



Missouri Lion

January– February, 2023

Multiple District 26



Missouri Lions State Office

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Missouri Lions Calendar

~Important Upcoming Events~

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Event:</u>	<u>Location:</u>
February 17-19, 2023	M2 District Convention	St. Louis, MO
February 24-25, 2023	M1 District Convention	Rolla, MO
March 3-4, 2023	M7 District Convention	Old Kinderhook-Ozarks, MO
March 17-18, 2023	Mid-South Quarterly Board Meeting	Hot Springs, AR
March 17-18, 2023	M4 District Convention	Chillicothe, MO
March 31-April 1, 2023	M6 District Convention	Springfield, MO
April 20, 2023	4th Council of Governors Meeting	Branson, MO
April 21-23, 2023	State Convention	Branson, MO
June 3, 2023	Mid-South Annual Meeting	Memphis, TN
July 7-11, 2023	International Convention	Boston, Massachusetts
June 21-25, 2024	International Convention	Melbourne, Australia
July 4-8, 2025	International Convention	Mexico City, Mexico
July 3-7, 2026	International Convention	Atlanta, Georgia
July 2-6, 2027	International Convention	Washington, DC
June 23-27, 2028	International Convention	Singapore

CC Phyllis has been surrounded by Lionism from a young age as her father, 2 brothers and then her husband, Lion Phil were/are all Lions. After finishing high school in Arkansas, she attended Burge School of Nursing in Springfield, MO and became a Registered Nurse by the age of 20. She later completed her BSN at Drury University. She worked for several years in the Operating Room at Cox North and then moved to St. Louis to experience 'big city' life and pursue her dream of working in the Cardiac surgery field. Her position at St. Louis Children's Hospital was immensely rewarding, but she missed the small-town atmosphere of Springfield and returned 'home'.

CC Phyllis retired from nursing in 2017, having held many leadership roles throughout her career, including supervisor of a 24-suite OR. CC Phyllis is a Lifetime Red Cross Nurse and received the AORN Perioperative Excellence Award in 2005, as well as numerous other recognitions throughout her professional life. When CC Phyllis met her husband, Lion Phil, she had no intention of becoming a Lion as he was, or ever becoming District Governor. Lion Phil then introduced her to Leader Dogs for the Blind and she immediately became a Puppy Raiser. Through her experience with LDB, she saw and felt the immense impact of Lionism and service which led to joining



the Springfield Queen City Lions club (after being Invited for 19 years!) In her Lions' life, CC Phyllis has been awarded Lion of the Year by both the Springfield Queen City Lions and the Springfield Host Lions, numerous Leadership awards and certificates, and the Leader Dogs for the Blind Founders Tribute. CC Phyllis is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow. During the years of her service, her positions have included District Convention Chair, Springfield Host Lions Service Chairperson, LCIF coordinator, President, and Springfield Queen City Lions 1st Vice President. CC Phyllis's varied interests include spending time with Lion Phil, family, and friends, training and competing with her dogs, teaching dog training classes, painting, knitting, weaving, baking, traveling, reading and pursuing new skills such as preparing wool from a raw sheep fleece and spinning.

Meet your Council Chairperson

IMPORTANT INFORMATION--Ballot for State Convention Election, Please Read Carefully

**Official Ballot
Lions Multiple District 26
Constitution and By-Laws
April 23, 2023**

Proposition 1:

That all references to "Missouri Lions All-State (or All State) Band" in the Table of Contents, in Constitution, Article VIII, Sections 1 (d), 2 (e) and (l) and in By-Laws, Article VIII, Sections 5 be amended to read "Missouri Lions Band".

Purpose: Provide flexibility in the "fielding" of a band to represent Multiple District 26 (Missouri) at State and/or international functions.

Shall this proposition be adopted? [] YES [] NO

Requires a two-thirds affirmative vote for adoption.

Proposition 2: That Constitution ARTICLE VIII (Committees), Sections 2 and 4 be amended as follows:

Section 2: That a new sub-section (q) be added to read:

(q) State Office Committee – The council shall appoint a multiple district state office committee to oversee and assist in the operating of a State Lions administrative office. This committee shall be responsible to hire employees to fill any vacancies or needs and shall adjust hours according to the workload. All changes to employee adjusted hours should stay within the budget as set by the Council of Governors unless approved ahead of time. The State Office Committee shall be responsible for updating and making needed changes to the Personnel Manual. All updates and changes shall be approved by the Council of Governors.

There will be three (3) members serving on this committee. The Council chairperson will serve an ex officio member of the committee. Due to the unique nature of this committee, it is not necessary that each district be represented on this committee, but the members will be from three different districts.

The members of the State Office Committee shall be selected for a three-year term and may serve multiple terms. Such selection of members of the State Office Committee shall be made at the first Council of Governors meeting in July. Those Lions interested in seeking a position on the State Office Committee shall submit notice of their interest to their District Governor prior to the time for selecting the committee members. The notice of their interest may be sent by email, USPS, or personally to their District Governor. The Council will not be responsible for failure of delivery.

In July 2023 only, one member will be appointed for a one-year term, one member will be appointed for a two-year term and the remaining member will be appointed for the full three-year term. This will help to facilitate and provide for consistent operation of the State Office.

Section 4: That a new sub-section (d) be added to read:

(d) State Office Committee

Purpose: To add State Office Committee to list of State Committees, and define appointment procedures. Shall this proposition be adopted? [] YES [] NO

Requires a two-thirds affirmative vote for adoption.

Proposition 3:

Throughout the Constitution **and** By-Laws; that the committee make all noted gender specific references (he, his, chairman, etc.) to read "he/she", "his/her", "chairperson", etc., and that the committee make other noted editorial (format, spelling, organizational titles, etc.) corrections.

Purpose: To correct format and spelling errors and remove gender specific wording.

Shall this proposition be adopted? [] YES [] NO

Requires a two-thirds affirmative vote for adoption.

Proposition 4:

That the third sentence Article II of these By-Laws be amended and a fourth sentence be added to read: "A meeting of the district governors of the multiple district who will be in office during the term of the council chairperson appointed shall be called following the final Council of Governors meeting*, or at the multiple district annual convention, but no later than 30 days following the closing of the International Convention for the purpose of selecting a council chairperson. *In the event the Council should "recess" the final meeting pending a final session to follow the Annual Convention, then the meeting may be held during the recess." [Underlined words to be added.]

Purpose: Provide flexibility in the timing of the meeting for the appointment of Council Chairperson. Shall this proposition be adopted? [] YES [] NO

Requires a majority affirmative vote for adoption.

Meet your M1 District Governor

Lion Jennie Mosher was elected to serve at the February 25th District Convention in Farmington, Missouri. She will be inducted as the District Governor at the 2022 Lions Club International Convention in Montreal, Canada at the end of June. Membership in Lions Club International Organization started in January 2005 for Lion Jennie Mosher when she joined the Lebanon Host lions Club. After 5 years with the club she transferred to the Lebanon Evening Club where she continued her community service. When she relocated to Rolla, Missouri to be closer to her daughter and was asked to be the District Cabinet Secretary in Feb. of 2018 she joined the St. James Lions Club. However, not every Lions Club operates the same way. Then in June of 2019, after being approached by the incoming president of the Rolla Lions Club, Lion Jennie became the first lady Lion in a club that had been all men for 84+ years. Membership in this club has been a perfect for her as she stays very busy with local club activities. Her activities in the Rolla Lions Club include the following; editor of their monthly club newsletter, Leader Cook Team #5, dessert chief on Cook Tea, #3, member of the Craft Festival Team and Annual Lions Club Carnival group participant. These are just a few of Lion Jennie's club activities; she also chairs several District Committees in addition to serving as the District Global Leadership Development Coordinator. She is a certified Faculty Leadership Development Instructor which has helped her develop learning classes for Lions within her own district. The most recent accomplishment was to chair the 2022 Missouri Lions State Convention which was held in Rolla, Missouri. This Missouri Lions State Convention was very special as the Multiple District celebrated "100 years of Service" by our organization. In recognition of her service to the organization, Lion Jennie as received the Presidential Leadership Medal, the Certified Guiding Lion Medal and 8 Presidential Certificates of Appreciation. Lion Jennie is a Melvin Jones Fellow and received the Dalstrom Award from Mid-South Lions Sight and Hearing Service where she served on the Board of Trustees for 6 years. She was Trustee Chair for 5 years before serving her last year as the executive secretary of Mid-South Lions Sight and Hearing Service. Her service to this organization ended when Lion Jennie was elected to serve as District 26-M1 2nd Vice District Governor at the 2020 District Convention in Sikeston, Missouri. In addition, Lion Jennie will serve as the Multiple District vice-council chair for 2022-2023 lion year. Serving in this position, Lion Jennie will serve on the board of Saving Sight during her year as vice counsel chair.



We are very appreciative of the Saving Sight grant that allowed us to purchase them the two devices. The final cost was \$15,960. By purchasing two devices on the same order, the overall price was reduced by \$1,440.

The operators are PID Donal Knipp and 1VDG Ed Bierbower. This was at the Zone 5 meeting attended by 18 Lions. The meeting included an overview of the eyeglass recycling project and the Lions sorting, cleaning and reading the glasses.



Meet your M2 District Governor

I became a Lion in 1977 joining the Joliet, Illinois Noon Lions Club. I served as chair of several different committees, was Tail Twister served 7 on board of directors and was in the chairs for president twice. Once I had to resign due to work obligations that made it impossible for me to attend meetings regularly. The last time I resigned because we moved to Washington, Missouri and the commute for weekly meetings was not feasible. I was named Lion of the Year in Joliet in 1990. In 1996 Joliet Noon Lions recognized me with a Melvin Jones Fellowship. We moved to Washington, Missouri in 1995 after retiring from Copley Newspapers as Vice President of Fox Valley Press. I became a member of the Washington Board of Directors in 1997, served as chair of the Super Bowl BBQ and other committees. I served as president of Washington Lions 2001-2002. Served as recording secretary, newsletter editor for Washington and District 26-M2. Have served on the District 26-M2 Eye Foundation Board for 12 years and currently act as treasurer. Washington Lions honored me as Lion of the year in 2008. Washington Lions also recognized me with a progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship and I now have four diamonds. I have been recognized with several Presidential Appreciation Certificates and in 2021 was awarded the Presidential Award for Service. After going on two Eye Mission trips to Mexico and Panama with the Lions in Sight of California and Nevada I and two others formed the Missouri Lions Eye Mission Foundation a 501 C(3) corporation. We continue to sponsor mission trips to those areas in conjunctions with LiSCN and are attempting to begin missions in areas of Missouri where there is a need. I was asked to become 1st VDG by the PDG organization when one Lion had to resign as 1st VDG due to a move out of state. I accepted the position November of 2021. Montreal is the sixth International convention I have attended and I am looking forward to Boston, Mexico City and Australia. If you want more info let me know.

Leon Hove



Hello Lions!

This is a great time to be a Lion. We have many opportunities to serve others and make a difference in our communities and around the world. Mid-Winter forum is over for this year and those that attended learned from great speakers and the Hatfields and McCoys continued their feud in grand style. Make plans now to mark your calendar for next year. It is a great forum to meet other Lions from around the state and share ideas, projects and brag about your successes. Convention time starts with M2's, February 17-19 and even though you are probably reading this only a couple of days before that, think about attending. We follow that with M7 convention February 24-25 in Rolla at the Baymont Hotel. Next up is M7 at Old Kinderhook in Camdenon March 3-4. The next weekend is M5, March 10-11 at Marriott courtyard in Blue Springs. Then Chillicothe makes the scene with M4's convention at Comfort Inn and Suites, March 17-18. Want to visit Mizzu? Then put M3's convention in Columbia on your agenda March 24-25 at the Drury Plaza Inn. Yes, it is Palm Sunday weekend, but M6 is having their convention March 31 and April 1 at the Oasis Hotel and Convention Center in Springfield. You might wonder why I'm mentioning all the district conventions — there is no better way to learn what other Lions Clubs are doing and how all of our district do things a little differently. Since I have been attending these conventions, I have learned many things that I have brought back to our district that have made a difference in how we help others. If you have time or live reasonably close to one of these give it a try and join Lions from another district. You'll also have an opportunity to meet an International guest. "Hooked on Lions" is the theme for the Lions State in Branson this year. Make time for this meeting and bring the family they can have a great time in Branson and all of you can meet Lions from around the state and meet Dr. Patti Hill who will become our second female President of Lions International. Enough about conventions and meetings. District M2 is excited that St. Louis University Lions Club is on the way to being reactivated. Thirteen students are signed up and more are very seriously interested. The paper work is at LCI and we hope to have them back listed as Lions very soon. They are already volunteering around the area as individuals and have a health fair planned for April in partnership with another SLU organization. Watch for great things from this young group. Missouri School for the Blind and a group of visually impaired are also looking at forming a new club. Who better to know about Lions than employees and residents from the school. There is still a great deal of work to be done, but it is an exciting time. November 6, M2 and M3 Lions volunteered with the Missouri Lions Eye Mission Foundation to hold the first eye mission in the state at St. Peter's and Paul Church in Soulard. We screened 27 homeless people there, none of which had anything close to normal vision and provided recycled eyeglasses to all. Two had cataracts that are now being removed and one had glaucoma and has been provided medication to keep it from progressing. This may be the start of more missions in Missouri and a partnership with the archdiocese of St. Louis as a part of their rural medical clinic group. Keep collecting those eyeglasses because we are now using them in our own state. If you know of a good place where there is a need for an eye missions, contact myself or Lion IPDG Devin Struttman to start the process. All of us are busy with children or grandchildren sporting events, dance recitals not to mention church activities and our own recreational activities. Just remember there are plenty of opportunities to take an hour or two to reach out and help those who have less than we do or maybe need assistance that could be as simple as a ride to a doctor's appointment. We Serve and Together We Can make a difference in our community and around the world.

Be Free to Be a Lion,

Lion Leon Hove, DG M2



M4 NEWSLETTER
DG LEON HOVE



There was a ribbon cutting ceremony for the newly installed walk-in freezer in the Nodaway County Senior Center. This was made possible with the help of a Lions Club International Foundation Hunger Grant. About 30 Lions were in attendance!

Meet your M3 District Governor

Lion Sandy McCann is a Columbia native who moved to Kansas City after college. She has one daughter and three grandchildren living in Iowa. She comes from a volunteer family, where she worked for her father while she was in high school and college. She graduated from the University of Missouri in Columbia with a B.S. degree with Fashion Merchandising and a minor in business. Sandy went to work for J. C. Penney after college in Kansas City in their management trainee program and advanced to where she managed thirty million store and was on their district staff and regional staff. She has worked for other companies managing hardware/lumber, magazine business. She retired from MBS Textbook where she was a software tester using her retail background to make sure the innovative programs worked for their customers. She is a member of Missouri United Methodist Church and a member in the on-line women's group. She enjoys gardening, hiking, fishing and being with her family and watching them play volleyball, football and basketball. She joined Lions in Feb 2000. She has held every position in a Lions club except for treasurer. She has held various district committees- band, membership, MLERF, GMT, women's membership, retention, Leo, zone chair, NAMI, State and International Convention, district convention, state membership chair, state GMT chair and Saving Sight Board Member. She was District Governor 2013-2014 and started a new club that year. She has received various awards-Lion of the year, 100% secretary, Quality Lion Awards, Certificates of Appreciation, International President's Leadership and Membership awards, Melvin Jones award. She has attended Senior Lions Leadership Institute training, various USA/Canada forums, lots of online training, webinars and zoom calls. She has helped start new clubs in our district since 2010. She believes in growing our district and strengthening our clubs. She looks forward to collaborating with the Lions of our district and state.



Missouri Lions Eye Mission Foundation

Eye Mission at St. Peter and Paul Church

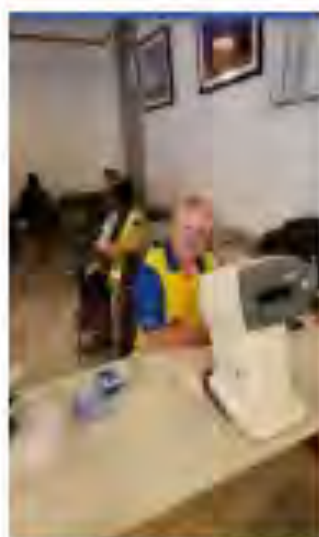


Soulard, Missouri

November 6, 2022



Checking Eye Chart



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I can read again

First Missouri Eye Mission conducted by volunteers from M2 and M3 at St. Peter and Paul Church in Soulard.

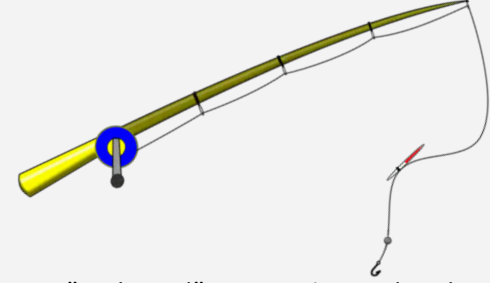
Mission arranged by lion Pam Manuel, District 26-M2 GST chairperson.

27 homeless people were fitted for recycled eyeglasses that came from M3's stock.

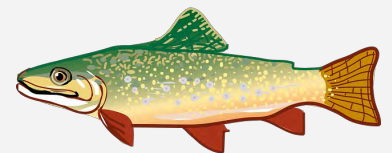
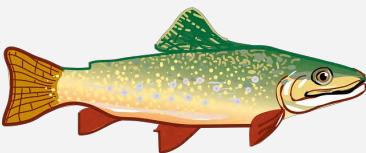
This is hopefully the first of many across the state.



M2 and M3 Volunteer Screeners



- "Early Bird" registration ends February 14, 2023. Drawing for the "Weekend in Branson prize will be held during the Convention.
- The Missouri State Lions Golf Tournament is planned for April 19, 2023 at the Thousand Hills Golf Resort (very close to the Radisson Hotel). Please RSVP by February 14, 2023; if an adequate number of entries are not received by then, the tournament may be cancelled. See 'golf flyer' for more information.
- A special selection of tickets are available for the Presley's Theater performance on Thursday evening, April 20, 2023. Please complete order form and submit with your convention registration form. Tickets must be ordered through the Convention Committee to receive the special group rate of \$30 and to be seated with the Missouri Lions. This is optional and not included in the Convention registration fee.
- Our Service Project this year will benefit "Suitcases for New Beginnings". This organization provides suitcases and duffle bags for new foster children entering the program so they will have something to contain their belongings and provide a few basic needs. We request your generous donations, please see the flyer for suggestions of needed items. Cash donations are also accepted.
- The ever-popular Silent Auction will be held during Hospitality night on Friday, April 21, 2023. All proceeds will be donated to LCIF. We request your donations of gift baskets, new items, or very gently loved items for this event.
- Sponsorship opportunities for businesses are available this year. If you know of a business that might like to sponsor Missouri Lions and receive statewide recognition, please share this opportunity with them. Several levels of recognition are available.
- Exhibitors tables will be available for profit & non-profit on Friday & Saturday of the convention. More information is on the Exhibitors Table Request Form.
- Profit and Non-Profit Exhibitors tables are available for Friday and Saturday during the convention. More information is outlined on the Exhibitors Table Request Form.
- Make hotel reservation with Radisson Hotel Branson, information is at the bottom of the convention reservation form. (Or if you want to type the info out that would be fine too.)
- Hotel reservations must be made with the Radisson Hotel Branson, 120 S. Wildwood Dr., Branson, Mo. 417-335-5768. Convention Rate \$129.95. You must mention "Missouri Lions Club" to receive the group rate. Deadline March 21, 2023.
- We are excited to announce that Credit Card payment is available this year! On the Convention registration form there is a box at the bottom to check if you want to pay with a credit card. Send in your registration form (without credit card information), you will then receive an invoice via email providing directions for you to pay online. (This method keeps your information secure and payment goes directly to the bank)
- Follow us on our Missouri Lions State Convention 2023 Facebook event page at <https://fb.me/e/1MXpksAtK>



INFORMATION REGARDING 2023 STATE CONVENTION



101st Missouri Lions State Convention

Branson, MO

April 20-23, 2023



Sponsorship Form

Business Name _____
 Street Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Email: _____
 Phone: (____) _____ Ext _____ Contact Name: _____

All Sponsorship information and money due by March 1, 2023.

<input type="checkbox"/> "World Record Bass" Package = \$2,500 <i>(Only 1 Sponsorship Available)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunity to speak during convention banquet • 2 Reserved seated tickets to the banquet • Logo in program • Ad on the hotel TV during event • Logo on website • Corporate name & logo on banner • Vendor booth during the convention on Fri & Sat • Plaque of appreciation • Business information in the welcome bags • Shout out on Facebook event page 	<input type="checkbox"/> "National Record Bass" Package = \$1,000 <i>(Only 2 Sponsorships Available)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ad on the hotel TV during event • Logo on website • Corporate name & logo on banner • Vendor booth during the convention on Fri & Sat • Plaque of appreciation • Business information in the welcome bags • Shout out on Facebook event page
<input type="checkbox"/> "State Record Bass" Package = \$500 <i>(Only 4 Sponsorships Available)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ad on the hotel TV during event • Logo on website • Corporate name on shared banner • Vendor booth during the convention on Fri & Sat • Certificate of appreciation • Business information in the welcome bags • Shout out on Facebook event page 	<input type="checkbox"/> "Lunker" Package = \$250 <i>(Only 8 Sponsorships Available)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corporate name on shared banner • Vendor booth during the convention on Fri & Sat • Certificate of appreciation • Business information in the welcome bags • Shout out on Facebook event page
<input type="checkbox"/> "Lure" Package = \$50-\$200 (\$ _____) <i>(Unlimited Sponsorships Available)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate of appreciation • Business information in the welcome bags • Shout out on Facebook event page 	<p>Scan for our Facebook event page</p> 

- ~ Payment by check: Payable to MO Lions 2023 State Convention Check Number: _____
- ~ Please put in check memo Sponsorship and which package.
- ~ Print & Mail to Lion Dustin Jones, 6164 Harmon Rd., Harrison, AR 72601
- ~ For More Information: E-Mail Lion Dustin Jones at dujones14@outlook.com or call (870) 754-2231
- ~ More information on the Lions State Convention www.missourilions.org. (Under the convention link)



101st Missouri Lions State Convention

Branson, MO

April 20-23, 2023



Missouri Lions Golf Tournament on April 19, 2023 Thousand Hills Golf Resort Branson, Missouri

18-Hole Golf Course - par 66
Three par 5 holes - Six par 4 holes
Nine incredible par 3 holes

Slope Ratings: Black 125, White 116, Gold 115, Red 113
Complete pro shop for all your golf accessories, Golf Club Rentals, Golf Professional on Staff

Lions, this event is planned for Wednesday, April 19, 2023—IF significant interest is indicated by RSVP's. Please RSVP by February 14, 2023, to allow us to book an appropriate amount of tee times and to gauge interest in this event.

The Thousand Hills golf course is convenient to the convention hotel, so access is easy. The tournament will be a scramble format with a \$75/player entry fee. This course takes approximately 5 hours to play. To avoid conflict with the convention and the Thursday night Presley show event, a rain date will not be scheduled. Non-Lions are eligible to play!

On your RSVP, please include player's names, address, contact email, cell phone number, and Your Lions District.

The convention committee is working toward providing the ability to pay by credit card, but these details are not yet available. If all golfers on the team are not currently known, please indicate the total number you plan to register. Please provide your choice of scramble format.

Send your RSVP's to:

Lion 1VDG Phil Krebs
3633 W. Morningside Place
Springfield, MO 65807
Pcp.krebs@sbcglobal.net





101st Missouri Lions State Convention

Branson, MO

April 20-23, 2023



Convention Registration Form

~ Early Registration Deadline: Postmarked by Tuesday, February 14, 2023

~ NEW: Pay with credit card on-line (See Below)

~ More information on www.missourilions.org (Under the convention link)

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: _____ 1st State 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: _____ 1st State Convention as a Lion? Yes ____ No ____

Please note any special food allergies, needs, notes or comments:

Registration & Meal Plans

Plan	Description	# of Persons	Cost	Total
A	Full Registration		@ \$40.00 ea	\$
B	Registration - Lunch ONLY		@ \$60.00 ea	\$
C	Registration - Banquet ONLY		@ \$75.00 ea	\$
D	Registration ONLY (No Meals)		@ \$45.00 ea	\$
E	Leo Registration (Both Meals Included). Indicate which meal(s) you will be present at: Lunch ____ Banquet ____		@ \$25.00 ea	\$
F	"Lure" Sponsorship (See Sponsorship Flyer)		@ \$100.00	\$
G	Registration after 4/1/2023 cost		@ \$15.00 ea	\$
No refunds after April 1, 2023			TOTAL AMOUNT DUE	\$

Payment by Credit Card, you will receive an invoice with directions via email.

Payment by check-payable to MO Lions 2023 State Convention Check Number: _____
Print & Mail to Lion Dustin Jones, 6164 Harmon Rd., Harrison, AR, 72601

UPDATED
1/31/23

Make hotel reservation with **Thousand Hills Resort Hotel**, 120 S. Wildwood Dr., Branson, Mo,
417-335-5768 ~ Convention Rate \$129.95.

Mention Missouri Lions Club to receive group rate or ask for Loveta. Deadline March 21, 2023.



101st Missouri Lions State Convention

Branson, MO

April 20-23, 2023



Exhibitors Table Request Form

Vendor Registration

____ Lion ____ Leo ____ Guest Name (As wanted on badge): _____

Committee, Exhibitor, Vendor _____

Street Address: _____ Phone: (____) _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Please note any special food allergies, needs, notes or comments:

Exhibitor's Hours: (Suggested) Friday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm & Saturday 8:00 am to 2:00 pm

Area Description: One – 6' table, two chairs furnished ____ or can bring your own ____.

Electricity is very limited in this area, and we can not promise it, however we will try if necessary.

Rate: All rates listed below are per table.

Registration & Meal Plans

Plan	Description	# of Persons	Cost	Total
A	Vendor Booth – For Profit (Lunch not included)		@ \$65.00 ea	\$ _____
B	Vendor Booth – Non-Profit (Lunch not included)		Free	_____
C	Full Registration (Lunch & Banquet included)		@ \$90.00 ea	\$ _____
D	Registration – Lunch ONLY		@ \$60.00 ea	\$ _____
	Registration after 4/1/2023 add		@ \$15.00 ea	\$ _____
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE				\$ _____

No refunds after April 1, 2023

~ Payment by check-payable to MO Lions 2023 State Convention Check Number: _____

~ Print & Mail to Lion Dustin Jones, 6164 Harmon Rd., Harrison, AR., 72601

~ For More Information: E-Mail PCC Howard Hawkins at pdgpc@gmail.com or 417-234-6806 (text is ok too)

~ More information on www.missourilions.org. (Under the convention link)

Make hotel reservation with Radisson Hotel Branson, 120 S. Wildwood Dr., Branson, Mo. 417-335-5768
Convention Rate \$129.95. Mention Missouri Lions Club to receive group rate. Deadline March 21, 2023.



101st Missouri Lions State Convention

Branson, MO

April 20-23, 2023



Missouri Lions State Convention 2023 Welcomes Guest Speaker

DR. PATTI HILL FIRST VICE PRESIDENT



Dr. Patti Hill from Edmonton, Alberta, Canada was elected to serve as first vice president of Lions Clubs International at the association's 104th International Convention, June 22 through June 28, 2022.

Vice President Hill is president of a consulting firm. With 30 years of experience as a psychologist, she has mentored graduate students and psychologists in training. She has also championed the rights of children and youth who are deaf and/or blind.

A member of the Edmonton Host Lions Club since 1990, Vice President Hill has held many offices within the association, including district chairperson for Membership, Environment, Convention, and International Cooperation and Understanding. Additionally, she has served as a committee member for the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, multinational coordinator for Campaign SightFirst II, secretary for the Lions Eyebank (Alberta) Society, Vice President of the Lions Eye Research Institute of Northern Alberta and presenter at many forums and conventions.

In recognition of her service to the association, Vice President Hill has received numerous awards, including several International President's Awards. She has been honored with the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor the association bestows upon its members. She is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, and recipient of numerous other fellowships.

In addition to her Lions activities, Vice President Hill is active in numerous professional and community organizations. She is a member of the Psychologists Association of Alberta, the College of Psychologists and the Community League. In the past, she served as an executive officer of the Alberta Association of School Psychologists and the Association of Canadian Educators of the Hearing Impaired. Vice President Hill has also served on the Alberta Premier's Council on Persons with Disabilities.

Vice President Hill and her husband, Greg Holmes, also a Lion, enjoy time with their family which has grown to include Pieter and Carley, Jessica and Mitch, and Erin, Mike and granddaughter, Violet.



101st Missouri Lions State Convention

Branson, MO

April 20-23, 2023



MD 26 Silent Auction for LCIF

PDG Kevin Cantrell & PDG Debbie Cantrell

We will be having our traditional Silent Auction at our 2023 State Convention in Branson, Missouri. Lions, Committees and Clubs **PLEASE** consider donating an item(s) for the Auction at our Convention. **ALL** proceeds will go to Lions Clubs International Foundation from Missouri Lions!

Since 1968 LCIF has given out over a **BILLION** dollars in grants supporting humanitarian projects. We have received funds many times right here in Missouri, so we love doing this. As the official charitable organization of Lions International, LCIF helps Lions improve the lives of millions of people. Lions can extend their reach from local communities to the global community to serve those in need.

We are "Hooked On" raising a lot of money for our Foundation at our State Convention in Branson! We are excited to let you know that we will have an entire room dedicated to this Auction. Please bring your items with you to the Convention or if you prefer getting them to us prior that is fine, too. If you know an approximate value of your donated item that would be helpful as we would like to include that on our Bidding Sheets.

Pease come prepared to bid high and bid often!!

Thank you for considering a donation for the Silent Auction!

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101st Missouri Lions State Convention

Branson, MO

April 20-23, 2023



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Service Project



Suitcases For New Beginnings

Items needed:

Newborn to 2 years:

- Diaper Bags
- Small Duffelbags
- Small plush animals
- Baby blankets
- Baby shampoo
- Baby Body Wash
- Baby Wipes
- Diaper Cream
- Other Baby items



3 to 9 years old:

- Small Duffelbag/~~Suitcase~~
- Bath Sponge/Loofah
- Child's Toothbrush/toothpaste
- Shampoo/Conditioner
- Pajamas/Sleep Shirt
- Stuffed Animal-age appropriate

10-17 years old:

- Small Duffelbag
- Bath Sponge/Loofah
- Toothbrush/toothpaste
- Shampoo/Conditioner
- Lotion
- Body Wash
- Deodorant
- ~~Pajamas/Sleep Shirt~~

Suitcases for New Beginnings is a charity dedicated to giving suitcases to a child just entering the foster care system. There are approximately 440,000 foster children nationwide in the U.S. and over 13,000 children in foster care in the state of Missouri alone.

Most are given a trash bag to carry their few belongings.

Please help support this organization with your donations of small ~~suitcases~~ /duffel bags, items needed to fill the ~~suitcases~~, duffel bag, or monetary donations for additional needed items.

For more information, please contact:

State Convention Service Project Chair Lion Anna Hawkins @ 417-227-0436

annaatbhlclub@gmail.com

Website: www.suitcasesfornewbeginnings.org

- We are excited to announce that **Credit Card payment** is available this year! On the Convention registration form there is a box at the bottom to check if you want to pay with a credit card. Send in your registration form (without credit card information), you will then receive an invoice via email providing directions for you to pay online. (This method keeps your information secure, and payment goes directly to the bank)
- Follow us on our Missouri Lions State Convention 2023 Facebook event page at <https://fb.me/e/1MXpksAtK>

Please copy these pages off & tell your local clubs about this big Lions event in M6. Also don't forget to book all your reservation today! Let's represent M6 big this year!! If you all have anymore questions, myself & PCC Howard Howkins, Missouri Lions State Convention Chairman, will be happy to help you.

Thank you,
Lion Cathy Simpson
Missouri Lions State Convention Co-Chair
417-425-9841
(Text through the day or can call after 4pm)



State Convention 2023 Committee is
"Chewing at the Bone"
to see you April 20-23, 2023,
In Branson, MO.

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with your phone



Scan here to take you to our Facebook event page & for up-to-date information on the Mo Lions State Convention 2023.



101st Missouri Lions State Convention

Branson, MO

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Fellow M6 Lion!!! Lions State Convention is in our own district this year in Branson, MO on April 20 – 23, 2023 at the **THOUSAND HILLS RESORT HOTEL** (Same hotel, New name). We have a lot of exciting events that will be happening & will be something for everyone! Below is a little of the highlights that will be going on & then in the next several pages is more information.

- Get in on the **"Early Bird Registration"** and a chance at the "Weekend in Branson" prize that ends on February 14, 2023. Drawing will be held during the convention.
- The Missouri State Lions **Golf Tournament** is planned for April 19, 2023, at the Thousand Hills Golf Resort (very close to the Radisson Hotel). Please RSVP by February 14, 2023; if an adequate number of entries are not received by then, the tournament may be cancelled. See "golf flyer" for more information.
- A special selection of tickets are available for the **Presley's Theater** performance on Thursday evening, April 20, 2023. Please complete order form and submit with your convention registration form. Tickets must be ordered through the Convention Committee to receive the special group rate of \$30 and to be seated with the Missouri Lions. This is optional and not included in the Convention registration fee.
- Our **Service Project** this year will benefit "Suitcases for New Beginnings". This organization provides suitcases and duffle bags for new foster children entering the program so they will have something to contain their belongings and provide a few basic needs. We request your generous donations, please see the flyer for suggestions of needed items. Cash donations are also accepted.
- The ever-popular **Silent Auction** will be held during Hospitality night on Friday, April 21, 2023. All proceeds will be donated to LCIF. We request your donations of gift baskets, new items, or very gently loved items for this event.
- **Sponsorship opportunities** for businesses are available this year. If you know of a business that might like to sponsor Missouri Lions and receive statewide recognition, please share this opportunity with them. Several levels of recognition are available.
- Profit and Non-Profit **Exhibitors** tables are available for Friday and Saturday during the convention. More information is outlined on the Exhibitors Table Request Form.
- **Hotel reservations** must be made with Thousand Hills Resort Hotel, 120 S. Wildwood Dr., Branson, Mo. 417-335-5768. Convention Rate \$129.95. You must mention "Missouri Lions Club" to receive the group rate. **Deadline March 21, 2023.**



Meet your M4 District Governor

DGE Harold joined Maryville Pride Lions in 1992. Was the Club Safety Chairperson 2000-2005, Membership Chairperson 20052-2010, Club Director 2017-2019. Was elected President in 2004-2005. Region 1 and Zone 1 Chairperson 2019-2020 Lion Harold was the District Governor District 26 M-4 2020-2021. He is currently the District LCIF Chairman for M-4 Born and raised in Parnell, MO Attended Northwest Missouri State University. Worked for Nodaway Veterinary Clinic 1979-89. Worked for Farmland Industries as a Livestock Production Specialist until 1991. Worked at Consumers Oil Company in Maryville as Feed and Grain Dept Manager, then Savannah as the branch manager until 1998. In 1999 he was hired as the CEO/ General Manager of Consumers Oil Company in Maryville, MO and is still in this position as of today. Harold has been Maryville Chamber of Commerce Past President. He currently serves as the Lions Freedom Rock Chairman. Chairman of the Missouri COOP Managers Association, Serves on Land O Lakes Region 3 Council as the Policy and Resolutions Representative (Ag Manager) and is a member of the Associate Board of Directors for Wells Bank.



Happy Valentine's Day!

Lions please take your loved one out and treat them for all they do with and for you.

District Convention is coming up soon. March 17 will be Hospitality Night. This night will be filled with fun things going on throughout the night. I know each club has a special food so please come share with the other Lions Clubs in our District M-4. There will be other Districts coming so let's show them a warm

hearty welcome. PID Tom Gordon will be our Guest. PID Tom and his wife Gillian are looking forward to visiting our District. We have a few things planned but if your club has a Service project that you would like to show off please let me know. The "Parade of Banners" will start us off on Saturday. Please have someone from each club bring your banner so your club can be recognized. Also if a brief history would be provided we can announce that also. IE When chartered, sponsoring club etc This year we ask that members of the deceased Lion's family please attend the Necrology Service. This will be a fitting tribute to your loved ones. February is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. "Your child has cancer" are four gut-wrenching words no parent ever wants to hear.

Here are some ways to help these people in need-

- Prepare healthy meals for families with children undergoing treatment. This can be done in collaboration with other community members to ensure the family receives food on a regular basis.
- Donate financial support or gift cards to identified families in need or a nearby childhood cancer center. This could cover expenses like gasoline, parking, food, medical expenses, etc
- Make or buy new hats, caps, head scarves or blankets to donate to childhood cancer centers.

These are a few things that the patient and family will not think of but appreciate while undergoing treatments.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions, comments, or concerns.

Thank you for your service.

"Together We Can"

DG Harold Spire



M4 NEWSLETTER
DG HAROLD SPIRE



See below photos from our first Mobile Market. Braving the cold were volunteers from the St Charles Rotary, St Charles Optimist, First Capitol Lions and Harvester Lions. The plan is to have them on monthly basis as a combined community effort serving those in need.



Meet your M5 District Governor

Born and raised and Educated in Lexington Missouri. 12 Daughter of Dorothy Levy and the late Lion Bob Levy. Youngest of three children. Married to Chuck Scott for 50 years, living on the Scott family farm, and raised two sons, Steven Adams and wife Teresa and granddaughter Jolynn Ann of Odessa, Missouri. Dannon Charles and wife Hannah and granddaughter Anjolie Wynn of Lexington, Missouri. I have a bachelor of Science in Human Resources Management from Friends University, Wichita, Kansas and a Masters in Social Gerontology from Central Missouri State University. I have worked many years in the Gerontology field as a social worker with Alzheimer's patients and also in several Nursing homes. In my Lions career, I have held the following positions: President, Vice President, Tail Twister. I am currently serving my club as Membership Chair for 2022-2023. I have been District Governor previously in 2018-2019. I currently serve on Saving Sight Community Board of Directors, Charitable Grant Committee, Saving Sight Officer Nominating Committee, Liaison Governor for the State Athletic Committee, and Liaison Governor of the State Band Committee. I am an active member in my club in Mayview, Missouri.





Missouri Lions Eye Mission Foundation Mission Update

We are pleased to announce that there will be a Missouri eye glass mission trip in 2023... coming up quickly. The dates are set for this trip and we are now recruiting volunteers to serve as technicians. We have a few spots available.

Mission Trip – March 9-12, 2023

Mexico

Morelia, Michoacán

2 Clinic Days

Key Details:

- Volunteers are responsible for their airfare and personal expenses. Food and lodging will be covered.
- The duties of the technicians include matching prescriptions to the appropriate glasses. For those inexperienced, you will receive information prior to the trip and training at the clinic.
- The time spent at the clinic will be physically demanding and may require long periods on your feet. It is essential that you be in good physical condition.
- You will need a passport.
- We are also recruiting doctors for this trip and future trips. If you know someone, we appreciate any referrals.

If interested in going on this trip, please complete the attached application and return to me. Preference will be given on a first-come, first-serve basis. If we have more interest than spots available, we will create a wait list. Past experience has shown that not everyone who commits initially will be able to go on the trip.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

IPDG Lion Devin Struttmann

Missouri Lions Eye Mission Foundation

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**District 26-M3 wins the
state membership
trophy for having a plus
3 membership gain.
Wooahoo! Thank you
Lions for your support
to increase our
membership.**



Meet your M6 District Governor

Hello Lions of M6. I am humbled, excited and a bit nervous to serve each of you as your District Governor. I had my start in Lionism in 1999 in Marshfield, MO. A simple invitation from a friend opened the door to meeting new people within a community that was new to me and my wife, Tammy. A simple invitation that sparked an interest in serving my community and building stronger connections with club and community members continues to stoke fires of appreciation today. After completing my undergraduate and graduate degrees in Illinois, I moved to Missouri to work at Southwest Missouri State University (SMS) as a residence hall director. I later took a job at Missouri State University working in Admissions. Luckily, MSU was and is a great place to work. I continue to help students and families forge their way into higher education and open avenues for their career development. I enjoy spending time with my wife, twin daughters Grace and Emma and Emma's husband Keegan. We are recent empty nesters and planning to explore again on our own. I have enjoyed hobbies including black smithing, collecting baseball cards and comic books. I can even be found at a garage sale looking for treasures. My family also plans throughout the year to gather items for Operation Christmas Child. In the next couple of years, I hope to serve at a regional collection point to help the shoe boxes on their trip to children around the world. Finally, my experiences with the Marshfield Lions include serving as President and Secretary. My presidency lasted a year, but my stint as secretary lasted about 17 years. I was able to serve as a zone chair twice. Being a zone chair showed me the importance of thinking outside my small club-based box and that trying something new and learning from other clubs is vital to your own club. I am humbled to have been named a Lion of the Year as well as a recipient of the Melvin Jones Fellowship award. My time in Lions started with a simple invitation to serve, and my term as District Governor began in the same way – with a simple invitation to serve Lions and our community differently. I'm glad the invitation was extended. I urge each of us to simply encourage a new person to help serve through Lions. Our wonderful organization was Forged in Service continues to shape the lives of millions world-wide.



26-M3

Celebration of Service March 25th at Drury Plaza Columbia, MO

All Lions are welcome!

Celebration Information:

Our international guests will be PID Nick and Lion Gretchen Xinopoulos, our returning friends from Indiana.

First time attendee? Only \$10.00 (Lions Only)

Dress- Lions polos or casual.

Saturday 9am- 4 or 5 pm, New this year Blackout bingo, scavenger hunt and more fun.

Picnic Lunch at Welcome Home ½ mile from hotel- 2120 Business Loop 7 E.

Questions? Contact PDG Susan Paden 573-473-8241 or PCC Bob Noellsch.573-470-0005.

Club Presidents are invited to join in the celebration of their service. Clubs are encouraged to share your service activities. Each club will have 3 minutes to share and boast about their activities. If you go over your 3 minutes the Tail Twister may fine, you. Come honor and salute our fellow Lions, bring your flyers of your upcoming events to share. You will have plenty of time for fellowship and to ask clubs about the details of their projects you are interested in and want to share with your club.

Service Project-We will be collecting items for Welcome Home, a program for homeless veterans. We will carpool over to Welcome Home (½ mile away from hotel) and we will have a picnic lunch with their Vets. Items to collect and donate- Women's t-shirts s-xl , manual can openers, Men's undershirts sized M-3xl, new twin and full size sheets, deodorants for men and women, facial tissues, 7 gallon trash bags and canned goods- fruit, veggies, soups, boxed meals and coffee.

To learn more about this organization visit welcomehomeveterans.org 92% of their Veterans transition to independent housing.

Paden for silent auction items.

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If you would like to come in Friday night-

Lodging: A block of rooms at the Drury Plaza Inn 3100 I-70 Dr SE Columbia, Mo, is set aside for our celebration. Our Lions rate of \$129.00 and \$159.00 for suites. Use #2437888 for group number for our room rate. The room block will be held until February 20, 2023. Make reservations directly with Drury Plaza 573-441-0090. Rooms requested after February 20 will be on a space available basis at the prevailing rate.

Friday Night Hospitality: Drury Plaza Inn 5:30 pm after 7 pm in suites

Name(s) of Lion(s) _____ Club _____

Phone _____ Address _____

City, State Zip _____ Email _____

First Timer Registration and Luncheon Lion only _____ @ \$10.00 _____

Registration & Luncheon Only (full registration) _____ @ \$25.00 _____

Make checks payable to "District 26-M3 Celebration of Service 2023." Total: _____

Mail payment and form to: Lion Dexter Enders, 815 Monroe Street, St. Charles, MO 63301.

Please indicate if needed: Large Print _____, Braille Materials _____,

Special diet menu _____

Our clubs have been busy from Food pantry distributions joint effort with area Lions clubs, Rotary and other service organizations, fairs, parades, potato bar, bell ringing and providing needed service in our community. We hope you can attend our Celebration of Service our out of the box reinvented District Convention. We were honored to receive the State Membership trophy at the Council of Governors January meeting for a positive gain in membership this past year. It was a team effort by all our 53 clubs recruiting and retaining our members. Lions let's continue our growing of our district so we can have more hands to help service our communities.



Meet your M6 District Governor

Bill Foglesong is my name and below are some fact about me:

1. My partner in service is my wife of 27 years, Lisa Foglesong
2. We have no children living at home with us because they are grown and have families of their own.
3. We do have 3 dogs, one of which is only with us until we raise her for a year, after which she will be returned to Rochester, MI to continue intensive training as a Service Dog for blind Individuals.
4. My education includes-
5. BME - Bachelor of Music Education (emphasis was Music Therapy) received at Phillips University, Enid, OK
6. MDiv - Master of Divinity received at Phillips Graduate Seminary Enid, OK.
7. DMin - Doctorate of Ministry received at Eden Seminary Webster Groves, MO.
8. My day job is as a minister of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) which I have been ordained to said position since May of 1997 (25 years).
9. My hobbies usually center around community chorale groups and bowling.
10. 26M7 goals for this year are a continuation of PDG Melissa Andersons goals.
11. Membership goal for this year is to have 2 more members than we lose this fiscal year (we lost 33 more members than we added last year). And to start at least one new club in our district.
12. Service goal is to increase our reports of service to 67% of our clubs reporting (We had 33% reporting last year).
13. Leadership goal is to have our zone chairs and leadership utilize the education opportunities provided through the Lion Website.

Feel free to contact me if you would like a club visit, my number is 573-680-4170.



Visiting Lions Day at Mid-South in Memphis

Mid-South Lions is hosting VISITING LIONS DAY on Saturday, April 15, 2023, at the Hamilton Eye Institute in Memphis.



A brief general session will begin at 8 a.m. featuring a presentation by some of our world-renowned ophthalmologists, continuing with tours of the Operating Room Suites, Hands-On Skills Lab (shown at right), Pediatric Clinic and Research Floor. We will tour until lunch, which will be served while an informational session on Mid-South Lions is presented. We will adjourn about 2:30 p.m.

While there is no cost for attending, we ask that you register so we can plan our lunch count. Thanks so much and we look forward to seeing you in Memphis on Saturday, April 15, 2023!

Ride the Missouri Miracle Bus to Visiting Lions Day

We're gearing up for our Visiting Lions Day on Saturday, April 15, 2023, here at Hamilton Eye Institute. One new addition this year is we're providing bus service throughout Missouri! The bus will leave Washington, MO at 7 a.m. Friday, April 14, travel to Jefferson City to pick up passengers, then to Rolla to pick up passengers before heading to the Holiday Inn Express in Memphis. The bus will return along the same route on Sunday morning, April 16. Cost for the bus is \$100 per person. Pre-registration and payment is required, there are only 55 seats available.



Our HQ hotel will be the Holiday Inn Express at 1180 Union Avenue. The Lions rate is \$109 plus tax per room and reservations should be made by calling 901-276-1175. Tell them you want the Lions rate for our Visiting Lions Day. Do NOT allow them to transfer you to the national reservations line as the price is much higher. We suggest you make reservations early as rooms are at a premium.

For more information, and to sign up, visit www.midsouthlions.org

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