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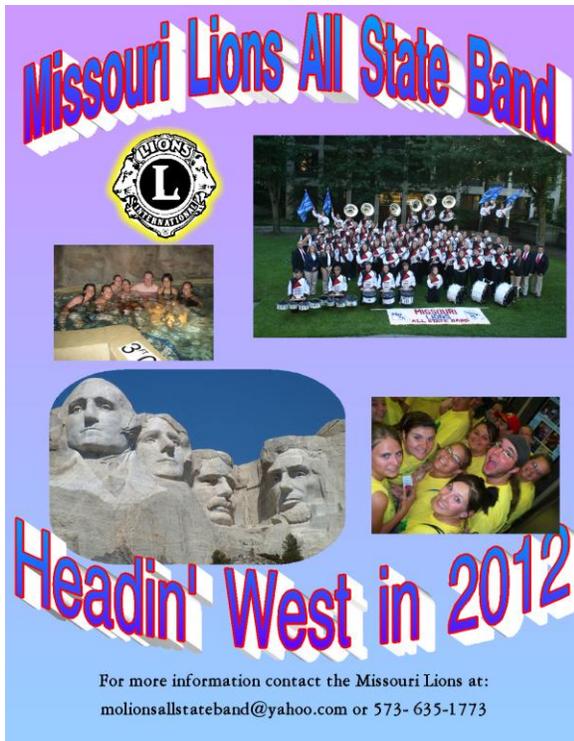
Loving Individuals Offering Needed Services

## Extra Mile: Points of Light Volunteer Pathway

The Extra Mile –Points of Light Volunteer Pathway was dedicated in 2005 by Mrs. George W. Bush to honor individuals who selflessly championed causes to help others realize a better America. Initially twenty individuals were honored for their caring and personal sacrifice, while reaching out to others and building their dreams into great movements to help throughout the United States and the World were on a personal plaque on the Extra Mile. Currently 33 individuals have been recognized for their work, when the mile is completed it will include plaques for 70 extraordinary service leaders. The plaque to honor Melvin Jones was number 23 (see photo below).

BELIEVING IN THE POWER OF COOPERATIVE ALTRUISM, MELVIN JONES HELPED SHAPE LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL INTO THE LARGEST NETWORK OF SERVICE CLUBS IN THE WORLD. THE ORGANIZATION IS COMMITTED TO ASSISTING THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED AND SUPPORTING SIGHT CONSERVATION WORLDWIDE. USING THE MOTTO, "WE SERVE", LIONS CLUBS SEEK TO IMPROVE THE LIVES OF THE NEEDY AND OFFER YOUNG PEOPLE THE CHANCE TO CATCH THE SPIRIT OF SERVICE.





For additional information contact your District Band Chairperson or call 573-635-1773.

## 6<sup>th</sup> Annual All Star Football

July 21, 2012

University of Missouri at Warrensburg

The 36th annual Lions All-Star Football Game will be held on July 21, 2012 at the University of Central Missouri in Warrensburg, Mo. Pre-Game activities will start at 7:00 PM. The Banquet will be held at the Student Union Building on July 20, 2012 at 6:30 PM. You must have a reservation for the banquet as seating is limited. This is a great opportunity to meet the players and coaches and listen to a very interesting speaker. The Blue Team will be coached by Nathan Morgan from Caruthersville High School and the Gold Team

will be coached by Dustin Baldwin from Miller High School. After meeting the coaches I am looking forward to a very exciting football game.

Over 80 schools sent in player nominations which provided over 180 players who could play in the football game. Some of our regular participating schools did not send in nominations this year. The coaches will decide which players will compete in the Lions football game. I'm glad I don't have to choose, because so many talented young men were nominated and it would be very difficult to decide who could or could not play. Players were selected from all four corners of the State as well as big city schools. If you would like to know if your player was selected contact your District Chairperson or you can contact me.

Your District Chairperson will be contacting each Lions Club asking you to support the event or help a player by selling ads for the program book. Remember that although this is a money making event and all proceeds go to Your Missouri Lions Eye Research Foundation it is also a opportunity to showcase some of our graduating senior talent here in Missouri. Previously, several players have earned a scholarship because a coach or scout watched them play in the game. It also gives us a chance to see our All-State Band perform.

Mark your calendar and plan to come to Warrensburg, MO. for the banquet and football game. You will have a great weekend.

PDG Eldon Shipp  
State Athletic Committee Chairperson

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<b>2012 Multiple District 26 Convention Calendar</b>			
District	Date	Speaker	Location
26 M-1	Feb. 25& 26, 2012	ID Bob Curlew	Rolla, Mo
26 M-2	March 24-26, 2012	ID Mark Hitzman	Viking Holiday Inn St. Louis, Mo
26 M-3	March 2-3, 2012	ID Joe Al Pacone	St. Peters, Mo
26 M-4	March 9-10, 2012	ID Marvin Chambers	Hamilton, MO
26 M-5	March 2-4, 2012	ID Doug Alexander	Independence, MO
26 M-6	March 9-10, 2012	ID Carolyn Messier	Springfield, MO
26 M-7	March 2-3, 2012	ID Brian Sheehan	Truman Hotel Jefferson City, MO

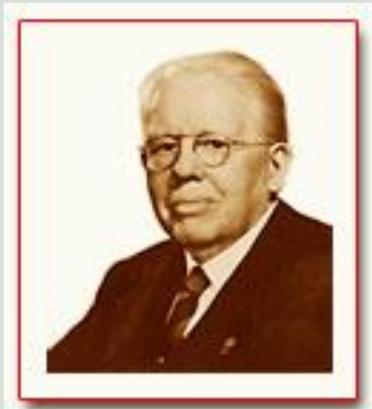
“I seldom think about my limitations, and they never make me sad. Perhaps there is just a touch of yearning at times; but it is vague, like a breeze among flowers.”

**Helen Keller**

## Lions Clubs International Organization

Lions Clubs International (L.C.I.) is the world's largest service organization with over 1.35 million members in more than 46,000 clubs in 206 countries. The organization was founded in Chicago, Illinois in 1917 when a group of business men decided to put their talents and hard work into improving their communities. It was Melvin Jones, a 38 year old business leader who invited delegates from men's clubs to meet in Chicago, Illinois on June 7, 1917 to lay the groundwork for a community service organization called Lions Clubs. Within 3 years this organization became Lions Clubs International when Canada joined in 1920, and Mexico joined in 1927. Today Lions Club International has members in countries throughout the world.

Under the dynamic leadership of Melvin Jones the Lions Clubs International



**Melvin Jones**  
**1/13/1879 – 6/1/1961**

Organization earned the prestige to attract civic-minded members. These civic minded members of the Lions Club International organization are best known for fighting blindness. At the Lions Club International Convention in 1925, Helen Keller challenged the Lions to be “knights of the blind” in the crusade against darkness. Since then, Lions throughout the world have worked tirelessly to aid the blind and visually impaired. Today Lions Club International provides many services in our local communities, in all corners of the globe. The needs are great and our services broad, including sight, health, youth, elderly, the environment and disaster relief. Today the Lions Club

International network includes more than 200 countries and geographic areas around the world.

“You can't get very far until you start doing something for somebody else.”

[Melvin Jones](#)



## Lions Clubs International Foundation

Lions throughout the world are compassionate and dedicated to helping others. The Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF) is the official charitable division of the Lions Club International organization. Through the efforts of LCIF, Lions have improved the lives of people around the world, combating vision problems to responding to major disasters, to providing valuable life skills for our youth. LCIF has the ability to provide large scale relief through its grant programs.

The Lions Club International Foundation was founded in 1968 and grants \$30 million annually to people and communities in need. Since its creation the Foundation has awarded 9,550 grants totaling over \$680 million dollars to support Lions humanitarian projects around the world. During the last 43 years LCIF has awarded grants to help communities following natural disasters by providing immediate needs such as food, water, clothing and medical supplies while aiding in the long – term reconstruction.

Donations from the Lions Club International members provide the vast majority of funding for LCIF projects. Through partnering with other foundations, corporations and governments on both the national and international level LCIF has maximized their financial assets. A recent partnership with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation will support the world-wide initiative to immunize children against measles. Measles is a highly contagious viral infection which is a major cause of preventable blindness in children. Since 2007 the mortality rate related to childhood measles has leveled and ceased to drop, indicating the importance of better immunization protocols for young children around the world.

There are multiple ways Lions can support Lions Clubs International Foundation, the easiest way for everyone is to purchase a **Contributing Member lapel pin**. Donors receive a colorful lapel pin for a gift of \$20, a silver lapel pin for \$50 and a gold lapel pin for a gift of \$100. If every Lions Club member made a \$20 donation, LCIF would receive over \$26 million. This is the only organization which can proudly say 100% of the donated funds go to LCIF projects and grants.

Another way to donate to LCIF is by making a donation directly to the Melvin Jones Fellowship. Individuals or clubs who donate \$1,000 in increments or lump sum can honor someone with the highest level of recognition for humanitarian work. Melvin Jones Fellows receive a lapel pin and a personalized wall plaque. Their names are displayed on a monitor in the LCIF Recognition Room at International headquarters. Melvin Jones Fellowship Progressive Program allows individuals or clubs to donate from \$1,000 to \$100,000 beyond their initial donation. Lapel pins for Progressive Honorees have a diamond, sapphire, ruby or amethyst consistent with the amount donated.

Donations to LCIF are easy, the benefits are great. Please consider donating to Lions Clubs International Foundation, the person you may help can be you as we all have witnessed how much disaster relief Joplin, Missouri received following the May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2011 EF5 tornado. I have heard many great success stories from across our state which was all a result of help from LCIF. Contact your District Cabinet LCIF representative to purchase your **Contributing Member lapel pin**.

## C. Wayne Henderson Memorial Youth Award

Eleven years ago the Missouri State Council of Governors recognized the important role the youth of today would play in our future. At their meeting in January 2001, the council voted to create an award to recognize individuals actively involved in Youth Services. This award was called the “C. Wayne Henderson” Memorial Youth Service Award named in honor of PID Wayne Henderson.



The “C. Wayne Henderson” Memorial Youth Service Award can be bestowed by a club, district or individual through a \$500 donation made to the Missouri Lions Youth Outreach Committee in an individual’s name. The funds donated to the Youth Outreach Committee with the approval of the Council of Governors can be used to help finance the State Peace Poster Contest and the State Youth Exchange Camp expenses. If you have a deserving individual in your Lions Club, please consider making the \$500 donation and honor them

with the C. Wayne Henderson Memorial Youth Service Award.

Web site for obtaining the application form: [www.missourilions.com](http://www.missourilions.com)

### 2012 Calendar Missouri Lions/ International convention Schedule

Date	Event	Location
January 28, 2012	Council of Governors Meeting	Capitol Plaza Hotel Jefferson City, MO
February 3-4, 2012	Mid- Winter Forum	Grand Plaza Hotel Branson, MO
April 20-22, 2012	State Convention	Capitol Plaza Hotel Jefferson City, MO
April 19,20, &21, 2012	Council of Governors Meeting	Capitol Plaza Hotel Jefferson City, MO
April 13-14, 2012	Mid South VDG Visit	Memphis, Tennessee
June 24-July 8, 2012	MO All State Band Camp/Trip	Fort Leonard Wood, MO Rapid City, SD/Colorado Springs, CO
July 13-15, 2012	Great Plains Lions Leadership	Crete, Nebraska
July 20, 2012	Football Banquet	Warrensburg, Missouri
July 21, 2012	Council of Governors Meeting	Warrensburg, Missouri
July 21, 2012	Football Game	Warrensburg, Missouri
August (TBD), 2012	Leader Dog Visit 1 <sup>st</sup> VDG	Rochester, Michigan
August (TBD), 2012	LWSB	Little Rock, Arkansas
<b>Future Lions International Convention Dates and Locations</b>		
June 22-26, 2012		Busan, Korea
July 5-9, 2013		Hamburg, Germany
July 4-8, 2014		Toronto, Canada
June 26-30, 2015		Fukuoka, Japan
June 30-July 4, 2017		Chicago, Illinois*

\* This will be the centennial celebration in the city where Lions Clubs started in 1917.

## 2012 Great Plains Leadership Institute (GPLLI)

July 13-15, 2012

Crete, Nebraska

Feel like you could be doing something more for your Lions Club? Perhaps you're stumped and don't know how to begin to take on additional responsibility. You might even be looking for a way to improve your leadership skills at work or in your community and you find yourself asking "where can I find all this in one place?" Well the answer is simple! All you need is to attend the **Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute (GPLLI)**. There you will find the opportunity to develop your skills to advance to the next level.



The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual GPLLI session will be held at Doane College in Crete, Nebraska, July 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012. This program is being sponsored by the Multiple Districts of

(Saskatchewan, North Dakota and South Dakota), 17 (Kansas), 26 (Missouri) and 38 (Nebraska).

The registration fee for the 2012 GPLLI session is \$130 per student if made by May 31, 2012 and will increase to \$ 145 on June 1, 2012. The fee includes 7 meals, all Institute costs and dormitory rooms at the College with double occupancy (limited rooms are available for single occupancy at an additional cost of \$30 per student).

The program will include outstanding presenters from the different Districts and will provide you with learning modules on communication skills, team building, delegation, management of change, conflict management, project management, diversity, motivation, public speaking and leading effective meetings.

As an additional incentive to promote this program, the Missouri Past District Governor's will pay for one individual from each District who attends the Institute, up to \$130 of the fees.

It's possible your District may have funds available to assist in the tuition cost as well. If you are interested in attending or would like further information about the 2012 GPLLI, please contact your District Governor or your District GLT (Global Leadership Team) Coordinator. More information along with the application can be viewed on line at [www.missourilions.com](http://www.missourilions.com) located under "Training".

"Life is a succession of lessons which must be lived to be understood."

**Helen Keller**

## • **Lions International Youth Camp and Exchange Program**

The Lions International Youth Camp and Exchange Program was officially introduced in 1961. In the past 50 years, thousands of International youth have experienced life in another culture as a Lions Club youth exchange participant. The Youth Exchange Program is offered to youth ages 15-21 throughout the world. Participants have an opportunity for a unique cultural learning experience either in their own country or by traveling to another nation. Exchanges usually last from 2 to 4 weeks and young participants have an opportunity to visit any of the 180 countries in which Lions clubs are active.

The success of the Youth Exchange Program depends on the cooperation of many people, such as the sponsoring Lions Club and the Host Lions Clubs. Many Lions Club often sponsor speech or essay contests in their local schools to select participants for their Youth Exchange Program. The selected participant(s) will represent the sponsoring Lions Club, their community, and their country. Each youth selected for the exchange program must be willing to accept the customs of another culture.

The process starts when a young person requests sponsorship from a local Lions Club to become a Lions youth camp and exchange participant. When a Lions Club selects a youth for sponsorship they are responsible for explaining the objectives and regulations of the program to the youth and his or her parents. Next the sponsoring Lions Club must prepare the young person for their new cultural experience, along with coordinating travel and home stay arrangements. International travel costs and insurance are the responsibility of the sponsoring Lions Club and the youth's family.

The Host Lions Club is responsible for screening prospective host families, arranging group activities for youth participants and meeting the exchange participants upon arrival. Costs incurred while in the host country are the responsibility of the Host Lions Club. During the exchange time the young adolescents will stay with one or more host families and will experience life as a member of their host family. Arrangements for food and lodging are covered by the host Lions Club or host family. Planned sightseeing, entertainment, and restaurant meals are the financial responsibility of the host Lions Club or the host family.

Missouri MD 26 is an active participant in the Lions International Youth Exchange Program, every year youth from other countries come to spend time in Missouri. The participants spend 2 to 3 weeks with host families and the last week at camp. Every day is packed with fun adventures as the visiting youth explore local attractions in our state. Activity fees, meals and camp expenses are paid by Missouri Lions Clubs and host families.

The success of this program depends on the interactive cooperation of Lions throughout the world. Every year host families are needed to participate in this International Youth Exchange Program, 2012 is no different as the Missouri Multiple District needs Lions to volunteer to be a host family. If you would like to participate in this year's International Youth Exchange Program please contact your

District Youth Exchange Chairperson. Help make this year's Youth Exchange a success for young adolescents from another country.

The expense of providing a meaningful cultural experience for an individual or group of youth exchange participants can be very costly for a host family or even a host Lions Club. Contact your District Cabinet Youth Chairperson for more information. Lions Clubs are encouraged to budget funds to support this state wide project.

# WANTED



## LION FAMILIES TO HOST 2012 INTERNATIONAL YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

Anyone wishing to submit an article for publication in the Missouri Lion but needs some assistance in writing the article can submit the basics of the article such as:

Who, What, When, Where, Why, Specific Details to be included in the article and your contact information

After a draft has been written, you will receive a copy for review. Please review or edit the draft, when it meets your approval it will be added to the Missouri Lion bulletin.

Send basic information by e-mail to [newsletter@missourilions.org](mailto:newsletter@missourilions.org)

**Deadline for article submission for the May 2012 Issue is April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

***Paper copies of the above information can be sent to the editor see page 20.***



**MISSOURI LIONS 2012 STATE CONVENTION  
JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI  
CAPITOL PLAZA HOTEL & CONVENTION CENTER  
April 19 – April 22, 2012**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Lion Yes ( ) No ( ) District \_\_\_\_\_

Home Club \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ First Convention? Y \_\_\_ N \_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_  
(will confirm by e-mail)

Guest Name \_\_\_\_\_

Lion Yes ( ) No ( ) District \_\_\_\_\_

Home Club \_\_\_\_\_

*Please note any dietary needs:*

\_\_\_\_\_

**Paid Registration Deadline: March 15, 2012. After this date add \$10 for each fee except registration only. Sorry, no refunds after April 15, 2012.**

Full Registration (Lunch & Banquet) \_\_\_ @ \$65 = \_\_\_\_\_

Registration & Banquet \_\_\_ @ \$40 = \_\_\_\_\_

Registration & Luncheon \_\_\_ @ \$35 = \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Only \_\_\_ @ \$10 = \_\_\_\_\_

Friday Prison Tour \_\_\_ @ \$12 = \_\_\_\_\_

Friday Golf Tournament \_\_\_ @ \$35 = \_\_\_\_\_

Late Fee \_\_\_ @ \$10 = \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL DUE \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Make check payable to:  
Missouri Lions 2012 State Convention**

**Mail to: Lion Janice Bonnot  
4873 Woodhaven Dr  
Jefferson City, MO 65109**

**Phone: (573) 893-2994  
E-Mail: thebonnots@embarqmail.com**

Postmark Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**LIONS GOLF TOURNAMENT – FRIDAY, APRIL 20**  
Oak Hills Golf Center – 923 Ellis Blvd  
8:00 AM Tee Time 18 Hole, 2 Person Scramble **LIONS AND NON-LIONS WELCOME!**  
\$35.00 ENTRY FEE PER PERSON includes Golf, Cart and Beverages

Team Member \_\_\_\_\_ Team Member \_\_\_\_\_

**MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY TOUR - FRIDAY, APRIL 20 - 115 LAFAYETTE ST**  
*2 Hour Tour starts promptly at 2:00 pm Wear comfortable shoes Be sure to arrive on time*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

**MAKE ROOM RESERVATION DIRECTLY WITH HOTEL**  
Capitol Plaza Hotel & Convention Center 415 W McCarty St Phone: (800) 338-8088 or (573) 635-1234  
www.capitolplazajeffersoncity.com

Single/Double \$89, Jr. Suite \$109, King Suite \$129, + Sales & Room Tax **Room Booking Code: Lions Convention**  
**Deadline for special room rates: March 15, 2012 (after this date the Lions special rate may not be available)**  
\*\* Standard 24 hour cancellation policy will apply \*\*

<b>Thursday, April 19</b> Council of Governors	<b>Friday, April 20</b> Registration Exhibits Golf Outing – 8:00 a.m. District Officer & Spouse Seminars Tour Mo. State Prison—2 p.m. 1 <sup>st</sup> Session Hospitality Rooms	<b>Saturday, April 21</b> Registration Exhibits Floor Session Seminars Pin Traders Voting Luncheon Banquet International Speaker	<b>Sunday, April 22</b> Necrology Service Council of Governors Return home – inspired & informed
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## Club Officer Training Offered at State Convention

In addition to the other activities scheduled for the State Convention, April 19-22 at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Jefferson City, Club officers will have the opportunity to receive training. When a Club's officers receive training, and learn new ideas for their Clubs, the Clubs themselves benefit by becoming stronger. Newly elected officers, especially, will benefit greatly by attending the training sessions. Some Clubs hold their elections later in the year after the state convention. By simply moving their elections to an earlier date, these Clubs can participate in the training as well.

The Host Convention Committee has arranged a truly special experience for some of those electing to tour the historic Missouri State Penitentiary. For the first 50 to sign up for the Prison Tour on their Convention Registration Form, the tour guide will be Mark Schreiber. Mark had a 42-year career in criminal justice, including many years at the penitentiary, and has written two books on events in the prison. He has countless stories to tell. The tour has been scheduled from 2:00 to 4:00 on Convention Friday. Later registrants will tour as well, but with a different tour guide.

The State Convention offers the one opportunity each year for Lions of Missouri to gather together for an outstanding social event. On Friday night, each of our seven districts, as well as International Director Candidate Donal Knipp, will serve as hosts, as we gather for food, libation, music and great fellowship. The Capitol Plaza makes one large room available to us where we can gather together for an evening of fun and fellowship.

In addition to our convention sessions, seminars and training will be offered, as well as a luncheon and our District Governors' Banquet. We will have the opportunity to meet and get to know our International visitor, who will also bring us words of inspiration and news of International affairs..

Each Lion who died during the current year will be remembered at our Necrology service on Sunday. The service will be followed by a closing Convention session, and Council of Governors' meeting.

The State Convention Committee will operate a store, offering shirts, hats, etc., and the Missouri Lions Pin Traders Club will have a room where you can exchange a ticket in your registration packet for a free Missouri Lions State pin. While there you can look over their displays of Lions pins. There will be display tables in the lobby offering information on Lions-related activities, such as the Eye Research Foundation, and vendors of Lions-related items and activities.

With this convention centrally located, this is a good opportunity for Lions from all parts of the state to enjoy a state convention. Registration forms are available in the Missouri Lion Newsletter, from district convention chairs, on the internet at [Missourilions.com](http://Missourilions.com), the Lions State office or from [thebonnots@embarqmail.com](mailto:thebonnots@embarqmail.com).

"Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope and confidence."  
[Helen Keller](#)

**Official Ballot**  
**Lions of Missouri Multiple District 26**  
**April 28, 2012**

**Proposition 1.** Amend the Constitution to modify “term limits” of service on Multiple District (State) Committees.

It is proposed that the time an individual may serve on a State Committee be modified to accommodate the longer terms established by Lions Clubs International directives for Global Leadership Team (GLT) and Global Membership Team (GMT) Chairpersons.

Constitution, Article VI, Section 5: Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the Constitution or the By-Laws of the Multiple District No. 26, no person may serve on the same State Committee for more than ~~four~~ six years in any ~~six~~ eight consecutive years without the consent of the Council given on a year to year basis thereafter. This consent shall be given by a two-thirds affirmative vote by secret ballot of the members of the Council.

**Shall this proposition be adopted?**

- YES** (Extend term limit)  
 **NO** (Continue with current restrictions.)

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTE: Place a mark in the box opposite your choice. Only one box may be marked. It requires the affirmative of two thirds (2/3) of the delegates present and voting for adoption

**Proposition 3.** Modify check-signing procedures for checks drawn against State Funds.

It is proposed that a new sentence be added to the By-laws Article 1, Section 2, modifying procedures for signing/counter-signing of checks drawn against State Funds to include “electronic signatures” for certain recurring expenditures.

By-Laws, Article 1,

Section 2. State Council. The State Council is the deliberative and assisting body .... relating to the State Funds. Checks drawn against the State Funds shall be signed by two of the following four authorized Officers: Council Chairman, Council Vice Chairman, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer and Council Secretary-Treasurer. In the event the Council determines that securing a second signature from any of the above would create sizable expenses or delays, the Council may, at its option, implement a procedure for “electronic transfer” of recurring expenditures (e. g., salaries, office rent) Such procedure would require “electronic signature” of two of the four above authorized Officers. The Council shall designate a depository for said funds and set the amount of corporate surety bond for the Council Secretary-Treasurer, and approve the surety company of which he shall be bonded. .... All unexpended funds shall be turned over to the succeeding Council.

**Shall this proposition be adopted?**

- YES** (Allow for “electronic signatures’)  
 **NO** (Continue with current operations.)

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTE: Place a mark in the box opposite your choice. Only one box may be marked. It requires the affirmative of a simple majority of the delegates present and voting for adoption.

**Proposition 2.** Amend the Constitution to comply with Lions Clubs International policies pertaining to Membership, Extension, Retention & Leadership (MERL) to Global Leadership Team (GLT) and Global Membership Team (GMT).

It is proposed that the Constitution be amended to reflect the changing of MERL to GLT/GMT.

Constitution, Article VI, COMMITTEES and GLOBAL TEAMS

Section 6 paragraphs (k), (l) and (o) thru (q), and Section 8, paragraph (d) and Section 14 (Added):

Section 6, Committees

~~(k) Deleted State Membership Committee—This Committee shall be composed of the District Membership Chairman from each of the Districts. A State Chairman shall be appointed for a three year term by the Council of Governors. At the first meeting of each council year, a vice chairman shall be elected from its members. It shall be the duty of the Committee, working with the Council of Governors to develop and implement strategies to increase membership and enhance retention in clubs.~~

~~(l) Deleted State Leadership Development Committee—This Committee shall be composed of the District Leadership Chairman from each of the Districts. A State Chairman shall be appointed for a three year term by the Council of Governors. At the first meeting of each council year, a vice chairman shall be elected from its members. It shall be the duty of this committee to develop, implement, and conduct, with the consent of the Council, seminars, and training forums for club and district officers at the Multiple District level, and develop standard formats for seminars and training forums to be implemented by the Districts, at their option, on the district level.~~

~~(o) Deleted State Retention Committee—This Committee shall be composed of the District Retention Chairman from each of the Districts. A State Chairman shall be appointed for a three year term by the Council of Governors. At the first meeting of each council year, a vice chairman shall be elected from its members. It shall be the duty of the Committee, working with the Council of Governors and the Membership, Extension and Leadership Committees, to develop and implement strategies to increase membership and enhance retention in clubs. It shall establish plans for training/educating or promoting, and implementing retention programs within the Multiple District.~~

~~(p) Deleted State Extension Committee—This Committee shall be composed of the District Extension Chairman from each of the Districts. A State Chairman shall be appointed for a three year term by the Council of Governors. At the first meeting of each council year, a vice chairman shall be elected from its members. This committee shall, with the approval of the Council of Governors, develop, implement and administer continuing programs to develop and promote new Lions Clubs throughout the State.~~

~~(q) Deleted The State Chairman of the Membership, Leadership, Retention, and Extension Committees, appointed to three year terms by the Council of Governors, may be or may not be a District Chairman.~~

Section 8. Terms and Appointments

(d) The following State Committees shall have a three year term:

- (1) ~~Deleted State Membership Committee~~
- (2) ~~Deleted State Leadership Development Committee~~
- (3) ~~Deleted State Retention Committee~~
- (4) ~~Deleted State Extension Committee~~
- (5) State ALERT Committee

(6) State Family and Women’s Membership Development Committee

(7) State Campus Clubs Committee

Section 14 (Added): Global Teams: In addition to the various State Committees, there shall be the following Global Teams with a State Coordinator for each. The term of office for each State Coordinator shall be three years.

a. Global Membership Team (GMT): The State GMT Coordinator, working with the Council of Governors, shall develop, implement and administer continuing programs to promote the growth of membership and enhance retention in current clubs, and to promote establishment of new Lions Clubs throughout the State.

b. Global Leadership Team (GLT): The State GLT Coordinator shall develop, implement, and conduct, with the consent of the Council, seminars, and training forums for club and district officers at the Multiple District level, develop standard formats for seminars and training forums to be implemented by the Districts, at their option, on the district level, and to encourage the attendance at such seminars, forums and training sessions by members of all levels of Lions experience, especially “new” Lions.

Adopting the above amendment shall require corresponding changes in the Table of Contents and Index of the main document(s).

**Shall this proposition be adopted?**

**YES** (Amend to comply with LCI operations.)

**NO** (Continue to operate in conflict with LCI policies.)

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTE: Place a mark in the box opposite your choice. Only one box may be marked. It requires the affirmative of two thirds (2/3) of the delegates present and voting for adoption.



## Wentzville Lions Club Tree Planting Project



Lions around the world have answered the challenge from Lions International President Tam to plant trees. Wentzville Lions Club was just one of the many clubs to answer this challenge for the 2011-2012 year. Working in cooperation with the Wentzville, Missouri Parks Department they planted a tree for their Club’s contribution to President Tam’s International service project in Rotary Park (see photo).

International President Tam states if we can accomplish this goal, it proves once again we can accomplish anything – just like we did when we exceeded our goal for Campaign Sight First II – just like we prevented over one million cases of river blindness –just we are going to do by helping eradicate measles.

It’s no secret that trees help the environment. Trees are like the lungs of the planet. They breathe in carbon dioxide and breathe out oxygen. They also reduce erosion to save soil, help preserve local water sources, and provide habitat for wildlife living under more and more stress. Simply put, planting trees in your neighborhood is one of the best things that can be done for the local environment.

The Wentzville Lions Club is proud to be able to support International President Wing-Kun Tam’s International service Project. As of this date: 01/09/2012 Lions have planted 6,644,475 trees.

“We can do anything we want to if we stick to it long enough.”

[\*\*Helen Keller\*\*](#)

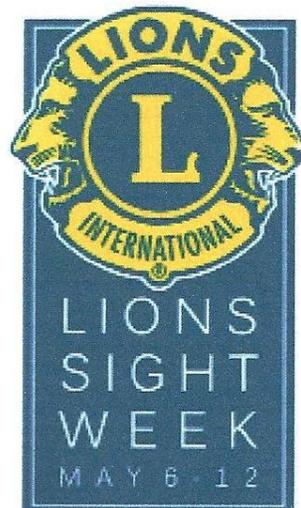
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## Keep Your Eyes Open for Lions Sight Week!

Each year, thousands are screened for the leading causes of vision problems thanks to the Missouri Lions Eye Research Foundation and the support and volunteerism of the Lions Clubs of Missouri.

This spring, we're spotlighting incredible volunteers like you during Lions Sight Week, May 6-12, 2012. Prior to the week, Lions Clubs members are encouraged to contact daycares, schools and preschools in their zones to inform them of our free Children's Vision Screening program and to work with the Foundation on scheduling screenings. In addition, Lions will be asked to volunteer at these daycares alongside a Foundation staff technician. Our goal for the week is to screen a record 2,000 kids in seven days.



Lions Sight Week is an easy and impactful service project for you and your club and an excellent way to increase public awareness about the good work the Missouri Lions do. More information will be available at your upcoming district convention, but if you would like details in the meantime, please contact the Foundation at 800-283-1982 or the sight committee member for your district.

## Haywood Snipes Award Recipients

The following individuals were recently inducted into the Haywood Snipes Society, November 2011 - December 2011.

Lion Jack Richardson, Jefferson City Host Lions  
Lions Denny Weil and John Bitter, Concord Village Lions  
Washington Lions



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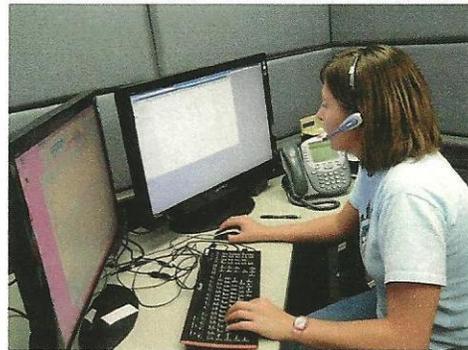
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## The Steps to Save Sight

Over the years, many Lions members have asked about the cornea transplant process at Heartland Lions Eye Banks. While the steps may be complex, we at the Eye Bank are dedicated to ensuring safety and care so that we can provide our recipients with the highest-quality corneal tissue possible.

### Referral

When a death occurs, the hospital or related medical facility places a call to one of three organ procurement organizations in our tri-state area. They, in turn, pass on information to the Eye Bank donor services center (DSC). After gathering initial information, the organizations work together to determine if the individual had registered as an eye, organ and tissue donor. Before tissue is recovered, the DSC notifies the family and a medical history is gathered based on medical records and interviews with family members.



### Retrieval



After the Eye Bank conducts its initial screening, the DSC dispatches a trained technician from one of our branch offices to retrieve the tissue. The cornea is immediately placed in preservation media so it can be safely transported and stored prior to transplant. Once it arrives at the Eye Bank, the tissue is evaluated for possible transplantation, and blood samples taken from the donor are tested to eliminate the threat of infectious disease.



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## Distribution

After a cornea has been processed and has been cleared for transplant, the Eye Bank's Tissue Distribution Coordinator meets a corneal surgeon's needs by offering tissue for transplant. All corneal tissue is offered first to surgeons in our three-state region before being distributed nationally or internationally. Although corneas can be stored for up to two weeks, U.S. physicians usually prefer to transplant donor tissue within five days.



This past year, the Eye Bank began using the LIFE4°C storage media for our corneas with excellent results. Although it doesn't extend the life of the corneas, tissue that is transplanted 10 to 12 days after retrieval is better preserved and of higher quality than tissue stored in another media.

See many of the steps in the donation process first-hand by scheduling a tour for your club at our offices in Kansas City, St. Louis or Columbia. For more information, please call 800-283-1982.

## Be 4Sight During National Eye Donor Month

Each March, the Eye Bank joins our partner hospitals and surgeons in spreading the word about eye donation during National Eye Donor Month (NEDM). We ask you to partner with us in the fight 4Sight by following four simple steps during NEDM:

- Talk with your friends and family about your choice to donate
- Learn more about eye donation at [www.hleb.org](http://www.hleb.org)
- Pledge to be an eye, organ and tissue donor through your state's donor registry
- Share the message with others about the importance of donation

The Eye Bank will be hosting a variety of events throughout NEDM. For details, please visit [www.hleb.org](http://www.hleb.org).



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## Vision Screening Keeps Preschooler in Focus

Blake is an active Camdenton preschooler who loves to read books, play outside and color pictures. In fact, he is so adept at his favorite activities that his parents never thought that he might have problems seeing. However, this past spring, a free vision screening performed at his daycare by the Missouri Lions Eye Research Foundation indicated otherwise.



After the screening Blake brought home a referral result- which surprised his parents. "I didn't realize that he had a problem," remarked his mom, Sarah. "Our older daughter had previously gone through the screening and wasn't a referral."

Sarah quickly scheduled an appointment with an eye care professional for a follow up exam. The examination indicated that Blake was significantly farsighted and had anisometropia- a condition in which the two eyes have unequal refractive power. Most recently, at his follow up visit, Blake was

prescribed eyeglasses to help correct his vision.

Today, Blake is seeing clearly and is getting used to his new eyeglasses. As a registered nurse, Sarah feels it is very important for parents to understand the role that early childhood vision screenings can play in saving sight. "I am thankful for your program. I would never have thought to take him to the eye doctor at this young of an age, even though I am a nurse. He had not exhibited anything that had concerned me with what he could see. If it wasn't for your screening, this would have gone unseen."

The Foundation's free Children's Vision Screening is made possible thanks to our generous financial donors, Missouri Lions clubs and community partners. To learn more or to schedule a screening in your community, please visit [www.mlerf.org](http://www.mlerf.org).



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## HLEB Eye Donor Honored at Rose Parade

On January 2, the lives of two incredible women close to the Eye Bank family were honored during the 2012 Rose Parade.

Adorning the Donate Life America (DLA) float, "... One More Day," were florigraphs, or floral portraits, of 72 eye, organ and tissue donors who gave the gift of life. One of the donors featured was Mariah West, who was a donor through the Eye Bank and Midwest Transplant Network.



Said Mariah's mother, Merry, "Mariah was very generous by nature. In her own words from her social networking site - 'I love to help everyone. If I have it in my power to do something for you, I never hesitate.' It was this spirit that led us to continue her legacy of giving through organ donation."



The Eye Bank chose to honor Mariah's donation in memory of Darian Vanderhoofven, our colleague who lost her life in the Joplin tornado. Darian worked closely with both St. John's Mercy and Freeman Health System in their annual local rose dedication ceremonies tied to the Donate Life float. DLA also placed a rose in Darian's memory on the float, an honor usually reserved for donors and recipients, as well as sponsored roses for all donors at St. John's Mercy and Freeman.

On December 18th, the families of both women joined the Eye Bank for a special florigraph decoration ceremony prior to the Parade. We thank PCC Dan Bernskoetter of the Jefferson City Host Lions for being our photographer that day. To view his amazing photos, please visit [www.facebook.com/HeartlandLEB](http://www.facebook.com/HeartlandLEB).



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