



Greetings to the Lions of Missouri MD-26

Lion Marcia and I hope this finds each of you enjoying the summer months and all of the festivities that come with this time of year. Also with this time of year comes the beginning of a new Lionistic year.

With the new districts in place and the new District Governors fresh and excited from their trip to District Governors School in Bangkok, Thailand and the International Convention, it is now time to get the year rolling. The International Convention was a great experience and as usual, the parade was one of the greatest highlights. Another great highlight was the announcement that the "WORLD OUTREACH LIONS CLUB" of Kansas City, Missouri was voted the number two club in the world of Lionsim. The delegate voting that took place prior to the closing session passed all of the constitutional amendments that were on the ballot. The one amendment that most affects our

Multiple was the institution of the position of 2nd Vice-District Governor. This position will take effect with the 2009-2010 Lionistic year. That is when the District's will be voting on an individual to fill the position. During this coming year each District will need to institute the necessary language into their constitutions to be in compliance with the International Constitution.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude and appreciation to each of you that in some way made the Campaign Sightfirst II goal of 200 Million Dollars a reality by the end of the three year program. It truly shows that LIONS can give of their time, their resources and their hearts to fulfill dreams for those less fortunate than they are. I would especially congratulate Lion P.I.D. W.R. O'Riley on this victory as he served as the coordinator for the western half of the United States and to all of the coordinators within our Multiple.

Our new International President has a theme of "Miracles Through Service-Everyday Hero's". I have to believe that each and everyday that we as LIONS are someone's everyday hero. We may not know the individual and we may not know exactly what we have done or helped do to make their life better, but we do know that everything we do is for the service towards humanity and mankind.

By now I'm sure some of you have heard the phrase "GMT" coming around and within the next couple of weeks, at your cabinet meetings, you will probably hear it more. It stands for Global Membership Team. This "Team" is comprised of many individuals including the District Governor, Vice-District Governor(s), the MERL Team, the Region and Zone Chairs, Women's Initiative and others as designated by each district. The purpose of the team is to develop a comprehen-

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sive plan for all phases of membership development within each district including new club extension, membership development within existing clubs, club revitalization, and retention of existing members including reorientation. This plan is to be for a minimum of three years with the hopes that it will lead to a permanent growth effort on an annual basis. If your District Governor asks you to be a part of this team or to help in some other way, please be receptive to their

request so that our Multiple may once again grow towards the membership we had as a goal many years ago. The base has been initiated to grow from, so now is the time to go forward. Remember, procrastination is easy, initiation is hard. Let's all be on the initiation field, accepting the challenge and moving forward.

I would ask that each and every member of our Multiple take the time to do ask yourself three questions; (1) Why I became a Lion, (2) What have I

accomplished as a Lion and (3) What can I do to be a better Lion? After you answer those questions, keep the answers in the back of your mind and S.M.I.L.E. (Simply Make It Lions Everyday)

With best wishes to you and your family for a great summer and a bountiful fall,
Lion P.I.D. Leland Kolkmeier & Lion Marcia

Glaucoma Screening

This past May 22, 2008 many Lion Clubs members came forth and aided in screening for GLAUCOMA. Among those aiding were members of House Springs Lions Club. Screening took place once again at the St. Louis Science Center. It was stated that 78 participated in having screening done.

Glaucoma has effected over 3 million people being visually impaired. It is stated that 1 in 30 people over age of 40 and over have glaucoma.



2009 USA/CANADA LEADERSHIP FORUM

September 24-26, 2009

Memphis, Tennessee

The 2009 USA/CANADA Lions Leadership Forum will be held in Memphis, TN, September 24-26, 2009. This location is close to Missouri therefore reducing the travel time and cost to get to the Forum. I encourage all Missouri Lions to attend this Forum for both the educational and social benefits. You will meet many Lions members from the USA and CANADA and also have the privilege of attending great seminars and hearing great speakers and presenters during the Forum.

We will need a lot of help during the week of the Forum. If you would like to help, please go to the web site listed below and click on volunteer signup.

If you or your business would like donate 3000 items for the Goodie Bags, please contact the Host Committee.

Please visit the 2009 Memphis Forum Host Committee web site at <http://forumhost2009.org> for information regarding the Forum.

Missouri State Coordinator
PDG Bud Dean
Rolla, Missouri

All-Star Game a Success



The 32nd Lions All-Star Football Game was definitely a success this year. All aspects of the week long camp, banquet & game went very smoothly. We had some never done before events for the players this year as well. On Thursday they were treated to a tour of Whiteman Air Force Base, home of the B2 Stealth Bomber. On Friday there was a presentation given by the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. The speakers were former NFL player Paul Coffman and UCM free safety Drake Pollard (photo attached). The shared testimony of how FCA and God has affected their lives and football careers. Earlier in the week the players performed a Community service project at "Lions Lake" in Warrensburg and heard a presentation from Annie Kuhl about the Missouri Lions Eye Research Foundation. A total of 66 players were in camp this year. The

Friday night banquet was very well attended by just over 300. All sales areas were up this year from last year, so hopefully our financial success will be improved as well. Everything culminated with a very well played game on Saturday night. The game was

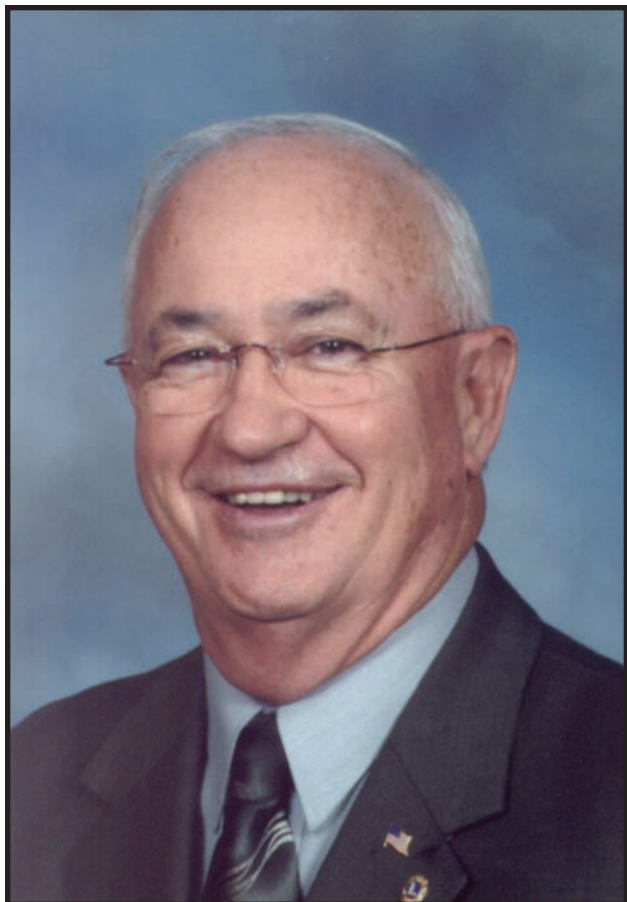
called due to very nearby lightning activity at the end of the 3rd quarter with the East team leading 47 – 17.

Throughout the game the Missouri Lions All-State Band performed as well as playing the national anthem and giving an excellent half-time show. We had a special performance during pregame by a select group of Past International Directors, Past and current Council Chairpersons. They were challenged to act as Cheerleaders and show some "leg". They agreed but only for money. After \$110 was raised to benefit the game proceeds from assorted Lions in the stands the

challenge was met and the attached picture picture shows their ability. A big thanks to all Lions and Clubs that helped in any way in helping us realize yet another successful game.

Lion Jeff Webster – State Chair
Missouri Lions Athletic Committee





...From The 'O'-Zone

Every so often you have a story that is worth repeating. The following is a duplicate of an article that I recently submitted for our district newsletter ----

A True Lions Success Story.

During a recent Maryville Host Lions Club meeting, Lion President Jerry Lutz stated that the following "was the most gratifying Thank You that he had the privilege of reading to the club members"---

Dear Lion's Club Members:

Recently I took my 3 year-old son Caden Stoecklein to the free amblyopia screening that was offered at Eugene Field Elementary. Even though I was fairly confident that he had no vision problems I figured I should have him screened, especially since it was free and easy. About 4 weeks later I got a packet in the mail from the Missouri Lions Eye Research Foundation that recommended that Caden have a screening with an eye care specialist. I immediately contacted Dr. Poynter and made an appointment for Caden. After a thorough eye exam it was determined that Caden has anisometropia. He has very poor vision in his left eye. However, through a patching system and corrective lenses his problem should improve. It will probably never be completely corrected but he will not lose his binocular vision. I attribute this to both the Lion's Club and Dr. Poynter. If your organization would not have offered the free screening at Eugene Field Elementary, I would have never caught the problem. Thank you so much for offering this free screening. It really does make a difference in the lives of children. You are saving their vision one child at a time.

Thank you,

Heather Stoecklein

This is truly an example of what we are all about. It also follows our International President's Theme --- "Everyday Heroes – Miracles Through Service".

As a member of the International Committee for Campaign SightFirst II, I want to offer my most sincere gratitude to the Lions of Missouri for their support of the campaign. Special congratulations to all the MD-26 Model Clubs -- - Beaufort, Brentwood, Chesterfield, Ellisville, Ferguson, Florissant Valley, Gerald, House Springs, Kansas City South, Lemay Jefferson Barracks, Maplewood, Maryville Host, Maryville Pride, Meramec Heights, Smithville, St. Ann, St. Louis Carondelet (200% Progressive), St. Louis Hampton, St. Louis South Side, and Webster Grove.

According to the latest figures from the CSF II Staff, the Lions of MD-26 have given or pledged a total of \$717,306.00. This figure has the potential of helping save the sight of 119,560 people. We all can be proud of helping to achieve the \$200,329,297.00 mark, thus surpassing the stretch campaign goal of \$200 Million.

On a final note, I would like to congratulate PDG Eugene and Lion Kimberly Taylor on finally receiving the LCI Faculty Development Institute lapel pins. They were members of the first institute that was held in June of 2006.

Travel Safe and God Bless

Lion M.G. ...PID

You are invited to the annual MD-26 Past District Governors meeting.



District 26-J (26-M1) is very excited about hosting the PDG Weekend, and we hope you will come and join us for a weekend of fun, fellowship, and good food.

Date: October 17 – 19, 2008

Where: HQ is the Hampton Inn at St. Roberts located on 103 St. Robert Blvd. Call 573-336-3355. Room rates are \$78.00/night plus tax. When you call please, mention that you are with the Lions. Please make room reservations as soon as possible as we have a limited number of blocked rooms. Rooms will be released on October 1, 2008. Other hotels in the area: Baymont Inn 573-336-5050; Fairfield Inn 573-336-8600; Comfort Inn 573-336-3553; Red Roof Inn 573-336-2510; Holiday Inn Express 573-336-2299; Motel 6 573-336-3610



Friday, October 17 – The Golf Tournament will be held at the Piney Hills Golf Course on Fort Leonard Wood – with a tee time of 10:00 a.m.



October 18, Saturday will be a day of fun. We have made arrangement for a Tour of the Military Museum on Fort Leonard Wood or the historic Stage coach museum in Waynesville. We will have maps available so you can enjoy touring the Wineries in the area or go trout fishing at Meramec Springs Park south of St. James. We have many antique shops from St. James to Lebanon.

Lunch will be on your own.

Banquet: Will be 7:00pm that evening in The Hampton Inn Conference Room

Come join us and have a great time.

Reservation Form
MD 26 Past District Governors Weekend
October 17 – 19, 2008

Name: _____

	PDG	Spouse or Guest
Registration - \$25.00per person (includes banquet dinner)	_____	_____

Golf Tournament - \$35.00 per person Includes cart	_____	_____
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PDG Dues (If not Paid) - \$15.00	_____
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TOTAL: _____

Please make checks payable to Missouri Lions PDG Club.

Mail to PDG Chris Clinton
P.O. Box 1125
Rolla, MO 65402-1125

Please return this registration form by October 3, 2006.

The PDGs of 26-J and 26-M1 hope you all come and join us in this great weekend.

Article Submission Deadlines For 2008 Missouri Lions Newsletters

Nov. 08 issue Deadline is Oct. 15

May 09 issue Deadline is April 15

Feb. 09 Issue Deadline is Jan. 15

Aug. 09 issue Deadline is July 15th

A dedication event at the Plato R5 School facility, where the North West Texas County Lions Club (Roby MO) built a new outdoor pavilion for the kids and staff. Most of the materials were purchased through a \$5,000 grant from Lowes of Lebanon, and



the project was organized by our club, staffed by itself and members of the community.

Two pictures shown, Vice District Governor of M1 Lion Tom Steinbach (the project manager), and a picture of the pavilion itself. The event took place on July 28, 2008.

Student Of Year Awarded-House Springs Intermediate School

On Tuesday May 13th all students of the House Springs Intermediate School, in the 5th and 6th grade met for selection of Student of Year. Those present were winners of the Student of Month based on recommendations of their teachers. Along with the vast gathering at the House Spring Lions Club Hall were their parents, grandparents and friends to cheer them on.

This was the 11th year the House

Springs Lions Club has sponsored this program. This years winners of the prestigious award were Rachel Lambing of the 5th grade and Alex LaVenture of the 6th grade.

After selections were announced all present were able to enjoy refreshments and expressions of congratulations from family members and friends.

All members of House Springs

Lions Club extend their Best Wishes to all students striving to do well in their studies.



The Missouri Lions Convention Committee will be accepting bids for the 2011 Multiple District Convention. Districts interested in bidding must send an Intention To Bid letter before the bid presentation.

Detail bid specifications may be obtained by contacting the MD-26 Convention Committee Chairman.

Bid openings and presentations will be made to the committee on Saturday, September 27, 2008 at 10:00 A.M. at the Lions Sate Office in Jefferson City.

The committee reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

PDG Bob Crump
Committee Chairman
becrump@centurytel.org

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News from the Missouri Lions Eye Research Foundation - August 2008

Research Funding Donated to Mason Eye Institute

At the June 21 meeting of the Missouri Lions Eye Research Foundation's Board of Directors, a \$26,000 check was presented to Dr. John Cowden of the University of Missouri's Mason Eye Institute. The funds will be used to purchase a multifocal electroretinogram (ERG) for the Institute. This piece of equipment will be used to help further diagnose various retinal diseases in patients.

The ERG equipment focuses in on specific parts of the retina, which is located in the back section of the eye. The retina converts light to electrical signals that are sent to the brain to make images. This new machine will serve as an additional tool for the ophthalmologists at the Mason Eye Institute's visual electrophysiology diagnostic laboratory to diagnose and treat diseases such as macular degeneration.



PCC Don Noland presents a check on behalf of MLERF to Dr. John Cowden

Foundation Welcomes New Board Members

The Missouri Lions Eye Research Foundation welcomes four new Directors to its Board- Lion Stuart Payne of District 26 M-6, Dr. Roger Bonham of Columbia, MO, CC Terry Boettcher and VCC Deb Blumenberg. We look forward to working with them to help preserve and restore sight!

We would also like to extend our thanks to outgoing Directors PCC Don Noland, PDG Bob Dieckhoff, CC Jim Tesreau, VCC Sue Blakley, and Dan Scotten.

MLERF Board officers for the 2008-2009 fiscal year include: Lion Stan Rehn, President; PDG Howard Hawkins, Vice President; PDG Donal Knipp, Treasurer and PCC Ron McMullin, Secretary.

To view a full listing of current MLERF Board members and upcoming Board of Directors meeting dates please visit our web site at www.mlerf.org.



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St. Louis Area Recipient Sees With Two Different Types of Transplants

Janice Smith has always been grateful for the many blessings in her life. Last year, she added one more to the list: the ability to see clearly again thanks to two corneal transplant surgeries. Janice had suffered from Fuch's corneal dystrophy for years and was finally urged by her ophthalmologist to undergo the transplant procedure.

In 2006, Janice received her first transplant- a traditional full thickness graft. Almost immediately she began to see improvement in her vision including better clarity of the world and colors around her. In 2007, Janice received a transplant in her other eye. This time, the transplant was a partial thickness graft- or DSAEK transplant. This time, her recovery from the surgery was even quicker!

Today, Janice enjoys the freedom to be able to live independently and continues to enjoy hobbies that she had to give up due to her deteriorating vision. Janice enjoys gardening, collecting teddy bears and volunteering with her church. She looks forward to her seeing her first grandchild, due to arrive this fall- a sight that she would not have been able to see with clarity without her eye donors, her surgeon, the eye bank and the support of the Lions clubs of Missouri.



Janice shows off her garden that she can now tend to, thanks to her transplants.

Haywood Snipes Award Recipients

Congratulations to the following individuals and Missouri Lions clubs who were inducted into the Haywood Snipes Society, April 2008-July 2008.

Lion Ron Dunn, Friestatt Lions
PDG Frank Ward, Bowling Green Lions
Lion Janice Bonnot, Jeferson City Host Lions
Lion Robert Hickok, Ferguson Lions
Lion Art Meierotto, Ferguson Lions
Lions Ken & Barb Jarvis, Vandalia Lions
Lion Leo Bergeron, St. Ann Lions
Lion Charles Elledge, St. Ann Lions
Lion Robert Wagner, St. Ann Lions



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MO Passes First Person Consent Bill for Organ and Tissue Donation

On Friday, July 11, Governor Matt Blunt signed legislation to make it easier for Missourians to become eye, organ and tissue donors. Senate Bill 1139 has established first person consent for Missouri's organ and tissue donor registry. This means that any eligible Missourian who agrees to join the registry has given full consent for organ and tissue donation.

The Missouri Lions Eye Research Foundation and Heartland Lions Eye Banks have stood in support of this new first person consent legislation as it will aid in ensuring that an individual's wish to be a donor is carried out. To add your name to Missouri's state donor registry visit www.missouriorgandonor.com or contact HLEB at 1-800-283-1982 ext. 115 to receive mail-in enrollments.

Help MLERF in Promoting Eye, Organ and Tissue Donation!

Each day, an average of 18 people die waiting for a life-saving organ transplant. Many more are also in need of a life-enhancing tissue transplant. By promoting eye, organ and tissue donation in your community, you can help encourage and educate others.

One excellent way to promote donation is to direct individuals to the Missouri state donor registry at www.missouriorgandonor.com. This is a confidential computerized database kept by the state of Missouri that stores your wishes regarding eye, organ and tissue donation. Under Missouri's new legislation (see above article for more information) adding your name to the donor registry will signify your consent to become a donor.

The Missouri Lions Eye Research Foundation has provided the Missouri Lions State Sight Committee with handy cards to pass out with the Missouri state donor registry's web site and phone number to call for more information. If your club is interested in attaining some of these cards and more information on promoting donation in your area please either contact your district's Sight Committee representative or the MLERF PR Department at 1-800-283-1982 or info@mlerf.org.

Share the gift of life and sight by pledging to be an organ, tissue and eye donor.

Join the Lions of Missouri in supporting donation and add your name to the Missouri state organ donor registry at

www.missouriorgandonor.com
or call 888-497-4564

Contact any member of the Sight Committee or the Foundation to receive the pictured donor cards.



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Foundation Begins Trial of PlusOptix Amblyopia Camera

The Missouri Lions Eye Research Foundation has been busy working on plans to increase the reach of its vision programs to those in our Missouri communities. One key component of this plan is doubling the amount of children screened in our Amblyopia Prevention program.

In June, the Foundation purchased a new type of amblyopia screening device to be used by our staff in Columbia. The new equipment is called a PlusOptix Vision Screener and is designed so that it does not need Polaroid film, but rather prints immediate results on a label or certificate. This means there will be a reduced cost per screening with the PlusOptix screener since the Foundation does not need to purchase film for it.

Currently, MLERF Amblyopia staff members are being trained on using the new equipment and will be testing it in the field throughout this new fiscal year while Lion ZAPMs continue to use the traditional amblyopia cameras. Since the new equipment has a steeper learning curve and is considerably more technical in nature than the traditional camera MLERF is studying the feasibility of using the screener with both trained MLERF staff and Lion volunteers.

In the upcoming months we will be working on finding efficient and cost-effective ways to screen the most children possible while also keeping Lion club volunteers at the heart of this program. We look forward to the new challenge ahead of saving the sight of even more children in Missouri!



The new PlusOptix Vision Screener can screen children with no film, producing immediate results.

Looking for upcoming amblyopia or glaucoma screenings in your area?

Find them online on our web site at

www.mlerf.org/upcomingevents-cal-only.php.



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Calendar of Events

Council of Governors

October 25th, 2008 Holiday Inn Six Flags St. Louis, Mo.
January 24th, 2009 Holiday Inn Joplin, Mo.
April 30th, 2009 Holiday Inn Joplin, Mo.
July 2009 ????
October 17th, 18th, 2009 Capitol Plaza in Jefferson City

State Conventions

May 1,2,3, 2009 Holiday Inn in Joplin, Mo.
April 30th - May 2nd, 2010 Springfield, Mo.

Merl Meetings at Cedar City Lions Den in Cedar City on North side of Bridge in Jefferson City

Oct. 11th, 2008
Jan. 10th, 2009
April 18th, 2009

Mid-Winter Forum

Feb. 7th, 2009 Branson

International Conventions

July 6th thru 10th, 2009 Minneapolis, Mn.
June 28th thru July 2nd, 2010 Sydney, Australia
July 4th thru 8th, 2011 Seattle, Wa.

USA/ Canada Forums

September 18-20, 2008 - Saskatoon Saskatchewan, Canada
September 24-26, 2009 - Memphis, Tennessee
September 23-25, 2010 - Milwaukee, Wisconsin
September 2011 - Anchorage, Alaska

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Missouri Lions Eye Research Foundation Dates

August 21-23, 2008: Missouri Lions Eye Research Foundation Amblyopia Prevention screenings at the St. Louis Science Center from 9:30am-4:30pm. For more information contact Tina Twenter at 1-800-753-2265 ext. 8518 or ttwenter@mlerf.org.

September 27, 2008: Missouri Lions Eye Research Foundation Board of Directors Meeting, 9 a.m. at 404 Portland St., Columbia, MO.

November 14-16, 2008: National Donor Sabbath Weekend, nationwide. Join in the support of eye, organ and tissue donation and take this time to discuss the need for donation in your faith communities. For more information: <http://www.hleb.org/Educational/NDS.html>

December 6, 2008: Missouri Lions Eye Research Foundation Board of Directors Meeting, 9 a.m. at 404 Portland St., Columbia, MO. (all Lions and Guests are invited to attend all of our meetings, For more information please contact Annie Kuhl, 1-800-283-1982, ext.107) or akuhl@mlerf.org. For additional information on vision screenings in your area, please visit our web site, www.mlerf.org.

Mid-South Lions Sight and Hearing

Business Mtg. and Hall of Honor Induction in Memphis in November. Call the Business office for exact dates 1-888-546-6042. Also the website has been completely redone www.midsouthlions.org
April 18th 2009 VDG Visit

Lions World Services for the Blind

August 22nd - 24th, 2008 VDG Visit

Leader Dog

Leader Dog visit August 16th & 17th, 2008

OTHER EVENTS

PDG Weekend

October 17th - 19th, 2008 in the Rolla Area. More details to follow

Recognizing Students Of Month

Once again the House Springs Intermediate School, under the guidance of teacher Judy Pyatt wrapped up another school year having offered Student of Month Awards over past school year. Students were from 5th & 6th grade

This program sponsored by the House Springs Lions Club has been going on for 11 years now. It has been their pleasure to have these students recognized.

Result, future leaders in community.



Oct. 2007-Back row to front, (left to right) Max Geowert, Kyle O'Brien, Lee Strande, Tayler Underwood, Tyler Le, Chance Leiker



Nov. 2007-Back row to front, (left to right) Alex Leventure, Alex McGlassion, Morissa Daly, Rachel Lambing, Peyton Weil, Alexia Bender, Lacy Scott



Dec. 2007-Back row to front, (left to right) Landon Fortner, Tommy Douglas, Tyler Godwin, Shiann Hareford, Lauven Lubken, Miakela Wideman, Sara Nguyen



Jan. 2008-Back row to front, (left to right) Ashley Knirr, Cathlyn Ehrhard, Clay Thomas, Jessica Gittons, Morgan Hauser, Jeff Wallace, Chase Kowecki



Feb. 2008-Back row to front, (left to right) Sammie Wrozier, Jacob Frey, Jenita Checkett, Andrea Allen, Dalton Willard, Jessica McBee, Nicole Harris



March 2008-Back row to front, (left to right) Anna Smith, Kourtney Bolback, Tristien Kadlee, Madison Perkins, Ali Barringer, Michael Crosby



April 2008-Back row to front, (left to right) Dylan Schnarr, Kaylee Borzozski, Brett Mantoan, Ciavah Vaught, Zach Riley, Madison Reese



May 2008-Back row to front, (left to right) Victoria Robertson, Jo Gagel, Laura Cantrell, Nicole Hansen, Tyler Mantia

Persistence of Lions Catches Amblyopia for Young Boy

Thanks to the dedication of Lions during the summer of 2007, Brett Hollemeier is now seeing clearly, Brett was just two years old when his mother Constance had him screened while visiting the St. Louis Science Center. A few weeks later Constance was notified that Brett showed signs of amblyopia.

"I was quite stunned when I received the postcard with a letter stating we needed to take Brett to an ophthalmologist," said Constance. "We hadn't noticed anything that made us think

that Brett couldn't see perfectly fine."

Although there is a strong family history of amblyopia, Constance said she did not know how early amblyopia needed to be detected to be corrected. Upon visiting an eye doctor, Brett's left eye was diagnosed with amblyopia, Constance was told that because Brett's right eye had perfect vision, his brain would choose to see out of that eye, with the left eye continuing to weaken until it would have been useless.

To begin correcting his vision, Brett

was fitted for glasses and had his right eye patched for two hours a day. Constance said Brett is benefiting from his glasses because he now asks to have them on. "Also, Brett is looking at books more," Constance said. "and we know that when he is older, having the (vision) correction will help him academically."

House Springs Lions Club is proud they played apart in urging young Brett to have eyes tested.

Blood Drive at House Springs Lions Club--Huge Success

Saturday, May 16th allowed for the American Red Cross to have a Blood Drive at House Springs Lions Club. It was projected to have 55 donors but, more than 65 folks from community came forth to share their blood to help others.

Program was organized by Galen

Roberts and David Chambers of the Red Cross with Lion Miky Balta as Chairperson for event. All donating received inaugural T-Shirts with the 2008 Rock and Roll logo edition.

Plus, Thanks goes out to Company B-BBQ for sharing food for all donors.

Further, special Thanks goes out to

Cedar Springs Intermediate and House Springs Elementary and Intermediate for getting involved and participating in this successful program.

All from community having shared are extended a Special Thanks.

How Is Blood Utilized as shared by American Red Cross:

- Every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood
- 37% of the adult population is eligible to donate
- The #1 reason why people do not donate is because they've never been personally asked
- Another reason why people do not donate is due to misinformation such as: 1) People who recently received a tattoo in Missouri can now donate blood; 2) Piercings are ok if they were done in a sterile, professional environment; 3) People who have high blood pressure and diabetes can still donate if under control; 4) Needles are only used once making it impossible to contract a disease from the needle
- The need for blood is growing each year because the "baby boomers" are aging and there are more surgery techniques therefore there are more surgeries
- One unit of blood is separated into 3 components, red blood cells, plasma and platelets that can help three different people
- The American Red Cross provides 500,000 blood products annually to the Missouri/Illinois Region
- The American Red Cross provides blood to 100 hospitals in Missouri/Illinois Region
- The American Red Cross provides 90% of the hospitals in the St. Louis Metro area including St. Anthony's, Jefferson Memorial, Parkland Health Center, Mineral Area Regional and Washington County Memorial
- We also provide to all BJC affiliated hospitals which is the second largest user of Red Blood Cells in the U.S., second only to Duke University
- Blood has a shelf life of 42 days and donors can donate every 56 days



This is a photo of Neosho Lion Bill Collie accepting a certificate from Lion president David Sims. The award honored Collie for his 60 years of membership in Lions International of Neosho. Collie joined the club in 1948 and served as president in 1956-57.

2009 MD-26 Convention Speakers

<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>INTERNATIONAL SPEAKER</u>	<u>CONVENTION LOCATION</u>
26 M-1	February 20-22, 2009	ID Vince Vinella	
26 M-2	March 26-29, 2009	ID Art Marson	
26 M-3	March 5-8, 2009	PID Steve Sheer	
26 M-4	March 20-21, 2009	ID Neil Spencer	
26 M-5	Feb. 20-22, 2009	ID Beverly Stebbins	
26 M-6	March 27-29, 2009	ID Wayne Davis	
26 M-7	March 6-7, 2009	PID Dave Stouffer	

Easter Sunday - April 8th

Waiver Form for Missouri Lion Newsletter

We are still working on ways to cut the cost of the mailing of the newsletter. At this time I have received quite a few of the waivers to receive only one newsletter per household or to just receive it by E-mail only. I am asking the Governors to work with me to accomplish the new member and drop member list along with working on the waivers when they visit their clubs. The more of the waivers we receive the more cost we can cut. If you have an E-mail address please consider this as you will receive the newsletter quicker and I am hoping that we will E-mail it in color. Thanks for your help in this matter and I'm looking forward to more waivers.

PDG Bob VanSickle

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