

JANUARY, 2026

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## Mid-South Lions Monthly Newsletter



### From The Desk of The CEO

#### RESOLUTIONS & TROUBLES

Friends 2025 was a year of ups and downs, like most years. Mid-South Lions celebrated the completion of a three-year project to purchase revolutionary new equipment to assist our world-renowned surgeons provide better, safer, and more efficient surgery to our patients.

We experienced loss of our good friends and past presidents Howard Jenkins and Bud Dean. Together they were the best examples of servant leaders and they will be sorely missed by all of us.

Mid-South brought on a new full-time employee for the first time in many years. Bianca Gibson is working hard to apply her knowledge and experience to help us be ready for contingencies in the office, and to help us raise awareness in the Memphis community so we can increase our non-Lion donations and provide even more care for those in need.

Our accounts took a hit when we were hacked in April. But we caught it early and didn't suffer significantly. However, to ensure better security we changed our credit card and moved all our cash accounts to a different bank. Our Edward Jones account remained untouched and secure the entire time.

The annual audit of our funds for 2024-2025 was positive in every area. Mid-South spent almost 85% of every donated dollar exclusively on patient care. It will be hard to duplicate that in 2026 but we will do all we can to continue giving as much care as possible.

During the fall our club contributions have dropped off (I don't know why) and we've borrowed funds from our Trustees and other savings. If you and/or your club can help with increased contributions, now would be a good time to make that happen.

With every patient that receives the precious gift of sight or hearing, Mid-South elevates us all with warm feelings and full hearts. With every struggle (mostly financial) we work with more determination and resolve to do better...to do more with less, but with your help to do more with MORE.

I once heard this, "May your troubles only last as long as your new year's resolutions." For the vast majority of us, that means we'll only have troubles for a short time. Our troubles at Mid-South always only last a short time because of the life-changing work we do.

This year, please continue to work with us to make our communities better in every way. Please devote more time, talents, and resources to helping others and I promise that you'll help yourself have a happier 2026.

God bless us all and happy new year from all of us at Mid-South Lions.

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# CLUB

## BARTLETT LIONS CLUB



### CLUB MEETING

1/13/26  
6:30 pm—7:45 pm  
Bartlett Senior Center

## GERMANTOWN LIONS CLUB



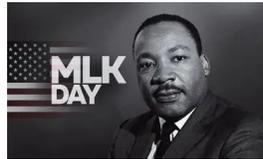
### CLUB MEETING

4th Monday of each month  
6:30 pm  
Perkins Restaurant

# THIS MONTH IN HISTORY: JANUARY



Melvin Jones, designated founder of Lions Clubs, was born on January 13, 1879 at Fort Thomas, Arizona.



MLK Day is observed annually on the third Monday in January, close to Dr. King’s birthday on January 15. This year, we are celebrating MLK Day on Monday, January 19.

*“The best way to find one’s self is to lose yourself in the service of others” - Mahatma Gandhi*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 1/16-17/26 TENNESSEE LION LEADERS RETREAT—Manchester, TN
- 1/17/26 CATARACT-A-THON—UMKC, Kansas City, MO
- 1/23-24/26 30-M DISTRICT MEETING— Grenada, MS
- 1/24/26 MECA CATARACT-A-THON—Memphis, TN

## DON'T LOSE YOUR DAY JOB! - Because You Won't Make It As A Comedian

Did you hear that laughing too loudly is illegal in Hawaii? They only permit a-low-ha. I hate my job — all I do is crush cans all day. It's soda pressing. Two guys walked into a bar. The third guy ducked.



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