



Missouri Lion

November 2024– January 2025

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 21-22, 2025	M1 District Convention	Rolla, MO
Feb. 28-March 1, 2025	M6 District Convention	Branson, MO
March 7-8, 2025	M5 District Convention	Warrensburg, MO
March 7-8, 2025	M7 District Convention	TBD
March 8, 2025	Mid-South Third Quarterly Meeting	Memphis, TN
March 14-15, 2025	M4 District Convention	Chillicothe, MO
March 21-23, 2025	M2 District Convention	St. Louis, MO
March 28-29, 2025	M3 District Convention	St. Clement, MO
April 4-5, 2025	Mid-South Visiting Lions Day	Memphis, TN
May 1, 2025	Council of Governors Meeting	St. Louis, MO
May 2-4, 2025	State Convention	St. Louis, MO
June 6, 2025	Mid-South Annual Golf Tournament	Olive Branch, MS
June 7, 2025	Mid-South Quarterly mtg./Cataract-A-Thon	Memphis, TN
July 13-17, 2025	International Convention	Orlando, Florida
July 26, 2025	Council of Governors Meeting	Jefferson City, MO
October 25, 2025	Council of Governors Meeting	Jefferson City, MO
April 23, 2026	Council of Governors Meeting	St. Joseph, MO
April 24-26, 2026	State Convention	St. Joseph, MO
July 3-7, 2026	International Convention	Atlanta, Georgia
September 3-5, 2026	USA/Canada Forum	Memphis, TN
July 2-6, 2027	International Convention	Washington D.C.
June 23-27, 2028	International Convention	Singapore

Youth Committee

FELLOW LIONS

Please reach out to your Youth Chairs for more information about the following:

M1: Lion Marilyn Reaves mdreaves63@gmail.com

M2: Lion Toni Mahoney tkmahoney54@gmail.com

M3: Lion Cheyenne Porterfield cheyenneporterfield23@yahoo.com

M4: Lion Bethney Pedersen pedebet19@gmail.com

M5: District Governor Mickey Beach mbeach1960@gmail.com

M6: Lion Rosalie Watts rosalie879@msn.com

M7: Lion Bruce Berger bruce9949@aol.com

Leos: Cubs-4 yrs old to 12 yrs old (new age group)

Alpha - 12 yrs old to 18 yrs old

Omega - 18 yrs old to 30 yrs old

Peace Poster Contest-youths 11 yrs old to 13 yrs old by November 15.

Cost of the kit is \$11.95 Available Feb.- Oct. 1st.

There is a challenge from District M6 to have every club in Missouri participate!

Youth Camp Exchange - Looking for Missouri youths 15-22 yrs of age that qualify to participate in this program, with camps in over 42 countries.

Our MD26 YCE Camp will be accepting 12 youths ages 17-19 for arriving July 1, they will stay 10 days with two different Host Families unless the Host Family is interested the total 20 days. Camp is in St. James, Mo. July 20-27. Youths depart for home July 28-30.

We are looking for Lions to help out at camp besides being a Host Family.

For other helpful information, visit Lions International Website and look up Youth Camp Exchange

Lions 26-M4 District Convention Registration

March 14-15, 2025 at Comfort Inn and Suites, Chillicothe



26-M4 will host their Hospitality Night, Friday, March 14, and will consist of food, fun, and fellowship. Those clubs requesting a table for their signature or specialty treat, please call/text Lion Wendy Edwards at 816-826-6075. The 2025 International Convention will be held in Orlando, and the night's theme is all things Disney...so bust out your Disney apparel! Clubs are also encouraged to decorate their table with a Disney movie theme!

The Convention will be held on Saturday, March 15. We will provide a light breakfast and a catered lunch. **Our guest is Past International Director Lee Vrieze from Wisconsin.** Registration will begin at 9 a.m. The Convention will begin at 10 a.m. with the parade of banners. So, bring your club's banner and participate! Later that evening there will be a casual dinner. Please mark the form accordingly at the bottom if you are staying for dinner.

Accommodations: We will be staying at Comfort Inn and Suites, Chillicothe. Room rates for a Double Queen are \$139 per night. King Single and King Suites are also available for additional cost. Call 660-646-9900 to make your reservation. The physical address is 250 E Business 36, Chillicothe, MO 64601. We encourage you to make your reservations early as the rooms will be released at the end of the day on February 12, 2025.

Basket Raffle: Our fundraising raffle will begin Friday night and end during Saturday's lunch. Proceeds will benefit LCIF. Only cash will be accepted for tickets.

Service Project: We will be supporting the Chillicothe Middle School Cares Closet with personal hygiene and food items. This program is in place to help middle school students in need. Examples: Easy to prepare food like mac & cheese cups, Spaghetti O's, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce. Hygiene products like toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, feminine hygiene, shampoo, body wash and laundry soap.

Lion(s):			
Club Name:		Office:	
Guest:			
Address:			
Phone:		Email:	
Dietary needs:			
Registration, Breakfast and Lunch:	Number attending:	@ \$45 each =	\$
Registration, Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner:	Number attending:	@ \$50 each =	\$
Total:			\$

Reservations are needed by March 7, 2025. Make checks payable to Lions District 26M4 and mail to Lion Wendy Edwards, 511 N Frame St, Hamilton, MO 64644. You can also reach Lion Wendy at wendy.edwards96@gmail.com or 816-826-6075.

For questions, please contact Lion Rachel Harper at lionrachel2106@gmail.com or Lion Susan Cunningham at cunningham1947@icloud.com.

Missouri Lions MD-26 2025 Proposed Changes to the Constitution and By-Laws

The following propositions have been reviewed and screened and reflect amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Missouri Lions MD-26. They will be submitted to the voting delegates at the Multiple District Convention on May 3, 2025.

There will be two issues on the ballot this year. These are removing the requirement for committee appointment rotations, and approval of the 2027 State Convention location in District 26-M3.

There were several housekeeping items that will be corrected and updated once any changes to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Missouri Lions MD-26 are approved in May. One notable update, in keeping with the International MD Standard Form Constitution and By-Laws, will be the addition of Global Extension Team (GET) Multiple District Coordinator which will be added as MD26 By-Laws ARTICLE III, Section 7 (c).

In addition, it was found that the Information Technology, Music, Athletic and Lions Opportunity for Youth Committee members were not specifically listed as having two year terms (MD26 Constitution, Article VIII, Section 4(a)). This section will be updated to reflect these, but ONLY IF Proposition 1 does not get approved.

PROPOSITION NO. 1

A RESOLUTION TO REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT FOR APPOINTING STATE COMMITTEE MEMBERS BASED ON SPECIFIC YEARS (EVEN/ODD) BY DISTRICT, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE.

SHALL THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BE APPROVED?

BE IT RESOLVED, that Article VIII, Section 4 (b) and (c) of the Multiple District 26 Constitution be removed and Section 4 (d) be renumbered Section 4 (b)?

PROPOSITION NO. 2

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE SITE OF THE 2027 STATE CONVENTION.

SHALL THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BE APPROVED?

BE IT RESOLVED, that the proposed location for 2027 Multiple District Convention will be in District 26-M3, Missouri.

Now Seeking – Saving Sight’s Lion Ambassador of the Year!

We’re thrilled to announce that for a second year, Saving Sight will name a Lion Ambassador of the Year for 2025! The award is in recognition of a volunteer who has made an incredible impact in our service area in the past year and exemplifies our mission of “We change lives by saving sight.”

The award will be given to one volunteer at Saving Sight’s June 21, 2025, Board of Directors meeting and the winner will be announced at the Missouri Lions State Convention. In commemoration of their partnership in service, Saving Sight will provide a \$1,000 donation in the Lion Ambassador of the Year honoree’s name to the 501c(3) nonprofit organization of their choice.

Nominations for the Ambassador of the Year will be accepted from February 1, 2025, through April 1, 2025. A total of only 9 nominations will be considered from:

- The current seated MD-26 District Governors (7 nominations)
- The current seated Md-26 Council Chairperson (1 nomination)
- The current Saving Sight Board of Directors (1 nomination)

To be considered for the award, nominees should meet the following criteria:

- Nominees must have made an impact in our service area (MO, KS, or IL) during 2024
- Nominees must exemplify the mission, “We change lives by saving sight.”
- Nominees may be a Lions Club member or a community member
- Nominees cannot be a seated Saving Sight board member, immediate past board member, or a Saving Sight employee

Do you know someone who should be considered, or are you interested in being nominated? Please contact your District Governor, the MD26 Council Chair, or any Saving Sight board member!



We Serve

Please follow our new
Missouri Lions Instagram
account! Find it under the
name:

missouri_lions_international

26M-3 District Lions Convention Registration

March 28th and 29th at 14516 Hwy J, Bowling Green Mo (St. Clement).



Friday night dig out your 70's clothes and join us for the 70's Show.

You may join us for a Fish Fry supporting Knights of Columbus. The cost is approximately \$15.00. Served from 4:00 PM till 7:00 PM.

We will be having a silent auction starting Friday night so bring your items or contact CC Sherl Horton.

Hospitality Night is Friday @ 7:00pm. Knights of Columbus Hall.

Raffle tickets will be available for \$1 each or 6 for \$5 where you could win \$300, \$200 and \$100. Tickets will be handed out and mailed to clubs.

Need hotel arrangements just call Super 8, 1216 E. Champ Clark Drive, Bowling Green MO. and ask for Lions rate of double Queens \$100.00 plus tax. Kings \$90.00 plus tax. Breakfast included. Phone 573-324-6000. Ask for "Lions M3 Convention" when registering.

Our International Guest is International Director Steve Middlemass from Hudson, New Hampshire.

Saturday will start at 9 am and dress is Lions business casual. We will be having a service project and details will come later. Evening seating for dinner will be at 6pm and dress will be formal/business.

Name _____ Title _____

Lions club _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Dietary needs _____

Registration only (must be registered to vote) **\$20** _____

70's Kid Sight Trivia **\$20** _____

Registration and lunch **\$40** _____

Registration, lunch and dinner \$65 _____

First timers **\$30** does not include trivia _____

Total _____

Make check payable to 26M-3 2024 Convention and mail to Lion Dexter Enders
815 Monroe, St. St. Charles, Mo 63301.



Any questions contact PCC Bob Noellsch 573-470-0005 or lionbobnoellsch@hotmail.com, PDG Mike Sliger
msluger80@gmail.com 217-242-7510 or CC Sherl Horton sherlhorton97@gmail.com 314-913-1395

M3 District Convention!

Lions,

It is nearly time to celebrate our Lion's year at the District Convention.

The dates are March 28-29; it will be in beautiful, downtown St. Clement (4 miles south of Bowling Green on Hwy 161); the address is 14516 Hwy J, Bowling Green Mo (St. Clement). We have a block of rooms at the Super 8 in Bowling Green – you will need to make your own reservations (see the [registration form](#)).

Friday night will be hospitality so you can catch up with friends from around the district – and make new ones. The theme for Friday night is The 70's so you can dress in weird colors and bell bottoms. We will also have a trivia game to support Kids Sight, you don't have to be a trivia buff – it's for fun! And, there will be a silent auction on Friday night. Prior to our hospitality, the Knights of Columbus will have a fish fry from 4:30 – 7:00; you are welcome to attend – in the same location, the cost will be around \$15; it is very good!

Saturday, Club Presidents will get to tell us about their year (briefly – there will be a time limit). We will have a speaker from Ann's Anchor (home for unwed mothers and their babies to learn basic life skills). Our International Guest will be ID Steve Middlemiss from Hudson, New Hampshire. We will be providing supplies for Ann's Anchor as a service project. The banquet starts at 6:00 pm.

Chef Wack is preparing our meals. Lunch will be smoked bourbon chicken, sides, and dessert; the banquet meal will be smoked brisket, sides, and dessert.

You can support our convention by buying raffle tickets and by donating items to and/or buying from the silent auction. The raffle tickets are available from Mike Sliger (Msliger80@gmail.com).

Hope to see you for all or part of the convention!

Lion Carol Deters
District Governor





Become a Host Family

Is Hosting Right for Me?

Hosting an exchange youth is guaranteed to be a rewarding experience because:

- You experience the joy of sharing your culture and customs.
- You learn about the exchange youth's customs and culture.
- You open a new world of thinking to the exchange youth.
- You make a new friend - maybe a friend for life.

If this sounds rewarding, you may enjoy being a host family for the Lions YCE Program! Please check out the following video:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k4M9d31AAJ0&ab_channel=LionsClubsInternational

Expectations of a Host Family

Room and Board - You are expected to provide room and board for the youth. It is recommended that youth be roomed with youth of similar ages and similar genders. Meals should be balanced and healthy.

Transportation - Typically, you are responsible for all the youth's transportation during the exchange. Travel may include but is not limited to, transfers to and from the airport or train station, transfers to other Host Families or International Camp, transportation to and from any planned activities by you and/or the Host Club.

Financial responsibilities - Payment for cultural activities is dependent on the agreement made between you, the youth, and the Host Club. Some programs offer stipends or scholarships for participating Host Families.

Selecting an Exchange Youth - Hosting a youth is dependent upon desired age, gender, interests, and nationality and upon the availability of the youth meeting those requirements. Your local YCE Chairperson will advise you of available youth. You can learn more about the roles and expectations of a YCE Host Family by checking out the [YCE Host Family Handbook!](#) Potential Host Families must be screened by the Host Lions Club and YCE Chairperson. Availability: It is important that you make sure your family's schedule allows accommodation to spend enough quality time with the youth.



Is the YCE Program Right for Me?

- Are you ready to embark on a life-changing adventure that will open your mind and heart?
- Curious about other cultures and ways of life?
- Want to develop your skills in a second language?
- Would you like to cultivate new friendships with individuals that have different backgrounds, beliefs, and customs than you?

As a YCE exchange youth you can expect to be immersed in a unique cultural experience with Lions and Leo club members supporting your YCE journey. Your host family will treat you as a member of the family, expecting your engagement in typical daily routines and family meals. You will participate in social activities, possibly service projects and visit cultural places of interest. You are expected to familiarize yourself with the customs, expectations, and basic language of the host country prior to your visit and have a desire to learn more.

Benefits of Participation

- Live with a family in another country and/or attend camp with other young people
- Meet people your age from around the world
- Learn about what it means to be a Lion or Leo in another country.
- Deepen your understanding of yourself and the world around you.
- Learn how to foster peace and understanding among peoples of the world!

You can learn more about the roles and expectations of a YCE Exchange Youth by checking out the [YCE Exchange Youth Handbook!](#) Programs are available in over 30 countries on six continents.

Participant Eligibility

YCE Exchange Youth must:

- Be between the ages of 15 and 22
- Be sponsored by a Lions Club
- Be ready to represent your community, country, and the sponsoring Lions Club
- Welcome the opportunity to explore the customs of another culture!
- Provide proof of insurance (health, medical, travel) and a liability release agreement
- Take initiative to learn the language of the host country (i.e. basic greetings and phrases)

What are the Costs?

Host Lions clubs cover the costs of room and board with a host family. Exchange Youth are typically responsible for:

*Round-trip airfare *Camp Fees *Health, medical and travel insurance

*Travel documents (such as passports and visas) *Spending money for gifts, souvenirs

For more information contact: Lion Mickey Beach @ mbeach1960@gmail.com



District 26-M1 Lions February 21-22, 2025

Invites you to come have fun at the Friday night social hour.

Fun, Games and Hospitality.

All profits go to support LCIF.

Enjoy an "old Fashioned Fish Fry Dinner" prepared by the Rolla Lions Catering Team.

Hotel Information:

????? Hotel

Location

Contact Information

Phone #

2025 District 26-M1 Convention Registration

Lion ___ Leo ___ Guest ___ Name (wanted on badge) _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

District _____ Club _____ Title (PDG, PCC, President) _____

Lunch Meal Choice Chicken _____ Baked Ham _____

Special Dietary Needs? Yes ___ Details _____

Lion ___ Leo ___ Guest ___ Name (wanted on badge) _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

District _____ Club _____ Title (PDG, PCC, President) _____

Lunch Meal Choice Chicken _____ Baked Ham _____

Special Dietary Needs? Yes ___ Details _____

Mail Registration form and payment to:

PDG Jennie Mosher

10425 Summerfield Dr.

Rolla, MO 65401

Checks payable:

Fort Leonard Wood Lions

No refunds will be issued after February 10, 2025

Full Registration \$???? x ___ = _____

(Includes Registration, Friday Social Hour, Saturday Luncheon)

Friday Night Social \$???? x ___ = _____

Registration & Lunch \$???? x ___ = _____

Registration ONLY \$???? x ___ = _____

After 2/1/2025 ADD \$ 5.00 x ___ = _____

Grand Total _____ = _____



District 26-M1 2025 Convention

February 21-22, 2024

Rolla Lions Club

1061 South Bishop Ave, Rolla, MO



John Allen Lawrence, International Director

John A. Lawrence from Chestertown, Maryland, USA, was elected to serve a two-year term as an international director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 105th International Convention in Boston, Massachusetts, USA, July 7 through July 11, 2023.

After serving in the US Army, Director Lawrence had a career as a civil servant in the Department of Defense. During this time, he created and led a division of 120 research mathematicians and linguists. He also served as a distinguished visiting professor at the US Airforce Academy and was certified as a professional in computer science, mathematics, and education. He was also honored as a distinguished member of the Crypto-Mathematics Institute

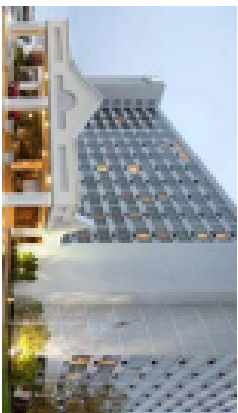
After looking for an opportunity to give back to his community, he found his answer when his friend asked him to become a Lion. Since joining the Kent Island Lions Club in 1997, he held a number of offices within the association including multiple district council chairperson, multiple district leadership development chairperson and multiple district convention chairperson. He also served as a Regional Lions Leadership Institute coordinator, an International Convention presenter and a moderator for the USA/Canada forum. Additionally, he has served as the chairman of the Lions Vision Research Foundation to support the Wilmer Eye Institute of the Johns Hopkins Hospital.

In recognition of his service to the association, he has received numerous awards including multiple International President's Awards, International President's Leadership Awards and International President's Certificates of Appreciation. He is a an Arnall Patz Fellow and a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lions activities, Director Lawrence is active in numerous professional and community organizations. He served as state coordinator of the Maryland AARP Tax-Aide program for which he received the AARP's most prestigious and visible volunteer award, the Andrus Award for Community Service. Additionally, he is a member of the County Citizens Advisory Board for a youth center and a member of the executive board of the local American Legion Post.

Director Lawrence and his partner in service, PDG Carol Schoonover, also a Lion and Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, share four children and four grandchildren between them.

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/hTT5en>

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

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Missouri Lions

State Convention

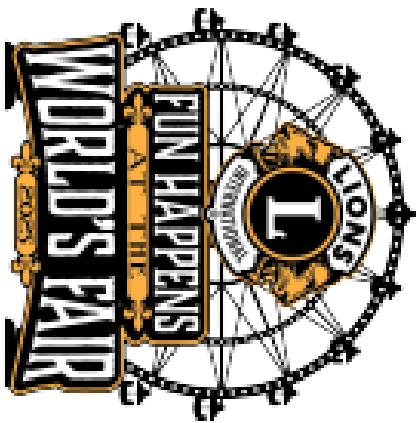


May 1st – 4th, 2025

DoubleTree – Westport

1973 Craigshire

St. Louis, MO 63146



2025 Missouri State Lions Convention Registration

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

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: _____

Leo Guest Name (as wanted on badge) _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

District _____ Club _____ Title (PDG, PCC, President, etc) _____

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Mail Registration Form & payment to:

PDG Devin Struttmann
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:				=	_____



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#wearemissourilions

