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## One Shot, One Life: Lions' Measles and Rubella Initiative



# ONE SHOT ONE LIFE

Lions Measles Initiative

Tragedy quietly strikes thousands of families each year throughout the world. Often this tragedy is not even reported in your local newspapers, measles takes the lives of more than 450 children each day, or 164, 000 children every year. Of those who survive, nearly 30 % suffer complications such as vision loss, hearing loss, brain damage, pneumonia, Vitamin A deficiency or encephalitis.

Measles is a highly contagious viral disease which is spread through close contact with infected persons. The infectivity of measles is about 90%, that is to say if one person in a crowd of 100 people has measles, 90 people will develop the disease after contact with the one infected person. The only factor which can lower this infectivity rate is if any of the 100 people have previously been vaccinated against measles.

Measles is a public health burden in developing countries where parents do not have access to immunization services that could protect their children from this disease. Many factors such as poverty, poor healthcare systems and lack of information make it difficult for families to obtain preventive medical care.

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“ One Person Can Make A Difference, And Everyone Should Try”

[John F. Kennedy](#)

The Lions Club International Measles Initiative emphasizes mass vaccination campaigns in a short period of time to insure nationwide prevention of Measles. The Measles campaign successfully reach more than 90% of the children targeted. These campaigns are overseen by the Ministry of Health within each country and financial support is provided by the LCIF Measles Initiative and its partners.

Measles has been eliminated in the United States since 2002, and with continued support from the LCIF Measles Initiative it will be eliminated in Africa by 2020. This year, the LCIF Measles Initiative will coordinate vaccination campaigns in 31 countries.

The Measles Initiative helps provide support to the participating health care systems by training local health workers, improving vaccine storage conditions, promoting safe injection practices and implementing systems to detect new disease outbreaks.

The quickest and easiest way for Lions around the world to be involved in the Measles and Rubella Initiative is by making a donation to: **One Shot, One Life** today.

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On Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012 LCIF President Wing-Kun Tam announced the **Lions have successfully met the Gates Challenge!** The Lions around the world have raised \$10 million dollars for the “One Shot-One Life” Measles initiative. This will be combined with a \$5 million dollar grant from the Gates Foundation.

**Contact your District LCIF Coordinator for more information.**

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**Quiz: Know your New Measles Facts**

*Answers can be found on page 4 below “In This Issue”*

- #1. How much does it cost to contain a measles outbreak in parts of the world where measles has been eliminated, like the United States?
- A. US \$5,000 per case of measles                      B. US \$18,000 per case of measles  
C. US \$33,000 per case of measles                      D. US \$42,000 per case of measles
- #2. Measles is extremely infectious. How many people are infected by the measles virus each day?
- A. 15,000                      B. 55,000                      c. 75,000                      D. 95,000

- #3. How many children did Lions help vaccinate against measles in Nepal in February & March 2012?
- A. 500,000      B. 800,00      C. 1 million      D. 1.8 million
- #4. The Measles Rubella Initiative has helped to increase the proportion of children around the world who have been inoculated against the measles to 85% of all children (vs. only 72% in 2000) and measles related deaths have also decreased. Nevertheless, what number of children still die each day from measles-related complications?
- A. 300      B. 380      C. 400      D. 450
- #5. True or False? The quickest and easiest way for Lions around the world to be involved in the Measles Rubella Initiative is by making a donation to: *One Shot, One Life* today.
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### Answers to questions on pages 2& 3

**Question #1: C** Read more here: Infectious Disease Society of America

<https://idsa.confex.com/idsa/2011/webprogram/Paper32925.htm>

**Question #2: B**

**Question #3: D** Read more here: <http://mydigimag.rrd.com/publication//i=118591&p=40>

**Question #4: B**

**Question #5: True**

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Lions from clubs in good standing can enter an original, unaltered black-and-white or color photo (without people) of the environment of their Lions Club in the following 2012-2013 Lions Environmental Photo Contest categories:

- Animal life
- Landscape (Urban or Natural)
- Plant Life
- Weather Phenomenon
- Beauty of the Rural Environment: Photos of natural surroundings

The impartial judging of photos should focus on originality, artistic merit, and portrayal of the environmental theme. **Deadline for submission to multiple district January 15, 2013.**

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# **Joplin Relief Calendars For Sale**

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

## 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 are \$65 and a mini suite is \$75. This Special Lions Club rate is available until January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Please refer to the registration form for additional information.

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.

A copy of the 2013 Mid-Winter Forum registration form has been included in this publication on page 5 for your convenience. Take a few minutes to make your hotel reservations and complete the form. Register early, show your support for this great Lions Club event.

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

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

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### MD-26 District Convention Dates and Speakers for 2013

District	Date	International Speaker	Convention Location
26-M1	Feb. 22-24, 2013	ID John Harper	Ste. Genevieve, Missouri
26-M2	March 22-24, 2013	ID Brian Shehan	St. Louis Sunset Hills Holiday Inn
26-M3	March 1-3, 2013	ID Mark Hintzmann	Hilton, Garden Inn, Columbia, Missouri
26-M4	March 1-3, 2013	ID Brian Shehan	Comfort Inn & Suites, Chillicothe, MO
26-M5	March 8-10, 2013	ID Marvin Chambers	Sedalia, MO
26-M6	March 15-17, 2013	ID Stacey Jones	Howard Johnson Hotel, Springfield, Missouri
26-M7	March 1-3, 2013	ID Harvey Whitley	Lake of the Ozarks, Missouri

"Faith is the strength by which a shattered world shall emerge into the light." [Helen Keller](#)

# 2013 ALL LIONS MID-WINTER FORUM REGISTRATION

Friday & Saturday, February 8-9, 2013

Grand Plaza Hotel • 245 North Wildwood Drive • Branson, Missouri 65616

Registration Packages may be picked up on Friday from 4:00–6:00 PM and Saturday from 7:30–10:00 AM

\*\*\*\*\* First session starts at 8:30 AM Saturday \*\*\*\*\*

- \* Full registration includes all seminars, lunch/speaker and Friday evening hospitality. Anyone planning on attending any of the seminars will need a full registration. If you will be attending only the hospitality on Friday and the luncheon on Saturday, a lunch registration is all that is needed.
- \* Reservations and payment to Missouri Lions MUST be postmarked by January 26, 2013.
- \* A Saturday night Dinner/Show is planned at the Grand Country Music Hall, 1945 West 76 Country Blvd. Buffet Dinner at 6:00 and Grand Jubilee Show at 7:30 - \$30.00 per person. (This is not included in the Forum registration fee; it is an additional charge.)
- \* No tickets will be issued for any of the events -- your name will be included on a list.
- \* **COMPLETE ONLY ONE SECTION BELOW PER PERSON**

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**FULL REGISTRATION #1:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Are you a Lion? \_\_\_\_\_ Is this your first Mid-Winter Forum? \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_ District 26- \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Program Needed:  Large Print  Braille  
 Special Meal Requirement Description \_\_\_\_\_  
IF POSTMARKED BY 1-26-13 .....Amount due: \$35 \_\_\_\_\_  
OR  
IF POSTMARKED 1-27-13 OR AFTER .....Amount due: \$40 \_\_\_\_\_  
Saturday Night Dinner/Show: .....Amount due: \$30 \_\_\_\_\_

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**FULL REGISTRATION #2:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Are you a Lion? \_\_\_\_\_ Is this your first Mid-Winter Forum? \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_ District 26- \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Program Needed:  Large Print  Braille  
 Special Meal Requirement Description \_\_\_\_\_  
IF POSTMARKED BY 1-26-13 .....Amount due: \$35 \_\_\_\_\_  
OR  
IF POSTMARKED 1-27-13 OR AFTER .....Amount due: \$40 \_\_\_\_\_  
Saturday Night Dinner/Show: .....Amount due: \$30 \_\_\_\_\_

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**LUNCH ONLY:** Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Are you a Lion? \_\_\_\_\_  
If so, Club: \_\_\_\_\_ District 26- \_\_\_\_\_ .....Amount due: \$15 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Special Meal Requirement Description \_\_\_\_\_  
**SATURDAY DINNER/SHOW ONLY:** Name \_\_\_\_\_ ...Amount due: \$30 \_\_\_\_\_

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**Total Amount due in advance for all events: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Everything can be paid with one check payable to Missouri Lions. Mail Registration form and check to: Missouri Lions, 2409B Hyde Park Road, Jefferson City, MO 65109. NO REFUNDS AFTER JANUARY 28, 2013.

For hotel reservations, please call the **Grand Plaza Hotel in Branson** at **1-800-850-6646**. A block of rooms has been set aside for this event at a rate of **\$65 + tax per night (mini suites are \$75) (breakfast buffet included) until January 25, 2013**, at which time the rooms will be available on a space and rate available basis. You must be sure to tell the reservations associate that you are with the **Missouri Lions Forum** or mention **LIONS13** to get the special room rate.

## MD 26 Missouri Lions 91<sup>st</sup> Convention

Holiday Inn –Co Co Key Water Park, Kansas City, Missouri

Friday April 26, 2013 – Sunday 28, 2013



April is a fantastic time to be in Kansas City. Our city offers a wealth of attractions. The striking landscape includes wide boulevards, beautiful parks, fantastic architecture and more than 200 fountains.

The city's diversions include world-class museums, a vibrant arts scene, superb shopping and great blues and jazz clubs. This is the ideal destination where visitors can enjoy abundant sightseeing attractions, cultural activities, shopping and international cuisine in the heart of a scenic and vibrant city.

Our convention week-end will be packed with lively plenary sessions, special events, and get-togethers that are sure to energize and entertain attendees of all ages.

In our ever-changing world of Lionism, Missouri Lions from all walks of life represent the future in their commitment to touch the lives of those in need. And that is what we are all about.

Why not sign up today and join us in Kansas City as we gather together to celebrate our achievements and plan for an even better tomorrow.

Visit the Convention Web Site: <http://www.molionsm5.org/stconv.htm>

**The Missouri Lions State Convention Committee has made it so easy for members to register for the 2013 Convention in Kansas City, Missouri . For the first time Lions can register on-line and pay using a credit card.**

**A copy of the MD 26 Annual Registration Form can be found on page 8.**



**MD26's 91<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL CONVENTION**  
 Holiday Inn - CoCo Key Waterpark, Kansas City, Missouri  
 Friday, April 26, 2013 - Sunday, April 28, 2013

**FRIDAY APRIL 26, 2013**  
**HOLIDAY INN, COCO KEYS**  
**KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI**

The first evening of our convention will be an informal get together at the Holiday Inn, Coco Keys, I-70 in Kansas City, MO (we don't have to leave the convention site) Kansas City, MO. This event is a must attend "free ice-breaker" prelude to our convention. Casual dress, and of course Lions vests are always welcome!

**New!!!! New!!!! New!!!!**  
 Begin your convention by attending our Melvin Jones Breakfast; hear a brief on our association's foundation - LCIF. Get the latest news from our International Guest; followed by a Melvin Jones Fellowship presentation by your district governors.

Our convention's 2nd day will kick off at the Holiday Inn, Coco Keys. Registration at 7:30am, then, seminars & conferences followed by our luncheon. Our State voting & business meeting will complete our convention day. Our evening begins with an All Lions Reception followed by the banquet completing our first full day.



*"Goin' to Kansas City, Kansas City here you come. You could take a plane; you might take a train; if you have to walk, goin' just the same"*

----- Cut and Mail Today -----

**MOLIONS STATE CONVENTION RESERVATION FORM**

**COST:**  
**\$62.50 OR \$65.00 PER**  
**LION TO ATTEND**  
**ALL EVENTS!!**

LION NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
 GUEST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ - DATE SUBMITTED: \_\_\_\_\_  
 CLUB: \_\_\_\_\_ - FIRST TIME ATTENDEE: \_\_\_\_\_

**LION GUEST**

CONVENTION FEES	Cost per Person	Enter Cost	Enter Cost	DETAILS
Registration	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	Fee Assessed by MD constitution and bylaws applies to all convention attendees
Friday Evening "Ice Breaker" -- Hospitality Room	"Free"	"Free"	"Free"	Join Lions from throughout MD26 in this casual event. Sample free food & drink from the Lions throughout Missouri! <b>ENTERTAINMENT!!!</b>
Saturday "Melvin Jones Breakfast" <small> Begins at 7:00am with an LCIF Update from our International Guest - District Governors will award Melvin Jones Fellowships to MD26 Lions (Ticketed event)</small>	\$15.00			Fresh Assorted Muffins with Creamy Butter, Fresh Sliced Fruit with Strawberries, Crispy Breakfast Potatoes, Scrambled Eggs, Cured Bacon & Country Sausage Coffee (Reg/Decaf), Hot Teas, Orange, Cranberry, Apple Juices
Lunch Buffet <small>(Ticketed event)</small>	\$14.50			Kansas City BBQ Buffet - Barbecued Beef Brisket, Potato Salad, Maple Glazed Baked Beans, Pickles, Cornbread Muffins, Creamy Butter <small>All Lunches Served With House Specialty Blend Coffee, Decaf Coffee, Iced Tea</small>
New "All Lions" Reception	"Free"	"Free"	"Free"	All Missouri Lions Reception w/cash Bar
Dinner Banquet <small>(choice of):</small>  <small>(Ticketed event)</small>	\$23.00			Chicken Picatta - Lightly breaded, Sautéed with a Refreshing Lemon, Capers & White Wine Sauce, Roasted Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables, Rolls & Butter with Side Salad -- Coffee (Reg/Decaf) & Iced Tea
	\$25.50			Maple Glazed Carved Pork - Thyme & Garlic Marinated Pork Roast with Maple Glaze, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Vegetables, Rolls & Butter with Side Salad -- Coffee (Reg/Decaf) & Iced Tea
	\$23.00			Special Dietary/Gluten Free Meals Available
<b>TOTALS</b>				

**HOTEL RESERVATIONS:** Thank you for choosing the Holiday Inn SE Kansas City Hotel!  
 Hotel rooms are **\$89.00** per night for double occupancy  
 For easy reservations for the 2013 Annual Convention scheduled for April 26-28, 2013,  
 use the URL link with the special **BOOKING CODE: LCD**, CALL 800-238-9938 with code: **LCD**  
**BOOK ONLINE:** [www.holidayinn.com/kansascitymo](http://www.holidayinn.com/kansascitymo) Enter arrival and departure dates with **group booking code: LCD**  
 Information on local Kansas City events and area attractions can be found at [www.visitkc.com](http://www.visitkc.com)

**LIONS & GUESTS: MAIL RESERVATION FORM TO:** Lion Donna Jungerman, 8627 Three T Rd, Mayview, MO 64071  
**no later than March 31, 2013.** Make checks payable to: "2013 MOLIONS Convention"



# **LBOMB On The MOVE**

by Lion Tom Stevens

When the Lions of Missouri created “Lions Business Opportunities for Missouri Blind” (LBOMB) in 1946, the stated purpose was to create employment opportunities for blind Missourians. During the past 66 years, hundreds of blind Missourians have participated. They have become small businesspersons in the food merchandizing industry, ranging from vending machines to full-line cafeterias.

Each of the Missouri Lions Districts is represented on the LBOMB Board by one person, currently seven individuals oversee this program. In recent years several Lions have served extended terms, giving the Board an unusual level of experience. Three issues have been met in the past few months: the corporation Constitution has been reviewed and slightly changed, while “Conflict of Interest” and “Whistle Blower” policies have been formally established.

Financial aspects of the corporation operations have been reviewed in conjunction with the state management office, Rehabilitation Services for the Blind (RSB); RSB holds overall management responsibility. For example, the cafeteria which was operated in the state capitol building has been relinquished because of the perennial unprofitability of the location. Other sites are being reevaluated on the same basis.

LBOMB’s financial affairs are annually audited by a widely respected auditing firm and the corporation has maintained a very favorable financial accounting record. Several changes have been encouraged by the Board’s financial watchdog and secretary/treasurer Lion Bob Stewart. It is noted that LBOMB operates under its Constitution, State and Federal Regulations.

Since its inception, LBOMB has remained singular in the United States. A recent survey by the RSB program supervisor Larry Branson has confirmed this singularity. At the same time, the Board is reviewing management policies in order to assure its financial liquidity. It is noted that costs have been rising and income has been decreasing. The program operates on generated income and some Federal funding. For example, donations to LBOMB are to a 501-c-3 entity. Those then can be matched on a 4-1 basis. A one-dollar donation is matched with four dollars of Federal funds. Such donations are then used to repair and replenish equipment and to enhance continuing education. Blind vendors have a strong voice in determining self-improvement opportunities. The success of the program is attested by a comment from a long-term vendor: “Without this program, my life and family are nowhere.”

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

Date	Event	Location
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
Feb. 8-9, 2013	Mid Winter Forum	Branson, Missouri
April 2013	Mid-South VDG Visit	Memphis, Tennessee
April 25, 2013	Council of Governors Work Session	Holiday Inn SE, Kansas City, MO
April 26-28, 2013	Missouri Lions State Convention	Holiday Inn SE, Kansas City, MO
April 28, 2013	Council of Governors Meeting	Holiday Inn SE, Kansas City, MO
June 22 – July 5, 2013	All –State Band Camp/Trip	Fort Leonard Wood, Memphis & New Orleans
July 2013	All-Star Football Game	TBA
July 2013	Council of Governors Meeting	TBA
July 26-28, 2013	Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute	North Western Missouri State University, Maryville , Missouri
Sept 19-21, 2013	USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum	Overland Park, Kansas
Feb. 22-24, 2013	26 M-1 District Convention	Saint Geneviève, 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 Chillicothe, 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.



## 36<sup>th</sup> Annual USA/CANADA Lions Leadership Forum

The USA/CANADA Lions Leadership Forum was held on September 13<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup> in Tampa Bay, Florida. This event was well attended by Lions from Missouri this year. The picture below provides the visual evidence of all those Lions we know from our state who participated in this wonder Leadership training opportunity.

If you did not have the opportunity to participate this year please consider planning for next year's USA/CANADA Lions Leadership Forum as it will be held in Overland Park, Kansas. The contact information is provided below the photo. The 37<sup>th</sup> Annual USA/CANADA Lions Leadership Forum will be held September 19<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>th</sup>, 2013.



### 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**

"Knowledge is love and light and vision."

[Helen Keller](#)

## Champions of Change Attend White House Event



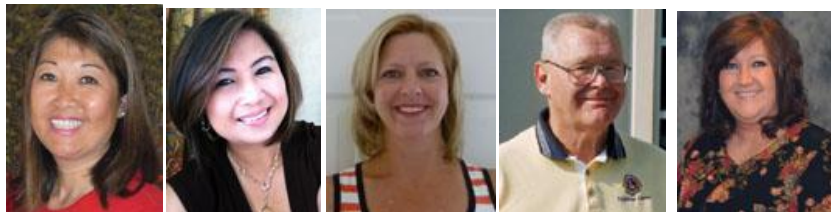
Eleven men and women represented Lions throughout the world as [Champions of Change](#) at the White House on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012. The following 11 Lions were recognized for their efforts concerning issues such as health, youth, sight, hearing and disaster relief worldwide. Each Champion of Change received LCI President Wayne Madden's banner and either a scarf or a tie as a recognition gift for their service.

It is difficult to distinguish between the greatness of each of these [Champions of Change](#). We can be somewhat biased as PDG Debbie Whittlesey is from our home state of Missouri. She was invited to the White House for her work in Joplin, Missouri following the May 2011 EF5 Tornado. She has received awards in Joplin and Busan, Korea for her relief efforts and was once again recognized as a [Champions of Change](#) with 10 other outstanding Lions (all pictured below).



Left to right:

Brad Baker, Dr. Paul Berman, Mike Buscemi, Karla N. Harris, Gregory L. Jeffrey, Robert W. Massof



Left to Right:

Nadine Nishioka, Maria Eme M. Nisnisan, Laura Rieg, Douglas D. Rodenbeck, Debbie, Whittlesey

More than 200 Lions from across the world attended this event. For additional information about each this event please go to the Lions Clubs International web site: [lionsclubs.org](http://lionsclubs.org)

life is an exciting business, and most exciting when it is lived for others." [Helen Keller](#)

# Missouri Lions Pin Trader

## A Surprise Honor For Ernie Schlicting



At the Branson swap, Lion Ron Jordan surprised Lion Ernie Schlicting with the 2012 swap pin, featuring Lion Ernie, who founded the swap in 1998, as Maggie Schlicting looks on. The pin is shown at the left. Lions Ernie and Maggie still play an important role in hosting the swap. If you want this pin, you'll have to contact Ernie or someone who attended the swap. We sold out at the swap.

## Joplin Pin Set



***The Joplin Host Club has prepared a set of three pins, commemorating the tornado that destroyed so much of the city on May 22, 2011. One depicts the tornado. The second shows Lions rebuilding a home, and the third shows a destroyed church with the flag still waving.***

***The pins are \$5.00 each, 3 for \$15, shipping \$5.00. Proceeds are going toward a Memorial Park and tornado***

*relief. They can be ordered from Joplin  
Host Lions Club, 1827 S. Wall, Joplin, Mo.*

*64804. More than 3 sets, call 417-782-  
5228, or [joplinflash@sbcglobal.net](mailto:joplinflash@sbcglobal.net).*

*Cont'd on page 13*

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

Nov. 8-10—Winchester, Va.

Lion Susan Golladay (540-869-3784)  
[suemacg@veriazon.net](mailto:suemacg@veriazon.net)

Feb. 20-23—Nashville, Tenn.

Lion Jerry Townsend (601-737-5170)  
[jctown@comcast.net](mailto:jctown@comcast.net)

March 20-22—York, Penn.

Lion Amos Shatzer 814-542-9654  
[aschatzer@verison.net](mailto:aschatzer@verison.net)

**June 12-15, 2013—Alternate Site, 40th Annual Meet LITPC in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin. Near (Milwaukee) . Contact Lion Rich Koch 262-512-0149 for additional information. Registration forms for any of the events above may be obtained from the contact Lion above.**

Contact PDG Nan Blakemore for information on additional Missouri Lions Pins which may be purchased from the Missouri Lions Pin Traders Club (MLPTC). The October 2012 MLPTC newsletter published shows 15 pins that are available for purchase from the club.

Contact Information: [lionnanb@embarqmail.com](mailto:lionnanb@embarqmail.com) or by phone 573-893-3730

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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)

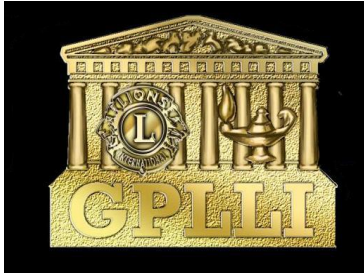
***Paper copies of the above information can be sent to the editor see page 20.***

**Deadline for article submission for the February 2013 Issue is January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

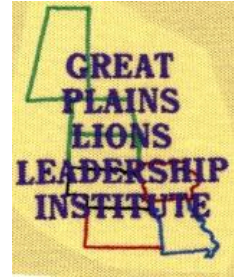
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## Missouri to host 2013 Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute



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The 2013 Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute will be held July 26<sup>th</sup>- 28<sup>th</sup> on the campus of Northwest Missouri State University in Maryville, Missouri. This leadership institute is specifically structured for Lions who want to advance their skills either personally or professionally. Lions who attend the GPLLI will have an opportunity to learn or improve their leadership skills. If you have served as a District Governor or will be serving as the Governor during July 2013, you are not eligible to attend.

The Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute is sponsored by Multiple Districts 5 (Saskatchewan, North Dakota, and South Dakota), 9 (Iowa), 17 (Kansas), 26 (Missouri) and 38 (Nebraska). The cost is \$150 per attendee if received by the Registrar on or before May 31, 2013. This includes double occupancy accommodations, seven meals, as well as all course materials and the registration fee.

Beginning, June 1, 2013 the cost will increase to \$170 per attendee. A limited number of single rooms are available for an additional \$40 per attendee.

The two presenters at the institute representing MD-26 are PCC Kimberly Taylor and PDG Tom Rayfield. Past District Governor Debbie Blumberg is our MD-26 Great Plains Lions Leadership Promotions Coordinator.

Make your plans now to attend this great leadership learning opportunity. Attendees who complete the Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute receive the GPLLI (black and gold) pin on the top left side of this page. Now is the time to enroll for the 2013 GPLLI while it is in north western Missouri.

### Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute Contact Information:

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# Missouri Lions All State Band



# New Orleans Bound in 2013

For more information contact the Missouri Lions at:  
[molionsallstateband@yahoo.com](mailto:molionsallstateband@yahoo.com) or 573-635-1773

"No pessimist ever discovered the secret of the stars, or sailed to an uncharted land, or opened a new doorway for the human spirit."  
[Helen Keller](#)



## 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Lions All-Star Football Game

The 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Lions ALL-Star Football Game for 2012 is now history, another successful event the Lions of Missouri can be proud to be part of. **On Saturday October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2012 the Athletic Committee presented a check for \$15,000 to Doctor Ron Walkenbach from Missouri Lions Eye Research Foundation(MLERF).** Lions in the Council of Governor's meeting would later hear exactly how much these funds would help MLERF, as the research facility had gone over their budget in the previous year and this donation would put them back in the black by approximately \$2,000. What a success story for these coaches and athletes around the state.

Last year's Athletic Committee Chair PDG Eldon Shipp has received some correspondence following the Lion's 2012 Warrensburg All-Star Football game which he would like to share with his fellow Lions. After you read these stories, I think Lions will have a better understanding of the value of this state program.

1. **This is the reply I received when I sent the Coach a "Thank-You" e-mail: Man, it was my pleasure. It was great to be around those young players, all of which were go getters. I can't say "Thank You" enough for inviting us to be part of it. Our coaches are still talking about it and telling our players about it. Last week was the highlight of my coaching career.**
2. **Missouri Lions: My son, Tyler Miller (Blue Team#4), played in the All-Star Game last Saturday. I wanted to express my "Thank You" for putting on a great game and the week of activities for boys. Tyler could not stop talking about the experience he had. From the Lions Club members, coaches, practices, free time, trip to the Veterans Home and especially the game, he had a week he will never forget!! We enjoyed the banquet and game very much. The game ended up having the atmosphere of a high school playoff Game!. Tyler had family from Jefferson City, Lake of the Ozarks and Kansas City get to watch him play since Warrensburg is much closer than Dexter where we are from. Tyler shared his experience with the local Lions Club here in Dexter last night and they welcomed hearing stories about the week.**
3. This story was written by Lion Julie Goetz spouse of District Governor Kenny Goetz.

This week we buried a cousin. Kim Vandiver, mother of Gabe Vandiver from Richmond who was one of the stars in the Lions All-Star Football game this summer. She had been fighting cancer for three and ½ years and was very bad the night of the game...but she was there. Attending the banquet she said she had a great time and could not believe that this existed for young men and was so proud that Gabe had been chosen. She loved watching the and "absolutely had to have a T shirt" . Last week when she knew the end was near she told her husband that she was so thankful for the Lions and the opportunity that was given to her and to Gabe. She said she got to see him play on the field he will be playing on this year ... UCM. The morning she died she was wearing she was wearing her Lions Club All-Star T shirt.....

Your club does such a tremendous amount of work for this event and it is so nice. Thank You all!!!!

If you see a Vandiver on the field this season just give an extra shout out for his mother ... she will be there in spirit.



# Multiple District 26 Council of Governor's Meeting Happenings

Saturday October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2012

## 1. Missouri Lions Website Update:

Missouri Lions if you have tried to use [missourilions.com](http://missourilions.com), this site is experiencing some difficulty. Please use [missourilions.org](http://missourilions.org) or [missourilions.net](http://missourilions.net) until the system problem has been corrected.

## 2. Increase in Lion Member State Dues

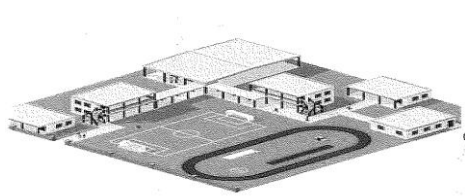
The Council of Governors approved a dues increase proposal which will be voted on at the 2013 Missouri Lions State Convention. This proposal will increase the state dues from \$9.00 to \$10.50 unless there is an endorsed candidate for International Director, or has a sitting International Vice President, President, or Immediate Past President, then it would be \$12.00. More details in the February Issue of *the Missouri Lion* as it will contain all ballot issues.

## 3. State Wide Challenge to Raise \$15,000 for Irving Elementary School in Joplin, Missouri

The Council of Governor's entertained a proposal from PDG Debbie Whittlesey for a state wide project to challenge Lions Clubs in all 7 Districts to raise an additional \$15,000 for the Joplin, Missouri area. The additional funds would purchase trees and shrubs for the Irving Elementary School which was destroyed in the May 2011 EF5 tornado.

During a conversation with Superintendent C. J. Huff of the Joplin School District, PDG Debbie was informed the cost to the Lions Clubs to adopt Irving Elementary School would be \$25,000. Since, this project currently has received one donation of \$10,000, the **challenge** was to have every District in MD 26 assist her project and raise the remaining balance of \$15,000. Some funds were raised during the council of governors meeting by the Tail Twister and designated to this project. \$225 was collected from the fines levied during the meeting and other cash donations given by generous Lions in attendance.

For additional information please contact PDG Debbie Whittlesey or your local District Governor.



Let's Fully adopt Irving Elementary in Joplin, Missouri with trees for the grounds. The new school is being constructed on the old

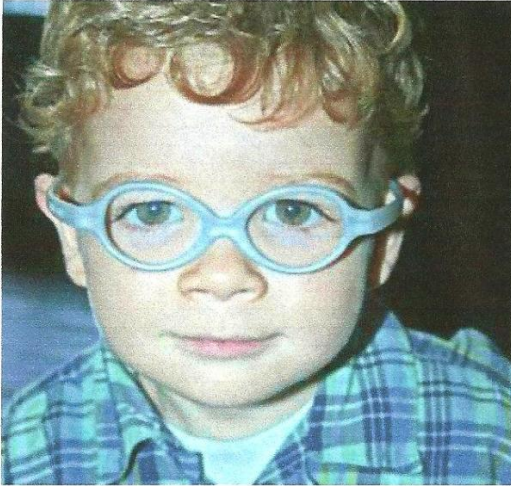
St. John's hospital grounds. **All donations greatly appreciated prior to March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2013.**

Mail all donations to:  
**PDG Bill Botzow, M6 Treasurer**  
**Lions/Irving Elementary Project**  
**8986 Lawrence 2194**  
**Monett, MO 65708**

Contact information for PDG Debbie Whittlesey is: 417-664-2885 or

[Debbie Whittlesey <dwhittlesey@central-bank.net>](mailto:dwhittlesey@central-bank.net)

## A Child's Sight Saved Thanks to MLERF and Parents as Teachers



Throughout the year, the Missouri Lions Eye Research Foundation partners with Parents as Teachers (PAT) programs across Missouri to provide free Children's Vision Screenings (CVS) to the preschoolers and families they serve.

One of the preschoolers MLERF screened through PAT in 2012 was two-year-old Kellar. Although his mother, older sister and cousins all wore glasses, Kellar never demonstrated any symptoms of vision impairment or complained about his poor eyesight.

However, after a PAT screening, MLERF's technician noticed something was amiss with the little boy's vision and referred Kellar for a follow-up appointment with an eye care professional. It was then Kellar was diagnosed with astigmatism and prescribed glasses to correct his eyesight. The improvement in his vision was apparent immediately – "When he first put his glasses on, he seemed to look at everything with wonder, said his mother, Ruth Ann.

Today, thanks to MLERF and PAT, Kellar's enhanced sight is allowing him to play with trucks and superheroes, put together his puzzles, and terrorize his sisters – all with crystal clear vision.

"Vision problems in kids this age aren't always apparent," Ruth Ann remarked. "The screening is simple, quick, painless, and provides immediate results."

If your club would like MLERF to screen at an organization or event in your community, please schedule a screening online at [www.mlerf.org](http://www.mlerf.org) or call us at 800-753-2265.



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"The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched - they must be felt with the heart." [Helen Keller](#)

## Missouri Lions Giving for Last Year

We would like to thank the following Lions clubs for their financial contributions during the 2011-2012 fiscal year. Your donations help us provide sight-saving services all year!

### OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTORS

#### Top Lions Donations

Concord Village Lions - \$15,000  
St. Louis Hampton Lions - \$11,255.50  
Jefferson City Host Lions - \$6,250  
Missouri Lions Multiple District 26 - \$6,150  
Past District Governors Association of M5 - \$5,650

### SIGHT SAVER AWARD

(Clubs that donated \$2,000 or more in fiscal year 2011-2012)

Boonville Lions	Jonesburg Lions	St. Charles Lions
Branson-Hollister Lions	Lions All-Star Basketball Classic – M6	St. Ferdinand Township Lions
Butler Lions	Lions Eye Foundation of District M2	St. Joseph Host Lions
Cape Girardeau Lions	Long Lane Lions	Sikeston Lions
Concordia Lions	Maryville Host Lions	Springfield Queen City Lions
First Capitol Lions	Millersburg Lions	Wardsville Lions
Freistatt Lions	Owensville Lions	Webster Groves Lions
Hermann Lions	Paris Lions	West St. Louis County Lions
Independence Noland Rd.		

### LIONS PATRONS

(Clubs that donated between \$1,000 and \$1,999 in fiscal year 2011-2012)

Adrian Lions	La Grange Lions	Moscow Mills Lions
Caruthersville Lions	La Plata Lions	O'Fallon Lions
Columbia 20/20 Lions	Lake Winnebago Lions	Poplar Bluff Lions
Columbia Rockbridge Lions	Lee's Summit Lions	Rolla Lions
Creve Coeur Lions	Lemay Jefferson Barracks Lions	Sedalia Lions
Farmington Lions	Liberty Lions	Sedalia State Fair Lions
Harrisonville Lions	Linn Lions	Seymour Lions
House Springs Lions	Mexico Host Lions	St. Louis South Side Lions
Hurricane Deck Lions	Monett Lions	Washington Lions
Jefferson City Evening Lions		



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## LIONS BENEFACTORS

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Albany Lions	Fulton Breakfast Lions	Laredo Lions	Salisbury Lions
Alma Lions	Fulton Host Lions	Lexington Lions	Savannah Lions
Amity Lions	Gainesville Lions	Linn Creek-Osage Beach Lions	Seligman Lions
Aurora Lions	Gallatin Lake Viking Lions	Lockwood Lions	Smithville Lions
Auxvasse Lions	Gentry Lions	Lohman Lions	Springfield Alpha Lions
Ava Lions	Glasgow Lions	Louisburg Lions	Springfield Evening Lions
Beaufort Lions	Golden City Lions	Louisiana Lions	Springfield Host Lions
Belton Bel Ray Sunrise	Gower Lions	Macon Lions	St. James Lions
Belton Lions	Graham Lions	Madison Lioness	St. Joseph East Side Lions
Bernie Lions	Green City Lions	Malden Lions	St. Joseph South Side
Blackwater Lions	Hale Lions	Maplewood Lions	St. Louis Downtown Lions
Bolivar Lions	Half Way Lions	Marceline Lions	St. Louis Harmony Lions
Bonhomme Lions	Hamilton Lions	Marionville Lions	St. Peters Lions
Braymer Lions	Hartsburg Lions	Marshall Lions	Stover Lions
Brazito-Honey Creek	Hartville Lions	Maryville Pride Lions	Tarkio Lions
Brookfield Lions	Harvester Lions	Mayview Lions	Trenton Lions
Brumley Lions	Helena Lions	Meadville Lions	Troy Lions
Brunswick Lions	Higginsville Lions	Mexico Noon Lions	Unionville Lions
Buffalo Lions	Higginsville-Lafayette Lions	Miller Lions	Valley Lions
Bunceton Lions	High Hill Lions	Missouri Lions District 26-M3	Vandalia Lions
Cameron Lions	Holts Summit Lions	Missouri Lions District 26-M6	Versailles Lions
Cape Girardeau Evening	Hopkins Lions	Missouri Lions District 26-M7	Wappapello Lions
Carl Junction Lions	Houston Lions	Morrisville Lions	Warrensburg Lions
Carrollton Lions	Huntsville Lions	Nelson Lions	Waverly Lions
Carthage Lions	Independence Eastview Lions	New Bloomfield Lions	Wentzville Lions
Charleston Lions	Independence Host Lions	New Florence Lions	Westboro Lions
Clarksdale Lions	Jamestown Lions	New Melle Lions	Willard Lions
Clarksville Lions	Jefferson City Breakfast Lions	Norborne Lions	Williamsville Lions
Columbia Host Lions	Jefferson City Capitol Lions	Northwest Texas County Lions	Winona Lions
Cosby Lions	Joplin Host Lions	Old Monroe Lions	Woodson Terrace Lions
Cottleville Weldon Spr.	Kahoka Lions	Orrick Lions	Wright City Lions
Diamond Lions	Kansas City Alhaphointe	Pickering Lions	
Dixon Lions	Southside Lions	Pilot Grove Lions	
East Perry County Lions	Kansas City Red Bridge Lionesses	Platte City Lions	
El Dorado Springs Lions	Kansas City Red Bridge Lions	Pleasant Hill Lions	
Eldon Lions	Kearney Lions	Raymore Lions	
Elkland Lions	Keytesville Lions	Raytown/Hickman Mills Lions	
Fairport Lions	Kimberling City Lions	Republic Lions	
Ferguson Lions	Knob Noster Lions	Richwoods Lions	
Fort Leonard Wood	Lamar Lions	Rock Mount Lions	



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## Heartland Lions Eye Banks to Open New Location in Kansas

In an effort to enhance our operations and best meet the needs of our organizational partners, the Eye Bank will consolidate our Hays and Wichita office operations by relocating to a new office in Hutchinson, Kan. this October.

This centralized location will allow us to serve the area more efficiently and will put us in closer proximity to our larger partner hospitals. It's our continued mission to offer the ultimate in service to everyone involved in the transplant process.

## Upcoming MLERF Screening Events

MLERF has two big screening events coming up this fall, and we could use your help to screen your fellow Missourians for the leading causes of blindness.

On Tuesday, October 23, we will provide free Healthy Vision Screenings at the NEMO Senior Expo in Kirksville beginning at 11 a.m. In addition, MLERF is offering free CVS screenings during the Saint Louis Science Center's annual Health Fair on November 17 starting at 8 a.m. To volunteer at these events or to find screenings in your community, visit [www.mlerf.org](http://www.mlerf.org).

MLERF also sends out our screenings for the next two weeks through the Missouri Lions' Listserv. To join the Listserv, please email PDG J.Y. Miller at [j.y.miller@sbcglobal.net](mailto:j.y.miller@sbcglobal.net).

### Haywood Snipes Award Recipients

The following individuals were recently inducted into the Haywood Snipes Society, July 2012 – September 2012.

Lion Virgil Baker, Lexington Lions

Lion Janis Wassman, Tipton Lions



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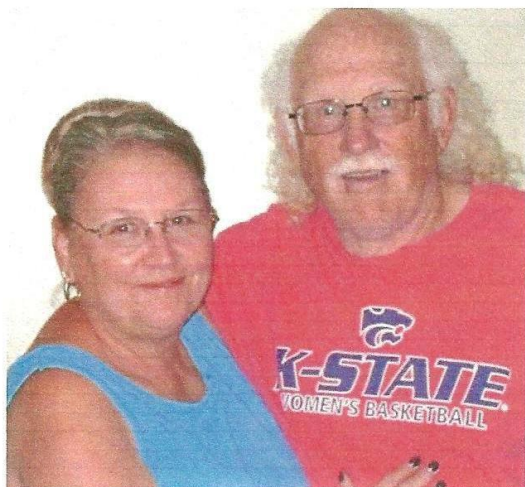


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## Cornea Transplant Recipient Gives Back to Her Community



For years, Judy of Manhattan, Kan. struggled with vision loss due to Fuchs' dystrophy, a degenerative disease of the cornea. As the condition progressed, she had difficulties reading a phone book or seeing the license plate on the car in front of her.

By the time her eyesight declined to 20/70, her surgeon encouraged her to proceed with a cornea transplant using donated tissue to save her vision, but she was still hesitant. However, after talking with a family friend whose son had been an organ donor, she began to reconsider.

"In visiting with his mother several times, she talked about how good it made her feel to know others had been helped even in the time of their loss."

Judy decided to accept the gifts of two generous donor families who made the heartfelt decision to let their loved ones live on through others. In June 2011, she underwent a cornea transplant on her left eye and then again in March 2012 on her right eye. Today, Judy is seeing 20/25 with or without glasses.

"In a sense I didn't realize how bad my sight had been until after my transplants. Some days my sight is so good, it's unbelievable. I still have a bit of astigmatism, but I can see my grandson playing ball. I can follow college basketball and baseball games better. Some helicopters flew over my home the other day, and for the first time, I could really see them in detail."

Judy's transplants have allowed her to continue working part-time as a clerical assistant at a church and enjoying her favorite hobbies, most significantly her role as director of Toys for Manhattan. Each year, this community-wide volunteer program collects toys to distribute to emergency shelters, crisis centers, and individual families so that everyone can have a happy holiday season. In fact, under Judy's direction, more than 500 families were helped this past year.

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