

MARCH 2026

# THE MANE EVENT

## Mid-South Lions Monthly Newsletter



### From The Desk of The CEO

#### COME ON DOWN! APRIL 10-11, MEMPHIS, TN

There are numerous aspects of our work that truly warrant first-hand observation. Brian Staron, our late colleague, often demonstrated impressive magic tricks that remained remarkable and hardly believable even when witnessed in person.

For you to have a better understanding and to achieve the greatest impact, we encourage you to visit our facilities, engage with our medical professionals, and participate in the activities offered during Visiting Lions Weekend. The advanced technology and resources at Hamilton Eye Institute are best appreciated in person. Each year, we invite all members of the Lions community to experience Mid-South. This year, our board, staff, past presidents, medical partners, and Lions representatives from across our four-state region will have the opportunity to see, learn about, and experience the miracles Lions provide within the Hamilton Eye Institute.

A modest registration fee of \$50 per person provides access to Friday evening hospitality and dinner, presentations by leading ophthalmologists, demonstrations of state-of-the-art equipment, tours of technologically advanced vision care facilities, a group luncheon, and opportunities to connect with approximately one hundred fellow Lions throughout the weekend.

The weekend program begins at 5:00 PM on Friday with hospitality and entertainment provided by representatives from all four states. At 7:00 PM, attendees will convene in the auditorium for the annual L. B. Baker Hall of Honor presentation and dinner.

Saturday's agenda starts at 8:00 AM with updates from our partners at the Hamilton Eye Institute on recent developments in ophthalmology, including significant advancements occurring regularly. Attendees will then tour the surgery center, pediatric clinic, and research floor, where efforts are ongoing to address visual health challenges. Following lunch, participants will hear testimonials from patients before the event concludes at 2:00 PM, allowing time to explore the sights and sounds of Memphis or return home.

Your investment of time and resources in Mid-South is valued, and VLW offers an excellent opportunity to observe the positive outcomes your support helps achieve. We are confident you will leave informed, inspired, and motivated with a deeper understanding of how Mid-South serves your communities and supports individuals in need.

There is no substitute for being here in-person for this fantastic weekend!

**THANKYA, THANKYEVERYMUCH.**



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# THE CLUBS

## SEDALIA LIONS CLUB

### 8TH ANNUAL PUB CRAWL

March 14, 2026  
Downtown Sedalia

The name says it all. To register, visit [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com).

## NORTH LITTLE ROCK LIONS CLUB

Annual Bob Moore Memorial Catfish & Chicken Dinner

April, 3, 2026  
First United Methodist Church

4:30 pm—6:30pm



# MARCH QUARTERLY MEETING

## REGISTER NOW!

Join us on Saturday, March 7 in the Medical Staff Auditorium of Methodist University Hospital at 1265 Union Ave beginning at 10 am. Scan the QR Code and register today!



**The strength of the team is each individual member. The strength of each member is the team.**

Phil Jackson

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 3/7 Quarterly Meeting—Memphis, TN
- 3/7 26-M6—DISTRICT MEETING—Joplin, MO
- 3/7 5K Brad Baker Race for Sight—Memphis, TN
- 3/13-14 12 L—DISTRICT MEETING—Jackson, TN
- 3/13-14 26—M4—DISTRICT MEETING—Liberty, MO
- 3/20-21 26-M3—DISTRICT MEETING—St. Charles, MO
- 3/27-28 26-M2—DISTRICT MEETING—St. Louis, MO
- 3/27-28 7—O—DISTRICT MEETING—Blytheville, AR
- 4/10-11 Visiting Lions Weekend— Memphis, TN

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The Brad Baker Race for Sight 5K is Saturday, March 7, 2026, starting at 9:00 am at Shelby Farms Park. Hosted by the Hamilton Eye Institute Lions Club, proceeds to funding eye surgeries for the underserved in the Mid-South and beyond. Registration is \$23 (\$18 for students). Virtual race option is also available. Visit [www.news.uthsc.edu](http://www.news.uthsc.edu) for more information .

