSOURI LEAVING FRIDAY, APRIL 10 AT 9 AM FROM WASHINGTON, THROUGH VALLEY PARK AND DOWN I-55 THE BUS WILL RETURN ON SUNDAY, APRIL 12.

THE COST IS \$125 PER PERSON INCLUDING VWV REGISTRATION.

PLEASE CONTACT
JIM KORICH (573) 201-4474
JOE FOSTER (573) 259-7700
LISA ALEXANDER (314) 258-1069
OR THE MID-SOUTH LIONS OFFICE (901) 543-5466 FOR DETAILS



If you plan to come for Saturday ONLY, registration is only \$20 per person. Saturday sign-in will begin at 7:30 AM with events starting at 8. Your tour will include our operating room suites, the one-of-a-kind pediatric floor and our research facilities. World-renowned ophthalmologists and outstanding Lions will lead your tours.

For more info or to register go to www.midsouthlions.org

There is a block of rooms at the Holiday Inn Express 1180 Union Ave for \$109 plus tax per night including full hot breakfast and free parking. Call 901-276-1175 for reservations. Tell them you are with the Mid-South Lions group and don't let them send you to the national reservations line.



**GREAT FOOD
 GREAT FELLOWSHIP
 BE INFORMED
 BE INSPIRED**

**BE THERE AT
 VISITING LIONS
 WEEKEND**



USA/Canda Forum – September 2026



Website Link



Registration Link

ONLY 5 HOURS FROM OUR DISTRICT M6!!!

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION ENDS AT THE END OF MARCH

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.

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
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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.

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: 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. **Note: Application deadline is June 1, 2026.**

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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:

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| <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