



# The Missouri Lion

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Loving Individuals Offering Needed Services

## A message from International Director Donal W. Knipp

Standing in front of thousands of Lions and accepting the position of International Director was an awesome experience that Lion Betty and I will always remember. We humbly thank you for the chance to serve.

The 2012 Busan, Korea Lions Clubs International Convention was an exciting experience. With 55,000 Lions from 200 countries, this was the largest Lions convention ever held. Busan is a very modern thriving city, very clean, with lots of construction. The buildings were very close together and some with many floors. The residents of Busan made us feel very welcome. We enjoyed sampling the local foods, which was very spicy (at least more than we are accustomed to) so we were glad to see a touch of home with McDonalds, TGI Friday, and an Outback Steak House nearby.

Much of our time was spent on the campaign trail; we shook hands and posed for pictures with Lions from all over the world. Language was not a barrier; our common bond as Lions broke through any wall that may have existed.

The International Parade was a festive sight. Over 30,000 Lions participated in the parade, many wearing native attire or uniforms. The parade started at the Busan Yacht Club and followed the waterfront. In total, it took about seven hours for all the delegations, floats, and bands to complete the parade. Lion Betty and I were particularly impressed with the large numbers of local citizens lining the route. Throughout the parade, they wanted to touch our hands and many shouted "WE LOVE YOU!"



During the convention, International President Wayne Madden, of Indiana, announced his theme for the year – In a World of Service – that recognizes Lions’ service activities in meeting the needs in local communities around the world. He also introduced Lions to the Reading Action Program, a new service challenge to help increase literacy.

Many thanks are given to the Lions of Missouri for your great support over the past two years as we’ve traveled throughout the state and to the Lions who helped carry the campaign to Busan. It is exciting to see the energy that our Lions have and the many great deeds our Lions perform.

I look forward to serving on the International Board of Directors, helping guide our wonderful association into the future. In addition to my other duties, I will serve on the Convention Committee. I pledge to represent you, the Lions of Missouri, and support the programs of Lions Clubs International.

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Everything has its wonders, even darkness and silence, and I learn, whatever state I may be in, therein to be content.

[Helen Keller](#)



## **2012-2013 Lions Club International President**



Wayne Madden, of Auburn, Indiana, USA, was elected president of The International Association of Lions Clubs at the association's 95th International Convention, held in Busan, Korea June 22-26, 2012.

President Madden is an insurance agent and a certified insurance counselor.

A member of the Auburn Lions Club since 1984, President Madden has held many offices within the association, including club president, zone chairperson, region chairperson, state council chairperson and district governor. In addition, he is a past president of the Indiana Lions Foundation. He served as a District Governor-elect Seminar faculty member five times and as Campaign Sight First II sector coordinator for Multiple District 25.

In recognition of his service to the association, President Madden has received many awards, including the 100% Club President Award, Life Membership in the Association, the Senior Master Key Award, four Extension Awards, an International President's Leadership Medal, nine International President's Medals and the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor the association bestows upon its members. He is a Charter W.P. Woods Fellow, a Kentucky Colonel, a Duke of Paducah, a Helen Keller Fellow and a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In 2008, he was recognized for his humanitarian service by the governor of Indiana as a Sagamore of the Wabash, the highest honor the governor can bestow.

In addition to his Lion activities, President Madden has been active in numerous professional and community organizations.

President Madden and his wife, Linda, also a Lion and Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, have two daughters and five grandchildren.

"Knowledge is love and light and vision."

[Helen Keller](#)

## Reading Action Program: “In A World of Service”



As we begin the 2012-2013 Lion year our theme from our new International President Wayne Madden is “In A World of Service”. He is challenging Lions all over the world to participate in the **Reading Action Program**. This program focuses on increasing literacy and access to learning resources through Lions service.

The ability to read and write, defined as “literacy” is the basic foundation for education and social development. Yet, adults by the hundreds of millions lack basic literacy skills and millions of school aged children are not attending school to obtain them.

The **Reading Action Program** is a call for every Lions club around the world to organize service projects which emphasize the [importance of reading](#) and address specific needs related to illiteracy within their own community. This program promotes the importance of parents and children reading together, while addressing the need for healthy vision. Lions clubs can donate books along with free eye exams for parents and children.

Many Lions Clubs have already undertaken projects to promote the importance of reading while addressing the need for healthy vision. Lions have donated books along with free eye exams for parents and children. Additional Reading/Vision project ideas and a variety of resources to help plan your project can be found on the Lions International web site at [lionsclubs.org](http://lionsclubs.org).



### 2011-2012 Lions Tree Planting Project



Lions across the world planted 9,877,906\* trees as part of Immediate Past President Wing-Kun Tam’s program. The initial goal was to plant 1 million trees, but Lions throughout our organization quickly exceeded that number within the first few weeks. What a difference Lions can make when we work together.

Lions working with their local community have developed many Green Team Projects to protect our environment. These projects include cleaning debris from our roadways, cleaning up after a natural disaster such as a tornado or flood, educating the public relating to proper disposal of bio-hazardous materials. Projects to save our planet’s environment is only limited by our ability to realize potential dangers for our future. Join with your fellow Lions to become a member of the Lions Green Team.

**\* a number exceeding 13 million trees was given at the 95<sup>th</sup> International Convention, the above information was posted on the Lions Club website as of 7/6/2012**

## 2012-2013 Calendar Missouri Lions/International convention Schedule

Date	Event	Location
July 20, 2012	Football Banquet	Warrensburg, Missouri
July 21, 2012	Council of Governors Meeting	Warrensburg, Missouri
July 21, 2012	Football Game	Warrensburg, Missouri
August 10-11, 2012	Leader Dog Visit 1 <sup>st</sup> VDG	Rochester, Michigan
August 17-18, 2012	LWSB VDG Visit	Little Rock, Arkansas
Sept. 13 – 15, 2012	USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum	Tampa Bay, Florida
October 27, 2012	Council of Governors Meeting	Country Club Hotel, Lake Ozark, MO
January 26, 2013	Council of Governors Meeting	Holiday Inn SE, Kansas City, MO
February 8-9, 2013	Mid Winter Forum	Branson, Missouri
April 2013	Mid-South VDG Visit	Memphis, Tennessee
April 2013	Council of Governors Meeting	Holiday Inn SE, Kansas City, MO
April 26-28, 2013	Missouri Lions State Convention	Holiday Inn SE, Kansas City, MO
Feb. 22-24, 2013	26 M-1 District Convention	Saint Genevieve, Missouri
March 22-24, 2013	26 M-2 District Convention	St. Louis Sunset Hills Holiday Inn
March 1-2, 2013	26 M-3 District Convention	Columbia, Missouri
March 1-3, 2013	26 M-4 District Convention	Comfort Inn & Suites Chilicothe, Missouri
March 8 & 9, 2013	26 M-5 District Convention	Sedalia, Missouri
March 15 - 16, 2013	26 M-6 District Convention	Howard Johnson Hotel, Springfield, MO
March 1 – 3, 2013	26 M-7 District Convention	Lake of the Ozarks, Missouri
July 5-9, 2013	International Convention	Hamburg, Germany
July 4-8, 2014	International Convention	Toronto, Canada
June 26-30, 2015	International Convention	Honolulu, Hawaii
June 24-28, 2016	International Convention	Fukuoka, Japan
June 30-July 4, 2017	International Convention	Chicago, Illinois*

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

“Many people know so little about what is beyond their short range of experience. They look within themselves - and find nothing! Therefore they conclude that there is nothing outside themselves either”. [Helen Keller](#)



**36<sup>th</sup> Annual USA/CANADA Lions Leadership Forum**  
**September 13-15, 2012**  
**Tampa Bay, Florida**

Lions you still have time to make arrangements to attend the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Leadership Forum held September 13-15, 2012 in Tampa Bay, Florida. The Leadership Forum offers a wide selection of topics and speakers for any Lion who wants to enhance their leadership skills in an environment of non-stop learning and fun. Seminars are selected to prepare Lions for future leadership roles within our organization.

Lions Club International President Wayne Madden will be a guest speaker at the Forum and he will be speaking about his Presidential theme "A World of Service". This is a great opportunity to meet the new President if you did not attend the 2012 International Convention in Busan, Korea and hear about his **Reading Action Program**.

**Registrar** Geri Drabek  
USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum  
P.O. Box 697  
Belle Fourche, South Dakota 57717-0697  
(605) 723-4007 or (605) 723-4008 (Fax)  
[forum@spe.midco.net](mailto:forum@spe.midco.net)

[FUTURE USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forums](#)

**September 19 – 21, 2013 – Overland Park, Kansas**  
**September 18 – 20, 2014 – Puerto Rico**  
**2015 – Grand Rapids, Michigan**

Although the world is full of suffering, it is also full of the overcoming of it.

[Helen Keller](#)



## 2012-2013 Multiple District Officers



Welcome to Busan, Korea the country's second largest city and home to major tourist attractions like Haeundae Beach, Jagalchi Fish Market and many more fantastic sights. The Lions 95<sup>th</sup> International Convention was held in this beautiful city June 22 through 26, 2012. Approximately 750 recently elected District Governors from around the world traveled to be officially installed during this festive event. These District Governor Elects (DGE) gathered for five days prior to the International Convention to attend seminars designed to prepare them for their future leadership position. In the pre-convention training sessions future governors learned how to become effective leaders, time management skills, project planning techniques and organizational leadership skills. During the last session LCI President Wayne Madden officially installed all the District Governors attending the convention.

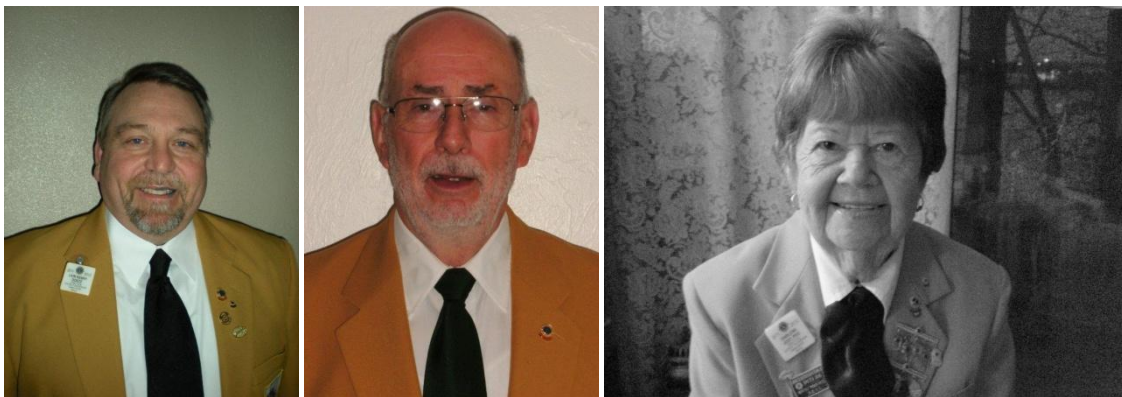
Each District Governor (DG) serves for one year in their geographical area. Missouri is divided into 7 individual Districts and therefore has 7 District Governors which comprise the Council of Governors for Missouri. The following District Governors were officially installed during the 95<sup>th</sup> International Convention along with a Council Chairperson who presides over each Council of Governor Meeting during the 2012-2013 Lion year. Please Welcome the 2012-2013 Council Chairperson and Missouri's 7 newly installed District Governor's . Lion's working together can make a difference.



**2012-2013 Council Chair PDG John Yount**



Pictured above from Left to right: 26-M1 DG Casey Morris, 26-M2 DG Gina Boettcher, 26-M3 DG Lisa Alexander, 26-M4 George Spangler. Pictured below from left to right: 26-M5 Kenneth Goetz, 26-M6 Walter Hamer and 26-M7 Darlene Jost.



Congratulations to all the new incoming District Governors as you begin your year with the theme “In A World of Service” in your individual geographic areas. These are the Lions who will Lead us through the 2012-2013 Lion year.

It is important to remind Lions all across the state, don't hesitate to ask a friend to join our organization and help us perform the many needed services for individuals in our state. It is through common interests members of the Lions Clubs work together to help in our local communities, around the state, across the United States and everywhere in the World. Our legacy is the service we provide to our fellow mankind.

Life is either a great adventure or nothing.

[Helen Keller](#)



## 2012-2013 Lions Club Excellence Award Application



### 2012-2013 CLUB EXCELLENCE AWARD APPLICATION

To qualify the club must be chartered for 6 or more months prior to the end of the fiscal year, further the objectives of the association, adhere to the association's constitution and by-laws and policies, and meet each requirements noted below during the fiscal year.

Club Number	Club Name	Date
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2012-2013 Club Presidents' Name	Member Number
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**CLUB IN GOOD STANDING** – International per capita taxes and new member entrance fees are paid in full and there is no outstanding balance of US\$50 or more that is ninety (90) days or more past due.

**SERVICE** – The club has conducted at least three service projects. Please briefly describe the service activities that were conducted:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Activity: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Activity: \_\_\_\_\_

**CONTRIBUTION** – The club has made a contribution to LCIF.

**MEMBERSHIP** – The club achieved a net growth in membership (including branch club members when applicable) or sponsored a new club. The new members attended an orientation and were properly inducted into the Lions club.

Net Growth in Members: \_\_\_\_\_  Name of sponsored club or Branch: \_\_\_\_\_

**COMMUNICATION** – The club has publicized the club's service activities to the public through local media and effectively communicated activities to club members.

Please explain briefly how the club service activities were publicized.

**LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT** – All officer positions were filled in accordance with the constitution and by-laws by qualified Lions, a majority of the club officers participated in a leadership training program at the zone, district, multiple district or international level and the club was represented at zone meetings.

**CLUB DEVELOPMENT** – The club has hosted regular and meaningful club meetings and submitted the Monthly Membership Report, the Service Activity Report, and the Club Officer Report (PU-101) in a timely manner.

Date	2012-2013 District Governor's Signature*	District
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\* In undistricted areas the Coordinating Lion or Provisional Zone or Region Chairpersons should sign the completed form.

The completed form must be mailed to the English Language Department at International Headquarters, or faxed to (630) 706-9130, to arrive by September 30, 2013. Request for review of award eligibility from a disqualified club shall be considered only if received at International Headquarters within 12 months after completion of the fiscal year, provided that the original application form is already filed at International Headquarters. The award will be mailed to the 2013-2014 district governor for presentation. In undistricted areas the award will be mailed to the Coordinating Lions or directly to the 2013-2014 club president.

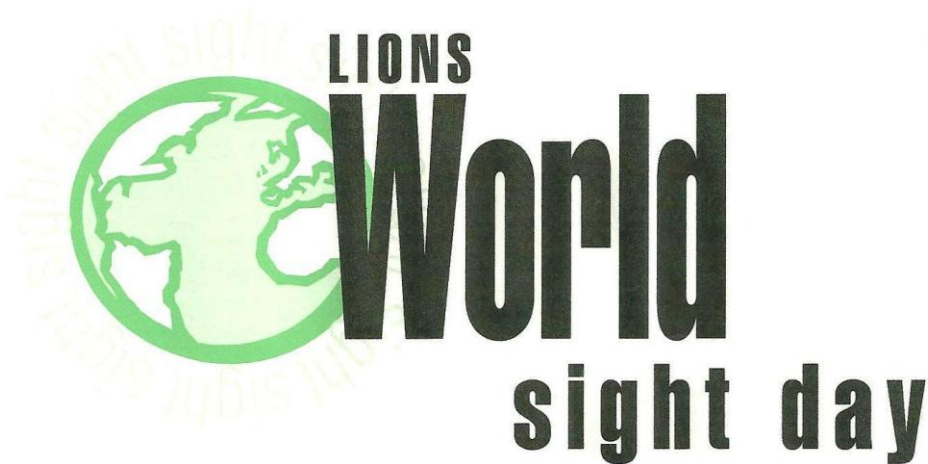
## 2012 2013 Club Excellence Awards

Throughout the state of Missouri Lions Clubs and Districts that excel in community service, membership growth, communication and organizational management may qualify for the esteemed Lions Excellence Awards. The application for the Lion Club Excellence Award can be found on page 9 of this newsletter. Most Lions Clubs already do what is required to earn this prestigious award, this could be considered a road map for individual club excellence.

Lions Clubs earning this award will receive a distinguished banner patch to proudly display at club meetings or during District Convention parades. The Club President will receive a Club Excellence Pin to Proudly recognize his or her outstanding leadership.

District team members can qualify for the District Governor Team Excellence Award when their district meets all the specified requirements listed on the application form. The form can be found at [lionsclubs.org](http://lionsclubs.org) , search for District Governor Team Excellence Award.

All Clubs and Districts must complete the proper application form and mail to the English Language Department at International Headquarters no later than September 2013. Make it a tradition to strive for “Excellence” each and every year.



Lions World Sight Day (LWSD) is the second Thursday of October and recognizes the importance of eradicating preventable blindness. Lions Clubs around the World are encouraged to participate by sponsoring local activities on this day or in October. This year Lions World Sight Day is October 11<sup>th</sup> 2012, now is the time to plan your clubs activity. Some ideas are as follows but are only limited by your imagination.

- Screenings
- Partner with an organization in your community
- Recycle used eyeglasses

## Huntsville Lions Club 2012 Environment Cleanup Project



Lions across the world have dedicated more than 9 million hours to protecting the environment in the last ten years. Environmental projects have included tree planting, recycling, education, environmental clean-up, water preservation and green technology projects. These successful projects help insure a better environment for citizens throughout the world.

The Huntsville Lions Club was recently recognized for their trash cleanup efforts by the Missouri Department of Transportation (MODOT) as the winner of the April 2012 **No More Trash Bash** for the Northeastern part of the state of Missouri. The above picture shows PDG Allen Kohler receiving the Huntsville Lions Club award from Senior Customer Relations Specialist Marisa M. Christy-Kerns. The black backpack pictured above contained items relating to keeping Missouri's roadsides clean. Congratulations to the Huntsville Lions Club for a job well done.

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**Joplin Relief Calendars Available**

Be sure to pick up your Joplin Relief Calendar from your IPDG. These 18 month calendars feature Missouri Lions in their various activities. They make great gifts for Lions or prospective Lions. For additional Information contact Lion Toni Mahoney at the following e-mail address: [Toni Mahoney <tmahoney@dishmail.net>](mailto:tmahoney@dishmail.net)



It's time for that really great summer event for the Missouri Lions Pin Traders – our annual Ernie Schlichting Branson Pin Swap. We will be in Branson on August 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> trading pins. There will be a hospitality room at the Branson Towers on Thursday and Friday evenings. Lions will be able to trade pins at the Branson-Hollister Lions Den on Friday and again on Saturday morning. Lunch will be served on Friday by the Branson-Hollister Lions Club.

This is your chance to treat your family to a trip they will long remember. From our hotel, it is just a short distance to Silver Dollar City, Shepherd of the Hills attractions and many more shows and attractions.

In connection with the Branson Swap, we will hold a Branson-Hollister Club meeting on Saturday. We welcome all members to attend.

**Upcoming Pin Traders Swap Dates with contact person:**

August 10-12 Branson, MO	Lion Nan Blackmore (573-893-3730)
August 15-17 Northeast MO	Lion Gerald Minkler (518-882-9142)
Sept. 7-8 Woodstock, Ontario, Canada	Lion Ken Strauss (519-656-2992)
Sept. 8 Becker, Minnesota	Lion Jim Hazeltine (320-743-4126)
<b>Sept. 13-15—USA/Canada Forum, Tampa Bay</b>	Lion Dennis Walton (813-495-8134) Sept.
26-29—Colby, Wisc.	Lion Rich Koch (262-512-0149) Oct. 11-
13—Mammoth Cave, Ky.	Lion Paul Sullivan (270-528-4284) Oct. 14-
17—Reno, Nevada	Lion John Holland (702-613-8654) Nov. 8-
10—Winchester, Va.	Lion Susan Golladay (540-869-3784) Feb. 20-
23—Nashville, Tenn.	Lion Jerry Townsend (601-737-5170) March 20-
22—York, Penn.	Lion Amos Shatzer 814-542-9654

**June 12-15—Alternate Site, 40th Annual Meet LITPC**

<b>Oconomowoc, Wisc. (Milwaukee)</b>	Lion Rich Koch 262-512-0149
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# Missouri Lions Pin Traders Club



## 2012 Branson Family Vacation Pin Swap



Lion Ernie Schlichting, Founder

**Where:** Branson-Hollister Lions Club, Branson, MO

**When:** Friday **August 10th** & Saturday **August 11th**

**Thursday 9th:** Hospitality : 5:00 pm - 10:00 pm - *Branson Towers*

**Friday 10th:** Set up & Trading: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
*Lunch served by Branson-Hollister Lions Club*

Hospitality: 5:00 pm - 10:00 pm - *Branson Towers*

**Saturday 11th:** Trading : 8:00 a.m. to noon

*\*No lunch will be served\**

**Hotel:** Branson Towers, 236 Shepherd of the Hills Expressway  
**(800) 683 -1122 / 417-336-4500** - All Standard Queen Size Room

\$64.00 + tax / includes *Hot Continental Breakfast*

**(Reservations are on your own)**

(call in by 7-26-12 / after rooms on first come first serve basis)

Refer to: Missouri Lions Pin Traders Pin Swap

Outlet Malls and many Music Shows available (Ticket Information Available upon Arrival)

For the Car buffs - The Shepherd Super Summer Cruise 2012 with Mid-night cruise

### ..... **Registration Form** .....

Pin Trader: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest/Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

ST: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration \$20.00 per Trader \$ \_\_\_\_\_

8.00 extra table \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: Nan Blakemore

800 Geneva Street

Jefferson City, MO 65109

H - 573-893-3730 / C - 573-338-8880

nblakemore2012@gmail.com

Make Checks payable to: Missouri Lions Pin Traders Club (MOLPTC)



## 2013 Lions Mid-Winter Forum

Thanks to the hard work of a lot of dedicated Lions the 2013 Mid-Winter Forum will be held in Branson, Missouri on February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at the Grand Plaza Hotel. Friday night February 8<sup>th</sup> will be hospitality and the Saturday will be a full day of information and learning sessions. Room rates have been locked in with the Grand Plaza Hotel: rooms \$65 and a mini suite is \$75.

Lions planning on attending the Mid-Winter Forum should mark their calendars so they can attend this Lions Club Event. This event is a great place to meet new Lions and catch up with old Lion friends.

Watch for future information about the Lions Club Mid-Winter Forum , a schedule of the sessions will be coming as soon as August. Plan on attending and make your commitments early, this will help ensure the success of this valuable Lions Event.

Questions, contact PDG Lion Eugene C. Taylor for additional Information.

e-mail: [LionPinkFloyd@sbcglobal.net](mailto:LionPinkFloyd@sbcglobal.net)

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### Information for Publication in *the Missouri Lion*

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)

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

**Deadline for article submission for the November 2012 Issue is October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

**Submission of an article or subject material before the printed submission date does not guarantee the topic will be published in any edition**

*the Missouri Lion editor*

**Do you know?** There are more than 1.35 million Lions in the world?

## **PDG Debbie Whittlesey Receives LCIF “Helping Hand Award”**

Lions all across the world have all heard about the horrible damage done to Joplin, Missouri in May 2011 when an EF5 tornado hit the city. Major destruction was seen in the aftermath of this major force of nature. It was now PDG Debbie Whittlesey who was calling the Lions Club International Foundation to obtain funds to start the huge repair process in District 26-M6. It was through her leadership and grant writing efforts that approximately \$70,000 in grant monies was sent to help with the cleanup efforts, purchase children’s shoes, supply emergency food and drinks in Joplin and much more.

As trustee for these funds she was able to develop a partnership with the First Response Team. Using these funds wisely and with the assistance of Lions from around the state as well as a group of Lions from Pennsylvania. Lions were able to do nearly one million dollars worth of cleanup. Many home sites were cleared saving home owners up to \$25,000 in cleanup costs alone, money which many of these homeowners did have to spend on cleaning up the remains of their destroyed homes.

As District MD26-M6 Disaster Relief Coordinator PDG Debbie Whittlesey was responsible for obtaining the LCIF grant funds as well as arranging for large billboards which proudly displayed information about all the work done by Lions at the various home sites which had been destroyed during the tornado.



The LCIF Helping Hand Award recognizes Lions who promote the greater awareness and support for LCIF at the club, region, district or multiple district level. There is no limit on the number of awards to be issued annually and individuals can receive the award more than once.

The LCIF Helping Hands Award was given to PDG Debbie Whittlesey for her grant administration and exemplary volunteer service assisting Lions Clubs International Foundation. Also, for her efforts to raise awareness through the use of different media sources including huge billboards placed in various areas where the Lions had cleaned up the debris which was left in the wake of the tornado. Congratulations PDG Debbie on a job well done.

## “Passing of the Tie”



Once there was a Lions International Director (ID), C. Wayne Henderson from Missouri. As the story goes, this Lion loved to eat ice cream, however, it never seemed to add an ounce to his very trim figure. He served his fellow Missouri Lions as their International Director, 1992 - 1994. Somewhere along the way the ID C. Wayne Henderson, selected a very special tie. As the story was told, this very special tie had a picture of an ice cream cone with many scoops of different flavors on it. The ID Henderson wore his special tie, and became a signature label for Missouri Lions at Council meetings.

In 1996 Missouri had a new Lions Clubs International Director, Doctor Dwayne Garrett elected to the Board of Directors. The previous PID was always ready to provide guidance and direction for the new ID Doctor Dwayne. These meeting sessions most always were held at Central Dairy in Jefferson City. Many times, then ID Doc Garrett would need to loan PID Henderson funds for ice cream as he had forgotten his wallet. The story told at the last MD-26 Council meeting in Warrensburg was PID Henderson was known to lock his wallet in his car one time and he required a loan to pay for his favorite ice cream treat as well as a locksmith to unlock his car.

One thing that never changed about PID Henderson was his love of ice cream and his special tie with the picture of an ice cream cone with many scoops that he wore to many Lions functions he attended. Now with a newly installed International Director, Doctor Dwayne Garrett, it was time for PID Henderson to pass on his special tie. At the first cabinet meeting that was held in July 1996, PID Henderson removed his special ice cream tie and passed it on to ID Dr Garrett. This was the first “Passing of the Tie”.

Following the tradition before him ID Doc Garrett wore the special ice cream tie until 2003, when a new International Director was elected to serve on the Board of Directors for Lions Clubs International. The new ID was W.R. O’Riley. The now PID Doc Garrett was ready to “Pass the Tie” again as it had been given to him previously by PID Henderson. The special ice cream tie was still in service at various Lions Clubs activities, reminding all Lions of PID Henderson, the Lion who loved ice cream so much and all his wonderful service for Lions.

History repeats itself as the special ice cream tie continued to remind Lions all across Missouri of PID Henderson, if they were fortunate enough to have heard the stories about his love of ice cream and his favorite tie. International Director W.R. O'Riley would continue with the tradition of wearing the special ice cream tie until Missouri would have another International Director elected to Lions Clubs International Board of Directors in 2006.

International Director Leland Kolkmeyer was the Lion from Missouri to be elected to serve on the Lions Clubs International Board of Directors at the Lions International Convention in 2006. Once again Lions attending the July MD-26 Council meeting would witness the "Passing of the Tie." Past International Director W.R. O'Riley would pass the special ice cream tie to the newly elected International Director Leland Kolkmeyer.

As before the PID Henderson special ice cream tie would continue to serve as ID Leland Kolkmeyer would also wear the tie just as the previous Past International Directors from Missouri. PID Leland has worn the special ice cream tie now for about six years since it was passed to him by PID W.R. O'Riley at the July MD-26 Council meeting.

Missouri has a new International Director elected at the 2012 Lions International Convention in Busan, Korea. Our new International Director is Donal W, Knipp. According to tradition, Saturday at the MD-26 Council meeting on July 21<sup>st</sup> the Lions in attendance observed "Passing of the Tie" again, as history continues to repeat itself. PID Leland Kolkmeyer, removed the special ice cream tie and passed it to International Director Donal W. Knipp. Tradition continues just as Lions continue to serve their communities and mankind.

International Director Donal now has the responsibility to carry on the Missouri Lions tradition and legend of the special ice cream tie until such time as he can pass it to the next MD-26 International Director elected to Lions Clubs International Board of Directors.

## Special August Edition of *the Missouri Lion*

Missouri Lions watch your e-mail for a **special electronic edition** of *the Missouri*

*Lion*. This special edition will feature the Lions All State Band and the Lions All Star Football Blue and Gold Teams. More details to follow in the special edition of your state publication. This issue had so many wonderful articles it grew beyond its electronic bounds.



## 2012 Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute



Sixteen Lions from Missouri M-26 attended the 2012 Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute (GPLLI) which was held on the campus of Doane College in Crete, Nebraska July 13<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup>. Attendees were from 5 multiple districts. They are: MD-5 (Saskatchewan, North Dakota and South Dakota), MD-9 (Iowa), MD-17 (Kansas), MD-26 (Missouri), and MD-38 (Nebraska). Two MD-26 presenters, PCC Kimberly Taylor and PDG Tom Rayfield received great ratings for their presentations from the 73 Lions in attendance at the GPLLI.

The 2013 Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute will be held somewhere in the northwestern portion of Missouri. The exact location has not been determined, the date will be July 12<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Location will be published as soon as it is available.

Start making your plans to attend this great Lions Leadership Institute. This leadership program is geared towards Lions who are wanting to advance their skills either personally, professionally or with their involvement in Lionism. If you have served as a District Governor or will be serving as the Governor during July 2013, you are not eligible to attend.

Some MD-26 Districts may have funds available to assist Lions with the tuition costs for the 2013 GPLLI. If you are interested in attending or would like further information about the 2013 GPLLI, please contact MD-26 Liaison PDG Debbie Blumenberg or either Past International Director W.R. O'Riley or Past International Director Leland Kolkmeier. Make your plans early to help insure the success of this valuable leadership learning opportunity.



Attendees who complete the Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute receive the GPLLI pin on the left side of this page. Now is the time to enroll for the 2013 GPLLI while it is in north western Missouri.

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## Missouri Lions Clubs Help Save Sight for 2,555 Preschoolers



In recognition of Lions Sight Week (LSW), May 6-12, 2012, volunteers from Missouri Lions Clubs partnered with the Missouri Lions Eye Research Foundation's Children's Vision Screening (CVS) program to provide free vision screenings to daycares and preschools.

The result – a record-breaking 2,555 children were screened in one week for a variety of vision problems, any of which could steal their eyesight.

Said Dr. Ron Walkenbach, executive director of the Foundation, "Since 1995, the Foundation has screened more than 240,000 children thanks to the financial and volunteer support from Missouri Lions Clubs. Often a

free vision screening from the Foundation is the first and only screening these children will receive before they reach age five. Knowing that sight was preserved for 2,555 kids in one week is just incredible, and we can't thank the Lions Clubs enough for their help!"

In addition to assisting the CVS program, Lions members hosted eye and organ donor drives in conjunction with LSW. Last year, through the work of our Heartland Lions Eye Banks and the generosity of eye donors, 2,900 cornea transplant recipients received the gift of sight. LSW participants included:

- Caruthersville Lions
- Chamois Lions
- Cosby Lions
- East Perry County Lions
- Gower Lions
- House Springs Lions
- Jamesport Lions
- Jefferson City Breakfast Lions
- Jefferson City Evening Lions
- Jefferson City Host Lions
- Leeton Lions
- Liberty Lions
- Marshfield Lions
- Morrisville Lions
- Owensville Lions
- Poplar Bluff Lions
- Richwoods Lions
- Smithville Lions
- Springfield Queen City Lions
- St. Charles Lions
- St. Clair Lions
- St. Joseph East Side Lions
- Washington Lions



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[Helen Keller](#)

## Vision Screening Changes the Lives of a Son and His Mother



*The Foundation recently received the following thank you letter from Michelle of Independence, whose son was screened by our free CVS program:*

"I enrolled my son, Xavier, at the Starshine Preschool in Independence, Mo. when he was two. The concern of leaving Xavier with anyone other than family was a major issue.

Xavier was 'busy.' I never used the word 'hyper' and asked everyone that came in contact with Xavier to respect my concern with being 'labeled.' I am positive his teachers went home not wanting to return or hoping Xavier would not return. He was more than 'just a boy.'

Forward three years and preschool graduation was upon us. The Missouri Lions Eye Research Foundation came to Starshine and of all the children receiving screening, Xavier was identified as being in very dire need of further vision screening. Ms. Kim, the director, assured the volunteer screener that I was a mother she was comfortable enough to guarantee follow-up.

I took Xavier, of course, to a pediatric optometrist. The diagnosis given forced me, for the first time in my life, to seek a second opinion. John Metzger, OD of Kansas City Vision Performance Center not only confirmed the diagnosis, but tested Xavier for any learning disabilities and areas of concern that could have been affected in a child with poor vision.

Poor vision is an understatement! Corrective lenses for Xavier in both eyes were 10+. I was advised that had Xavier not received that screening, the stress he was placing on his eyes would have eventually caused blindness.

To share my story, a year later, still causes tears to come to my eyes and literally takes my breath away.



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"Many people know so little about what is beyond their short range of experience. They look within themselves - and find nothing! Therefore they conclude that there is nothing outside themselves either."  
[Helen Keller](#)



The change I see in Xavier – in his personality, behavior, events he wants to participate in – is endless. We have a date night tomorrow night to enjoy a movie, something that I knew was not even on the attempt list. What kid does not enjoy the big screen, the circus, parades, church, school, sports, learning to ride a bike, skateboarding, sled riding, sandy beaches, vacations, and sightseeing?

Once I was okay with his diagnosis, I closed my eyes and slowly felt every inch of my son’s face as if my vision would be taken away. I would be able to remember in my mind’s eye what my soon looked like.

The written word of ‘my story’ can only serve as a reference in advocating for the work the Foundation does. How do you say thank you for giving your child the opportunity to participate in LIFE? He will become his own individual by his life experiences based on his ‘view of things.’

I know Xavier will do great things, and I look forward to many rewarding factors as his mother.”

## Haywood Snipes Award Recipients

The following individuals were recently inducted into the Haywood Snipes Society, April 2012 – June 2012.

- Lion Duane Behrens, Unionville Lions
- Mike Edwards, Lions All-Star Basketball Classic, M-6
- Bill Fischer, Lions All-Star Basketball Classic, M-6
- PDG Jesse Hathcock, Jefferson City Evening Lions
- Lion Matthew Heath, Freistatt Lions
- Lion Jerry Peck, Paris Lions
- PDG Robert Smith, Liberty Lions
- Lion Paul Wilson, Columbia Host Lions
- Lion William H. Wyne, Jr., Creve Coeur Lions



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

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## Why Eye Donation is Critical for Ocular Research

When someone makes the generous pledge to become an eye donor to give the gift of sight, the Eye Bank makes every effort to fulfill the donor's request and provide donated tissue to a cornea recipient in need.

But what happens if the cornea can't be transplanted? Was the donor's pledge in vain?

For decades, ocular researchers have partnered with the Eye Bank in the mission to save sight. If donated corneas are not suitable for transplant, the Eye Bank, with consent from the donor family, may offer the tissue to those researching the causes of and the cures for eye disorders and diseases.



Current research projects include the removal and transplantation of pigment epithelium (the cell layer which nourishes the retinal cells), examining the formation of cataracts in the diabetic and aging process, and in the case of the University of California, Davis Murphy/Russell laboratory, the study of glaucoma therapy.

Glaucoma currently affects 80 million people across the world, and once sight is lost, it can never be regained. The Murphy/Russell laboratory is determining how tissue changes are influencing the cells that regulate eye pressure. In this research, donor tissue is essential for examining the human disease process.

The Murphy/Russell laboratory is just one of the 18 medical research facilities that currently receives tissue from the Eye Bank. For a list of facilities, please visit [www.hleb.org/why-eye-donation-critical-ocular-research](http://www.hleb.org/why-eye-donation-critical-ocular-research).

By pledging to become an eye donor, your gift could potentially save the sight of up to two cornea transplant recipients or thousands through ocular research.



"It is wonderful how much time good people spend fighting the devil. If they would only expend the same amount of energy loving their fellow men, the devil would die in his own tracks of ennui."  
[Helen Keller](#)



## Stay Informed of Upcoming Vision Screenings



Many Lions members have asked the Foundation how they can stay on top of vision screening events in their communities. We now offer two easy ways to find volunteer opportunities for your club:

Visit [www.mlerf.org/calendar](http://www.mlerf.org/calendar) to see a continually updated list of CVS and Healthy Vision Screenings (HVS). You can sign up to volunteer at any of these screenings right through the website.

Join the Lions Listserv by emailing PDG J.Y. Miller at [j.y.miller@sbcglobal.net](mailto:j.y.miller@sbcglobal.net). Every Thursday, the Foundation sends out a list of screenings for the next two weeks.

Also, on August 4-5, the Foundation will host our biggest Back-to-School screening event of the year at the Saint Louis Science Center. Last year, 225 children were screened at this highly anticipated community event. To volunteer at this event, please contact Patricia Barrett-Elder at [pbarrettelder@mlerf.org](mailto:pbarrettelder@mlerf.org) or at 800-283-1982, ext. 112.

As always, we are looking for new places to screen. If you have an upcoming event that serves residents in your community, please schedule a screening by visiting [www.mlerf.org/request-screening](http://www.mlerf.org/request-screening).

### Donate Life Missouri Reaches 3 Million Pledges!

Thanks to your help in spreading the word about eye, organ and tissue donation, 3 million Missourians have pledged to become donors!

As of July 9, 2012, 3,004,584 individuals have registered online or at their local DMVs. For more information on making the pledge yourself, please visit [www.donatelifemissouri.com](http://www.donatelifemissouri.com).



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### Waiver Form for the Missouri Lion Newsletter

We are aware that many families receive multiple copies of *the Missouri Lion* bulletin. While many Lions have sent in the waiver form to help us reduce the cost associated with publishing and distribution of our state newsletter we are still facing escalating costs. Please help us reduce the cost of delivering information about state wide Lion Club activities and events. If you have Internet access and your newsletter can be sent by e-mail, we can save money on postage as well as publishing costs. I understand many do not have the luxury of Internet service and it is our goal to be able to continue providing current Lion information to these members. Through your efforts we can continue to meet the needs of the Missouri Lions and keep our costs down. Thank you for your assistance. Send completed waiver forms to the Missouri Lion editor Lion Jennie Mosher.

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