



District 26-M5 Newsletter

CONVENTION TO DO LIST

FRIDAY, MARCH 7, 2025

Personal

- Attend Cabinet meeting 6 PM
- Share a free meal with other Lions
- Meet International Director Bert Nelson
- Meet Lion BJ Blahnik and Leader Dog Jackson
- Leave smarter and more informed than you came

Other

- Enjoy some Music Bingo 8 PM
- Hospitality- food and drink provided

SATURDAY, MARCH 8, 2025

Personal

- Honor those Lions who have passed before us 9 AM
- Attend the convention at 9:30 AM
- Hear our speakers Lion BJ Blahnik and ID Bert Nelson
- Elect our future leaders
- Attend our awards luncheon

Physical and Mental Health

- Participate in as many of our service projects as possible
 - Help with a Missouri Lions eye mission
 - Help in the Missouri Lions Hearing trailer
 - Walk in a Strides event to raise diabetes awareness
 - Assemble blankets for Warrensburg residents
 - Bring your collected eyeglasses for sorting

Other: Bring yourself, your hands, and your heart for a day of service.



District 26-M5 Convention – 2025 Registration



Cabinet Meeting & Hospitality Night - Friday, March 7, 2025 – 6:00-10:00 pm

Location: Quality Inn, 626 E Russell Ave, Warrensburg, MO

Convention - Saturday, March 8, 2025 - 9:00 am -5:00 pm **(No Saturday evening Banquet)**

Location: Community Center, 445 E Gay Street, Warrensburg, MO

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HOTEL ROOM RESERVATIONS DEADLINE @ REDUCED RATE IS: *February 20, 2025*

Quality Inn, 626 E Russell Ave, Warrensburg, MO

<https://www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/DM61U0>

or call hotel @ 660-747-3000 (Group rate \$86 plus tax).

CONVENTION DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION & LUNCH: *February 25, 2025.*

Community Center, 445 E Gay Street, Warrensburg, MO

(Registration fee and Meal fee must accompany this form)

Mail to: Lion Joyce Schemmer, 303 High Dr, Odessa, MO 64076-1530

Please Print: Name _____

Phone # and Email: _____

Name of Your Lion Club: _____

Please circle all that apply

Leo Lion Delegate Guest Registration \$20. Saturday Lunch \$20

Please Print: Name _____

Phone # and Email: _____

Name of Your Lion Club: _____

Please circle all that apply

Leo Lion Delegate Guest Registration \$20. Saturday Lunch \$20

Full Breakfast provided at hotel for guests. For Total: Registration ___ X \$20 = _____

Special Dietary Needs, Contact Lion Joyce Schemmer Lunch _____ X \$20 = _____
816-254-7270 or email MayviewWed@gmail.com (No evening Banquet)

Grand Total: \$ _____

Make payments payable to: District 26-M5 Convention

Free Eye Exam & Eye Glasses Clinic

Must be registered to attend.



EYE EXAM AND
GLASSES



BASIC
HEARING TEST

COLOR
BLINDNESS



BLOOD SUGAR

WHEN: SATURDAY, MARCH 8TH, 2025

TIME: 1:00 PM - 4:30 PM

**WHERE: WARRENSBURG COMMUNITY CENTER
445 E GAY, WARRENSBURG, MO 64093**

SCAN THE QR CODE OR VISIT:

[FORM.JOTFORM.COM/250355627600048](https://form.jotform.com/250355627600048)

**[OR CATHOLICCHARITIES-KCSJ.ORG/EYECLINIC/](https://catholiccharities-kcsj.org/eyeclinic/)
TO REGISTER**

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SCAN ME

District Governor

As I compose this article, I am eagerly anticipating our district convention and hope that you will make every effort to attend. What unites us as Lions is our call and willingness to serve in our communities. With the convention being held again in Warrensburg, we can assist the Johnson County Lions clubs with service in their area.

February was certainly a cold one and prevented many of us from being out and about as much as we would like. I was able to visit three clubs, and a chili cookoff between the Raymore and Bel-Ray Lions. Good times! If I haven't visited you yet, I am coming and look forward to attending some other events as well.

We have done our best to keep the convention and hotel costs down; we have great speakers; we have some great service opportunities. All these service projects are ones that could happen in your own area. Volunteer to help and see how they can potentially be used in your area. I want to thank the convention committee and all who are pitching in to make this a great convention. If you haven't registered, there is still time. Please try to attend.

DG Lion Mickey

Top Districts Driving Membership Growth



Elite Growth Champions (100+ Net Gain!)



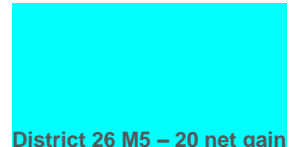
High-Growth Achievers (50-99 Net Gain!)



Momentum Builders (25-49 Net Gain!)



Rising Stars (10-24 Net Gain!)



District 26 M5 – 20 net gain

Multiple District 26 GMT Coordinator

From the District 26-M5 GMT Coordinator

Membership = service and service = membership.

I hope to see you and convention and you see the relationship between the two!

As always, I and other district officers are always available to help you with membership, report service, or work through any problem. No shame, only help. Let me know if you would like me to visit your club and help with membership or help with building a plan. You can contact me at 816-863-4887 or kclicionrb1962@gmail.com and I will be happy to schedule a time to come and visit.

Lion Duane Ball
District 26-Global Membership Chairman

SERVICE CHAIRPERSON

Dear M5 Lions,

“Hot Wheels 4 for 5”



I am so excited about our District service project!! Our goal for this year is 6000 Hot Wheels for Children’s Mercy Hospital. We are so close to reaching that goal and knowing we have touched 6000 children’s lives. I can’t think of a better place to celebrate success than at Convention together. There is still plenty of time to gather these cars or monetary donations and bring them. **Let’s go M5!!**

Lion Karen Calvert

District GST



Oh!!!!!! Nothing more fun than delivering 2357 hot wheels to CMH!

Convention Service Project

We will be doing a hands-on service project at Convention and need your help. We are making lap blankets to donate to nursing centers in Warrensburg at the end of the Convention Day. Some blankets are ready to tie and others need to have fringe cut. Bring yourself and your scissors to this afternoon of service.



OUR SERVICE HEROS NEED YOU!

WHAT: 2025 STATE CONVENTION SERVICE PROJECT
BAGS FOR VETS

HOW: DONATE ITEMS FOR PATIENTS AT MO VA HOSPITALS
WHEN: MAY 2, 2025

TOILETRIES: TOOTHPASTE, TOOTHBRUSH, COMBS, DEODORANT, BODY WASH

ACTIVITES: GAMES, ADULT COLORING BOOKS, PUZZLES, CROSSWORDS
ACCESSORIES: SCARVES, GLOVES

The graphic features a background of the American flag. At the bottom, there are five circular logos representing the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard.

CONVENTION SERVICE PROJECT

M5 will be collecting supplies at our District Convention in Warrensburg to donate to the state service project. “Bags For Vets” will be assembled at the state convention in St. Louis and then distributed to VA hospitals including the one located in Kansas City. Please bring the items listed above. If you want to donate funds to purchase supplies, you can mail a check to

MO LIONS 2025 State Convention, % PDG Devin Struttman,
770 Oakmont Lane, Union MO 63084

Please note on the check it is a donation for the service project.

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Constitution and ByLaws Report

Jene Crook, Chairperson

There are very few items to be voted on this time at the state convention. Our candidates include:

District Governor – Lion Alena Hoeffling – Sedalia Lions Club

1st Vice District Governor – Lion Warren Trivett – State Fair Lions Club

2nd Vice District Governor – Lion Duane Ball – Kansas City Red Bridge Lions Club

We do not have a location for our 2026 Convention currently but hope to have that location by our District Convention.

There is one mandatory change to our District Constitution and Bylaws that was passed by the Board of Directors of Lions Clubs International regarding the experience that enables someone to run for 2nd Vice District Governor. The provision now provides for service as a District chairperson for Global Leadership Coordinator, Global Membership Coordinator, Global Service Coordinator, Global Extension Coordinator or District LCIF Coordinator to be a qualifier for Vice District Governor. Since this is a mandatory change, we do not vote on it, but it becomes an automatic change to our Constitution and Bylaws.

Lions Clubs International Foundation

LCIF Coordinator Jene Crook

Have you donated to the Lions Clubs International Foundation yet?

Remember that this is our Foundation and it responds to many disasters around the world, including the recent flooding caused by Hurricane Helene in the Southeast and the recent fires in California. The money goes to Lions Clubs in the area who have first-hand knowledge of the kinds of assistance needed. So far districts across 5 states in the Southeast have received the \$15,000 emergency grants that are virtually automatic. In addition, major recovery grants have been authorized in the amount of \$200,000 in Florida and North Carolina. In California, two emergency grants have been awarded and one major catastrophe of grant \$100,000.

Other uses include matching grants for inclusive playgrounds in Cape Girardeau and in Mountain Grove, Missouri, eye surgery equipment for Mid-South Lions Sight and Hearing, eye testing equipment for the Missouri Eye Mission Foundation, and our own eye mission equipment.

Remember that individual lions as well as Lions Clubs can donate and that the need is great. Contributions can be sent to Department 4547, Carol Stream, IL 60122-4547. Won't you help today?

District Secretary Request

Please go into the Portal and **report** your club members who have passed. We will have a Necrology ceremony at the District Convention to honor them and their service. Please include the **date they joined Lions and the date they passed**. As always, I am happy to assist you in any way that I can.

I have been asked to compile the same list for the State Convention. But they want more information. If you can send me a **picture** of your members who have passed and a **short line or two** about them, especially referring to their service as a Lion, I would appreciate it.

Lion Donna

jungerman@ctcis.net

Fun Around the District

News from Lake Winnebago Lions Club



Lake Winnebago Lions Community Fish Fry

Date: Saturday March 22nd, 2025

Time: 11 am – 2 pm

Location: Arrowhead Yacht Club

396 Winnebago Drive, Lake Winnebago, MO 64034

Cost: Adults \$15 & kids 10 and under \$8 (all you can eat)

Menu: the best Cat Fish, Corn Fritters, Baked Beans, Coffee or Lemonade

All proceeds will help support Lions Club Projects.



**BOWLING
OVER
BLINDNESS**

The KC Red Bridge Lions Club invites you to a morning of strikes and spares to benefit Children's Center for Visually Impaired, Kids Sight, Alaphpointe and Leader Dogs!

SATURDAY

- APRIL 26, 2025
- WARD PARKWAY LANES
1523 W 89TH ST
- BOWLING STARTS AT 10 AM

4 BOWLERS PER TEAM/\$25 MINIMUM DONATION PER BOWLER
3 GAMES - SHOES INCLUDED. EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

REGISTER BY APRIL 24TH BY CALLING OR EMAILING
816-401-6172 OR MABEACH60@GMAIL.COM

[HTTPS://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/KCREDBRIDGELIONS](https://www.facebook.com/kcredbridgelions)



**BINGO
FUNDRAISER**

Join us on the third Saturday of the month
for an evening of exciting
Bingo Games, Prizes, and Raffles
to raise money for the
Mayview Lions Club Memorial Scholarship Fund

BINGO FOR A CAUSE

No cash prizes for bingo games.
Instead, we ask that everyone please bring an item(s)
to be given away as the bingo game prizes.

Dates:
October 19th November 16th
January 18th February 15th
March 15th April 19th

BINGO at 6:00 PM
Doors open at 5:45 PM

Mayview Community Building
104 W Marshall Street
Mayview, MO 64071



Fun Around the District

LIONS CLUB EYE MISSION

Sponsored by Orrick Lions Club

FREE eye screenings and FREE glasses!!!!
FREE glasses are fitted and provided
FREE sunglasses

SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 2025
Orrick School
100 Kirkham Street
Orrick MO
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Call for appointment and information:
Sally Vick 816-260-1479
Walk-ins accepted
OPEN TO ALL
Adults and children
Do not need to be an Orrick resident

Harrisonville Lions Club



ST. PATRICK'S
DAY DINNER

MAR 17th

Carry Out Available

Lunch 11-1 Dinner 4-7

Methodist Church 2600 E
Mechanic St. Harrisonville, MO

Adults \$20
Children (12 & under) \$10
tickets available at the door

Main Entrees: (1 of the following)

- Corned Beef
- Ham
- Grilled Reuben Sandwich
- Grilled Ham & Cheese

All Main Entrees Served With:

- Cabbage, Potatoes & Carrots
- Dinner Roll
- Slice of Pie or Dessert
- Drink

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Kansas City!
HAMBURGER MARY'S
Bar & Grille
EAT, DRINK, AND BE...MARY!

HAMBINGO BENEFITING THE KANSAS CITY WORLD OUTREACH LIONS CLUB

MARCH 29 • 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM
HAMBURGER MARY'S, KANSAS CITY



Lions International

Eyeglass Recycling Center



On a frigid February day, Catholic Charities had arranged for a group of Tennessee students and their sponsors to come volunteer at the recycling center. There were 42 students and 12 adult chaperones there. We were happy to explain what we do as Lions with the eyeglasses and the process of sorting, cleaning packaging, and reading the glasses. The students were well behaved and got a lot done in an hour.

Around the District



CCVI Trolley Run Opens Registration!

The **CCVI Trolley Run** is the largest fundraiser for Children's Center for the Visually Impaired (CCVI) that builds community to change lives for blind and visually impaired kids. Participants can run **OR WALK** to raise awareness, encourage our families, and have a blast for a great cause. Registering this Fall locks in the **CHEAPEST** price of the year, and 100% of the proceeds go directly to the organization. Register at www.trolleyrun.org!

Around the District

Who can report service

It's important for your club to know who is responsible for service reporting, so your club receives the benefits. In Lions clubs, service chairpersons are responsible for service reporting, although many clubs choose to have the club secretary or club president report. In Leo clubs, the president, secretary or Leo club advisor can report service. Your club can also appoint an administrator to handle service reporting.

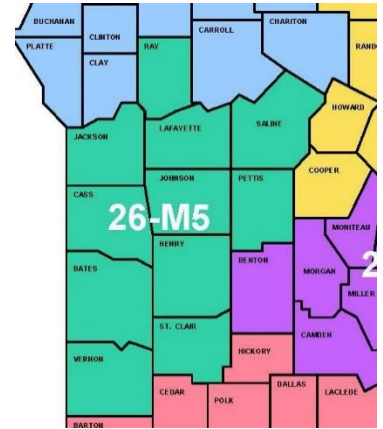
How to measure service

Our reputation as a leader in global humanitarian service depends on accurate reporting by our clubs. Often, measuring our service impact is straightforward. For example, if your club hosts a diabetes educational event, count the number of people who attend and the volunteers who helped, then report them.

In some cases, clubs serve in ways that are more challenging to measure, like cleaning a park, holding a fundraising dinner or promoting awareness of a cause. Learn more about what types of activities can be reported, what metrics are collected and how beneficiaries are counted in the [Measuring Service Impact](#) resource

Around the District-

Zone Chairs and Club Listing



Zone 1

Zone Chairperson – Lion Elizabeth Elson (Miami)

Home: 660-852-3305 Email: eaelson@iland.net

Alma Corder Marshall Miami Nelson
Waverly

Zone 2

Zone Chairperson – Lion Warren Trivett (Sedalia State Fair)

Home: 660-473-6341 E-mail: wct.cbmrc@gmail.com

Concordia / Knob Noster / Leeton / Sedalia / Sedalia State Fair / Warrensburg

Zone 3

Zone Chairperson – Lion Marvin Schemmer (Mayview)

Phone: 816-230-7270 Email: mayviewwed@gmail.com

Independence Eastview Independence Host Independence Noland Rd

Zone 4

Zone Chairperson – Lion Donna Jungerman (Mayview)

Mobile: 816-263-1568 Email: jungerman@ctcis.net

Higginsville Lexington Mayview Orrick Wellington

Zone 5

Zone Chairperson – Lion Joe Austin (KCWOLC)

Ph:360-670-5413 Email: joeaustin96@gmail.com

Grandview KC Brookside Waldo KC Red Bridge KC World Outreach

Zone 6

Zone Chairperson – Lion Mike Quatela (Lake Winnebago)

Cell: 816-699-2230 Email: MikeQuatela@gmail.com

Creighton Lake Winnebago Lee's Summit Pleasant Hill Urich

Zone 7

Zone Chairperson – Lion Sharon Defries (Raymore)

Home: 816-322-0689 Email: Sdefries@comcast.net

Belton Bel Ray Sunshine Belton Host Harrisonville Peculiar Raymore

Zone 8

Zone Chairman – Lion Richard Brockman (Nevada)

Cell: 417-321-2209 Email: rbrockman@nevada.mo.gov

Around the State



Jefferson City Host Lions 100th Anniversary Registration June 13 & 14, 2025

Capitol View Room - Canterbury Hill Winery & Restaurant
1707 S. Summit Dr., Holts Summit, MO

Meet & Greet: Dinner & Program:

Friday, June 13, 2025 4:00 - 7:00 PM (Casual) Saturday, June 14, 2025 5:00
PM - 9:00 PM Light snacks will be provided - Cash bar. (Business Casual) -
Cash bar

Join us as we celebrate the centennial of the Jefferson City Host Lions Club. Meet our special guests Past International President Brian Sheehan, and his wife, Lion Lori. Mingle with Lions and guests as we come together to commemorate this historic milestone. We hope you can attend both nights of this memorable event. \$40 per person

Name(s): _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ ZIP: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Number attending: Friday: _____ Saturday: _____

A block of rooms has been reserved at **Comfort Suites**, 4804 Country Club Dr., Jefferson City, MO. (573) **896-1136 Group name:** Lions 100th Anniversary. King rate is \$147.44 (plus tax). Queen rate is \$150.43 (plus tax). **Rooms must be reserved by May 23, 2025.**

Complete the registration form, include \$40.00 per person payment to Jefferson City Host Lions and mail to: Jefferson City Host Lions 100th Anniversary, PO Box 6613 Jefferson City, MO 65102.
Registration and payment must be received by May 1, 2025

Questions? Please contact us at: jhostlions100th@gmail.com

Around the State

DoubleTree Hotel – Westport



Attendees are responsible for securing their own lodging.

A block of rooms is being held until

April 10, 2025

DoubleTree Hotel – Westport
1973 Craigshire
St. Louis, MO 63146
314-434-0100

Mention you are with the MO
Lions State Convention Group
Code: CDTLMO

<https://group.doubletree.com/h115en>

Room prices \$119 + Tax



**"Fun Happens At
the World's Fair"**

For more information contact:

Co-Chair – PCC Gina Boettcher
573-368-1333

Co-Chair – PCC Kimberly Taylor
314-560-8383

State Convention Email Address:
2025convention@lions26m2.org

Message us on our
Facebook Page

"Missouri Lions State
Convention 2025"

**103rd Annual
Missouri Lions
State Convention**



May 1st – 4th, 2025

**DoubleTree – Westport
1973 Craigshire
St. Louis, MO 63146**



District 26-M2 Lions
invite you to

come have fun at the
World's Fair

and enjoy hospitality,
fellowship and
learning

during the
103rd Annual
Missouri Lions State
Convention.

DoubleTree Hotel –
Westport St. Louis
May 1st – 4th, 2025

2025 Missouri State Lions Convention Registration

Lion Leo Guest Name (as wanted on badge) _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ Email _____
District _____ Club _____ Title (PDG, PCC, President, etc) _____
Banquet Meal Choice: Beef Chicken Salmon
Special Dietary Needs? Yes Details: _____



Lion Leo Guest Name (as wanted on badge) _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ Email _____
District _____ Club _____ Title (PDG, PCC, President, etc) _____
Banquet Meal Choice: Beef Chicken Salmon
Special Dietary Needs? Yes Details: _____

Mail Registration form & payment to:

PDG Devin Struttman
770 Oakmont Lane
Union, MO 63084

Checks payable:

Missouri Lions 2025 State
Convention

(No refunds will be issued
after March 31, 2025)

Full Registration: \$119.04 x _____ = _____
(Includes registration, luncheon, & banquet)

Registration & Luncheon: \$70.00 x _____ = _____

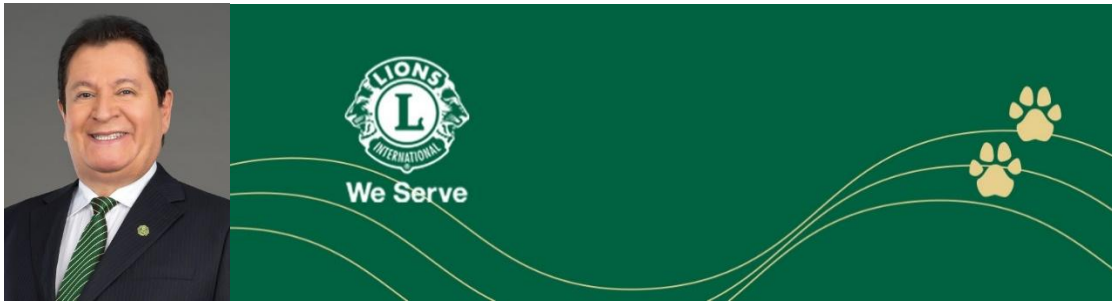
Registration & Banquet: \$85.00 x _____ = _____

Registration ONLY: \$35.00 x _____ = _____

After 4/15/2025, ADD \$10.00 x _____ = _____

Grand Total: _____ = _____

International News



Dear Lion,

As an organization, we have a vision for the future of our service. And as individual club members, we have a vision of how to make that future a reality — through our service and by inviting others to join us.

So work with your fellow club members and your community to bring your vision to life so we can grow together and serve more people than ever before.

At your service,

Fabrício Oliveira
International President



Dear Lions and Leos,

The start of a new year provides an excellent opportunity to take a look at your service and fundraising goals to consider ways Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) can help you achieve them. LCIF grants and programs empower Lions and Leos worldwide to take on bigger projects and impact more people than any single Lion or club could do alone. Within this month's newsletter, you will find an example of a Matching Grant project that is making a difference in Australia, as well as valuable resources that can help you learn more about LCIF grants to see if there is one that's right for your club or district, now or in the future.

It is the support each of you provides our foundation, through your financial gifts and sharing impactful stories of service with others, that we are able to achieve our ambitious goals together. LCIF and our beneficiaries are truly grateful for your continued [contributions](#).

Yours in service, **Dr. Patti Hill, LCIF Chairperson**

International News



Feel the magic in Orlando

Get registered for *the Lion* event of the year. Then get ready to experience everything convention has to offer in a city that's truly a magical travel destination.



COME TO VISITING LIONS WEEKEND

FRIDAY HOSPITALITY, HALL OF HONOR DINNER
SATURDAY, PROGRAMS, TOURS, FELLOWSHIP

**APRIL 4-5 HAMILTON EYE INSTITUTE
\$50 REGISTRATION INCLUDES 2 MEALS**



PEACE POSTER

Peace Poster Contest kits are here

The Lions International Peace Poster Contest gives young people a chance to share what this year's theme, *Together As One*, means to them through their creativity. Encourage your clubs to order this year's digital or physical kit today.