



## A View from the Eyes of a Twin

As twins, my brother and I have grown up and experienced life together. We have been inseparable, best of friends for twenty-five years... we celebrate together – birthdays, holidays, and achievements – and we support each other through the tough times and challenges... Recently, beginning early in the new year of 2008, I witnessed my brother going through some of the hardest times yet – loss of eyesight – and together with family and friends we prayed, laughed, prayed some more, and hoped for the best results as Benjamin underwent cornea transplant surgery in hopes of eye-sight restoration.

Late in 2007, Benjamin began struggling with his eyesight. As the weeks continued to pass by, his eyesight continued to degenerate. Eventually, after doctoring with a local optometrist, he was referred on to Doctor Andrew Moyes in Kansas City, Missouri. After an initial consultation and examination, Benjamin was diagnosed with karataconus. Karataconus means that my corneas are shaped like cones instead of ovals. So it creates a blurry, almost blinding affect based on how bad you have it.

Initially treated with various hard contacts, Benjamin's eyes did not respond... At the next appointment, Benjamin underwent another examination that determined that the worst-possible had happened – his eyesight had continued to degenerate at an extensive degree. Surgery

was inevitable; he needed cornea transplants.

Thus it was set and scheduled – in February, 2008 Benjamin would get his right cornea replaced and the left was scheduled for December of 2008.

The right-eye cornea transplant was a success! Dr. Moyes was pleased and all seemed well... Suddenly though, one month into recover, Benjamin began facing difficulties – two of the twenty-four stitches in his eye had become infected; in addition, had a rejection line across the top part of the cornea. Immediately intense treatment of extensive drops, ointment, and a lot of prayers began; thankfully his body again accepted the cornea and has continued to do so. He currently sees 20/25 vision with a -3 stigmatism wearing a contact – a 100% improvement from the year prior.

In October Dr. Moyes began planning for the second transplant, and on December 14, Benjamin had his left eye cornea transplant. It was, again, a successful surgery; there was no reason to fear another infection or rejection. Suddenly one morning, though, Benjamin woke up not seeing out of the eye. A rejection line had formed over the line-of-vision. Once again, the intensive treatment program began again and, currently, everything is back in the clear – pun intended!!

As he continues to recover, Benjamin has 14 stitches in his right eye and 24 in the

left – some of the stitches will stay in the eye for up to four years. He will have to continuously put drops in his eyes and also has to be extremely careful to avoid being hit in the head and eye.

And with these new experiences and blessings we continue to celebrate and live with gratitude, praying for continued success and good health... Daily I am reminded to appreciate the basic gifts and functions of life – good health, eyesight, food, shelter, a home – because I remember the day when my twin, Benjamin, woke up and realized that he may not ever see clearly again.

A note from Benjamin:---

First off, I would like to thank my sister for writing this article. Second, I would like to thank my family and friends for the support and prayers through my procedures. Also, I would like to thank Maryville Host and Pride Lions for their donations and support. And finally, I want to tell the everyone involved with the Missouri Lions Eye Research Foundation how sincerely grateful I am for what you do for people with eye problems. Without all the time and energy the Lions put in every day, sight would be impossible for so many people.

Special Note: Benjamin Lipiec joined the Maryville Host Lions in October, 2008

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## Mid-South Letter

Greetings from Mid South Lions Sight and Hearing Service

Mid South Lions Sight and Hearing Service thanks you for the patients that you send and the donations that are made. As we all struggle through these economic times, the need of those less fortunate than we are goes up. Mid South needs your help both financially and through service. How can you help? The State of Missouri needs to bring forward nominations for 4th Vice President of Mid South. This is a long term commitment to Mid South as it is a position of progression to President. The 4 states, Tennessee, Arkansas, Mississippi and Missouri make up the Mid South service area. Each State has a Vice President serving on the Board of Directors. These nominations need

to come from your club and should be sent to me. If you are interested in serving in this position, please contact me so we can discuss and answer any questions that you may have. The nominations are due at the Quarterly Board Meeting in April. This meeting is in conjunction with Lions Leaders Weekend. This is a great opportunity to come to Mid South and learn about the great things we do. It also gives you the opportunity to see the business and committee meetings. Committees are another way to help Mid South. Each committee has two members from each of the 4 states mentioned above. We are looking for people to serve. Finally, if your club has not made their annual donation to Mid South, please consider doing so. If your club has never made

a donation to Mid South, please consider them as you put your budgets together for the next fiscal year. You can also make a personal donation to Mid South; consider becoming a booster club member. Thanks for everything that you do as Lions and thanks from the patients you help receive their sight back.

Reminder – Lions Leaders Weekend is April 24th and 25th. This is open to the DGEs and first 75 Lions who register. Your cost is transportation and hotel. See your local Mid South Chairperson or go to [www.midsouthlions.org](http://www.midsouthlions.org).

CC Terry Boettcher  
1st Vice President  
Mid South Lions Sight  
and Hearing Service

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## Auxvasse Lions continue support for City Park.

The Auxvasse Lions Club made a donation of \$4500 to the city of Auxvasse for the new pavilion that has been erected in the city park. This is the second donation the Lions have made totaling \$9500 toward the price of the pavilion. The Lions built the original pavilion in the city park in 1960 and this building served the community for 47 years. Last summer the Auxvasse City council decided the pavilion should be replaced and the Lions stepped forward and volunteered to pay for the new pavilion over a three year period.

The club took on the project of raising funds to purchase land for a city park in 1957. All of the money for the purchase price of \$1750 was from donations and the Lions were the largest contributor with \$500. The club also made a considerable sized donation on the scout house in the park and helped with its construction. It has also helped pay the utilities for the scout

house since the building was constructed and has been the sponsoring organization for the scouts in Auxvasse since 1968.

In 1980, Lion Dr. A H Domann was murdered and the community renamed the Auxvasse City Park as Dr. A H Domann Memorial Park. Lion Domann was a charter member of the Auxvasse Lions Club and had perfect attendance for 30 years at the time of his death.

The club has had many other projects through the years to help the community. "The Lions Club is proud of the projects we undertaken to help the city and we are especially proud of the part we played in the formation of the park and the pavilion" said Lion President Betty Knipp. She also said the club will con-

tinue to look for ways to serve the community in the same way it has with the pavilion in the park.

For more information, call Donal Knipp at 573-386-5175

Picture shows Auxvasse Mayor Shawn Baita receiving a check for \$4500 from Auxvasse Lions President Betty Knipp. Mayor Baita is also a Lion. Others in the picture are Lions Bob Shockley, Linda Shockley, Kathy Pate and Donal Knipp.



A RESOLUTION CORRECTING THE REFERENCED SECTIONS AND SPECIFICALLY DESIGNATING THE COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON AS A VOTING MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL. THIS IS REQUIRED BY LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL.

**SHALL THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED?**

**BE IT RESOLVED, that Article II, Section 1 (b) and Article V, Sections 2 (a) and 2 (d) of the Constitution of Multiple District 26 be amended to read as follows:**

**Section 1 (b)** "Council XE "Council" " or "State Council", shall refer to the Council of Governors whose voting members shall be each District Governor XE "District Governor" of the Districts in Multiple District No. 26 and the Council Chairperson.

**Section 2 (a)** There shall be a Council XE "Council" comprised of all of the District Governor XE "District Governor" s in Multiple District No. 26 and the State Secretary XE "State Secretary" - Treasurer who shall be an ex-officio member without a vote XE "vote" . Each Council XE "Council" of Governors shall elect a chairperson XE "Council Chairman" and a vice chairperson, who shall be elected at a special meeting XE "special meeting" of the incoming governors to be held prior to the International Convention XE "International Convention" . The chairperson XE "Council Chairman" must have been a member of the outgoing council. The outgoing council shall, prior to the special meeting XE "special meeting" of the incoming council, recommend two or more of their members as candidates for chairperson, but the incoming council is not limited to those recommendations in making their choice. In the event no member of the outgoing council is willing to serve as chairperson, the incoming council shall elect its chairperson from the next preceding council. The duties XE "duties" of the chairperson XE "Council Chairman" shall be to chair all meetings of the council and convention XE "convention" , to set the agenda of all meetings subject to the approval of the Governors, to represent Multiple District 26 at all appropriate functions and events within the state, to further the Purpose and Objects of this Association, to provide leadership, direction, and initiative for International and Multiple District programs, goals, and long range planning, to create and foster harmony and unity among Sub-Districts, and assist District Governor XE "District Governor" s to solve issues, to submit reports and perform such duties as may be required by the Multiple District Constitution and By-Laws XE "Constitution and By-Laws" , to perform such other administrative duties as may be assigned by the Council XE "Council" , and facilitate, at the close of his/her term XE "term" of office XE "term of office" , the timely presentation of all Multiple District accounts XE "accounts" , funds, and records XE "records" to his/her successor in office. Expenses shall be governed by rules of audit for district governors. The Council Chairperson shall be a voting member of the Council. The Chairperson shall be an ex-officio member of all Multiple District 26 committees, but shall have no vote in any of the committees. The vice chairperson XE "Vice Chairman" shall be elected by the incoming Council XE "Council" from its own members. The Vice Chairperson shall perform the duties XE "duties" of Chairperson in the absence of the Chairperson.

**Section 2 (d)** Each member of the council of governors, including the council chairperson, shall have one (1) vote on each question requiring action of the Council of Governors. A majority of the voting members of the Council XE "Council" shall constitute a quorum XE "quorum" thereof. Unless otherwise specified herein, to pass any motions brought before the Council at a duly held

meeting thereof, it shall only require an affirmative vote XE "vote" of a majority of the ~~District Governor~~ XE "~~District Governor~~"s Council members present and voting on the issue.

## **PROPOSITION NO. 2**

A RESOLUTION REMOVING THE RIGHTS OF THE VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR, REPRESENTING AN ABSENT DISTRICT GOVERNOR AT A COUNCIL MEETING, TO VOTE AT SAID COUNCIL MEETING. CURRENT WORDING IS IN VIOLATION OF CURRENT LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

### **SHALL THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED?**

**BE IT RESOLVED, that Article V, Section 1(h) of the Constitution of Multiple District 26 be amended to read as follows:**

**(h)** The Vice District Governor shall represent the District Governor at the State Council Meetings in case of the absence of the District Governor. ~~and when doing so shall have full voting rights.~~

## **PROPOSITION NO. 3**

A RESOLUTION CLARIFYING THAT THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR MAY APPOINT MORE THAN ONE MEMBER TO EACH STATE COMMITTEE, BUT EACH DISTRICT REPRESENTED WILL ONLY BE ALLOWED ONE VOTE.

### **SHALL THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED?**

**BE IT RESOLVED, that Article VI, Section 2 and Section 10 of the Constitution of Multiple District 26 be amended to read as follows:**

**Section 2** TC "Composition" \f C \l "2" . Except as otherwise provided in this Constitution or the By-Laws of this Multiple District No. 26, each State committee shall consist of at least one member appointed to represent each District by the District Governor XE "District Governor" representing said District at the time the appointment is made. Districts will be allowed only one vote from among it's representatives at any committee meeting.

**Section 10.** A majority of the ~~Committee members~~ Districts present at a committee meeting shall constitute a quorum XE "quorum" . Except as otherwise specifically required, it shall only take a vote XE "vote" of a majority of the Districts ~~those committee members~~ present and voting to pass any matter brought before the committee at a duly held meeting thereof.

## **PROPOSITION NO. 4**

A RESOLUTION ADDING THAT THE LIONS OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUTH COMMITTEE WILL OPERATE ON THE SAME TERM OF OFFICE AS THE ATHLETIC, ALL-STATE BAND AND CONVENTION COMMITTEES.

**SHALL THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED?**

**BE IT RESOLVED, that Article VI, Section 4 of the Constitution of Multiple District 26 be amended to read as follows:**

**Section 4.** Except as otherwise provided in this Article, the term TC "Term of Office" \f C \l "2" XE "term of office" of each committee member shall expire at the expiration of the term of the Council XE "Council" during which said member is appointed. The terms of office of members of the Athletic, All-State Band, Lions Opportunities for Youth and Convention Committees shall be and said Committees shall operate on a year of October 1 to September 30 of the following year, both dates inclusive.

**PROPOSITION NO. 5**

A RESOLUTION ADDING THE LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE AS AN APPOINTED STATE COMMITTEE.

**SHALL THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED?**

**BE IT RESOLVED, that Article VI, Section 6 (r) of the Constitution of Multiple District 26 be added and Article VI, Section 8 (a) and 8(b) and 8 (c) be amended to read as follows:**

**Section 6. (r)** Long Range Planning Committee ---- At the direction of the Council, it shall be the duty of this Committee to carefully examine any and all aspects of Lionism in the State and make recommendations to the Council to improve the operations, policy and impact of Lionism in the Multiple District. Past International Directors, if not District representatives, shall be ex-officio non-voting members of the committee. State and International Lions' employees can and should be consulted. The committee may, at its discretion, consult with as many additional Lions as it deems necessary.

**Section 8. Terms and Appointments**

**(a)** The following State Committees shall have a TC "Committees with Two Year Terms" \f C \l "2" two year term:

- (1)** State Convention XE "State Convention"
- (2)** Sight Conservation and Work with the Blind
- (3)** Lions Business Opportunities for the Missouri Blind XE "Lions Business Opportunities for the Missouri Blind"
- (4)** Public Relations XE "Public Relations"
- (5)** Hearing Conservation and Work with the Deaf
- (6)** Constitution and By-Laws
- (7)** Long Range Planning XE "Constitution and By-Laws"

**(b)** For Council terms commencing in even years, appointments to the above mentioned committees shall be as follows:

State Convention XE "State Convention" --- M2, M4 and M6.

Sight Conservation and Work with the Blind--- M2, M4 and M6.

Lions Business Opportunities for the Missouri Blind XE "Lions Business Opportunities for the

Missouri Blind" ---M2, M4 and M6.

Public Relations XE "Public Relations" --- M2, M4 and M6.

Hearing Conservation and Work with the Deaf---M2, M4 and M6.

Constitution and By-Laws XE "Constitution and By-Laws" --- M2, M4 and M6

Long Range Planning--- M2, M4 and M6.

**(c)** For Council terms commencing in odd years, appointments to the above mentioned committees shall be as follows:

State Convention XE "State Convention" --- M1, M3, M5 and M7.

Sight Conservation and Work with the Blind--- M1, M3, M5 and M7.

Lions Business Opportunities for the Missouri Blind XE "Lions Business Opportunities for the Missouri Blind" ---M1, M3, M5 and M7.

Public Relations XE "Public Relations" ----M1, M3, M5 and M7.

Hearing Conservation and Work with the Deaf---M1, M3, M5 and M7.

Constitution and By-Laws XE "Constitution and By-Laws" --- M1, M3, M5 and M7.

Long Range Planning--- M1, M3 M5 and M7.

### **PROPOSITION NO. 6**

A RESOLUTION ALLOWING SPECIFYING THAT STATE COMMITTEES MAY APPOINT ADDITIONAL NON-VOTING ADVISORS TO ASSIST THEM.

#### **SHALL THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED?**

**BE IT RESOLVED, that Article VI, Section 11 of the Constitution of Multiple District 26 be amended to read as follows:**

**Section 11.** In addition to the basic membership XE "membership" of the Committee, the Council XE "Council" of Governors may appoint additional persons to serve as ex-officio non-voting members. In addition to the members appointed by the District Governors, a committee may itself appoint advisors to help carry out its charge. Advisors are not entitled to vote. Advisors are not entitled to reimbursements for mileage expenses without prior approval by the Council.

### **PROPOSITION NO. 7**

A RESOLUTION SPECIFICALLY PROHIBITING PROXY VOTING IN ALL MULTIPLE DISTRICT BUSINESS, INCLUDING COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS. THIS IS REQUIRED BY LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL.

#### **SHALL THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED?**

**BE IT RESOLVED, that Article XI, Section 3 of the Constitution of Multiple District 26 be added to read as follows:**

**Section 3.** Proxy voting is strictly prohibited in all multiple district affairs, including Council and committee meetings.

## PROPOSITION NO. 8

A RESOLUTION REQUIRING STATE COMMITTEES TO SUBMIT WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER THE ANNUAL STATE CONVENTION A PRELIMINARY ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET FOR THE FOLLOWING TERM. THIS IS TO FACILITATE THE INCOMING COUNCIL'S BUDGET DEVELOPMENT PLANNING MEETING.

### SHALL THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED?

**BE IT RESOLVED, that Article II, Section 6 of the By-Laws of Multiple District 26 be added to read as follows:**

**Section 6.** All state-wide committees shall prepare and file with the State Council a preliminary administrative budget, including expected revenues and expenditures of their operations for the upcoming Council term, within thirty (30) days after the annual State Convention.

### Multiple District 26 2008-2009 Constitution and By-Law Proposed Changes

Matter to be deleted is shown ~~stricken through~~; new matter is shown underlined.

## William C. Chandler Youth Camp - over this year 2008

The William C. Chandler Youth Camp for the 2008 year was just completed. We had 20 youth in our camp this year. They spend 10 days in St. Louis with host families and 10 days in Lake of the Ozark, Jefferson City area with host families and after that time, they went to Camp Brimshire in St. James, Missouri for one week before going back to St. Louis with original host families for one or two days till returning home to their prospective countries. The students were from many countries, Mongolia, Finland, Denmark, Germany, Ukraine, Holland, Austria, Italy, Turkey and Brazil. They were a great bunch of students.

The Youth Camp has been in existence since 1980 and started in St. Louis area. The mission statement for our camp was "To foster International understanding among the youth of the World." It was only in St. Louis till the Opportunities for Youth Committee was formed and we tried to make it a statewide youth camp in 2001. We had Lions hosting students in Jefferson City, Springfield, Kansas City and St.

Louis. The Springfield and Kansas City areas decided not to participate anymore and it now is only in the St. Louis and Jefferson City/Lake of the Ozark areas now. We wish we could get the other areas of the state to participate again but the camp is still going strong. The host families from these areas still involved have taken the students to see many and participated in many fun tours and they have seen many landmarks and places of interest in many areas of the state.

Another aspect of the Youth Exchange Program is our Multiple District 26 sending students over to Europe, Asia, South America and etc. There are many camps run just like ours and we would be thrilled to have some of our students going over to other countries. We had four students going to other countries this year, one to Italy, one to Holland, one to Brazil and one to Austria. They are all back now and had a wonderful experience. It is unfortunate that we don't take advantage of this program more. The students have to be 16-21 years old and there is no language require-

ments. The only cost to the students is their round trip flight over to the country they want to visit. Once over there, they are hosted by families and go to camp just like ours.

MD26-Missouri, USA is the only camp in Missouri recognized by Lions International and it is in their list of camps online. Anyone can look this up. Go to International Association of Lions Club, the go to the Youth Camp Icon and pull up Youth Camps around the world.

If anyone is interested in hosting one of our youths for next year, or if you are interested in sending a student over to another country don't hesitate contacting Lion Jackie Hartmann 314-544-1670 or Lion Linda Martin 573-346-5872.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lion Jackie Hartmann,  
Lion Camp coordinator

Lion Linda Martin,  
Opportunities for Youth Chairman

## Changing the World Through the Gift of Sight

Something as simple as an old pair of glasses can lift someone out of poverty – and change the well-being of an entire village.

This January, the Missouri Lions Eye Research Foundation contributed 2,750 used eyeglasses to the Himalayan Cataract Project (HCP), [www.cureblindness.org](http://www.cureblindness.org), which works to eradicate preventable and curable blindness in impoverished areas.

As part of the Millennium Villages Project, the HCP will travel to Africa in April and June to screen villagers, provide treatment for a variety of eye conditions and distribute the eyeglasses.

According to Dr. Matt Oliva, corneal specialist at the Medical Eye Center in Medford, Ore., HCP board member, and associate medical director of SightLife, the donated glasses lift a burden off HCP. "It's a huge benefit financially for us," said Dr. Oliva. "We can treat a larger number of people at a lower cost."



Dr. Matt Oliva of the Himalayan Cataract Project performs an eye exam during a recent trip to Kenya.

While preventing and treating eye disease in developed countries is crucial, in sub-Saharan Africa, it can be the tipping point for survival. When someone is affected by blindness, he or she can't perform vital jobs and often requires assistance from a family member who could be working for the betterment of the overall community.

Remarked Dr. Oliva, "Once we restore sight to someone again, it can make a huge impact on that person's life, his or her family's life and the community at large. Even something as simple as a pair of reading glasses can make a big difference for someone. It might be something we take for granted, but it allows someone to cook, perform fine handiwork and contribute to society."

Keeping donating your glasses to the Foundation - they truly make a difference.



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## A Chance Encounter Improves a Child's Eyesight

During a back-to-school event in Shelbina, Mo. in August 2008, Mendy Schaefer and her three-year-old daughter, Hayden, were walking by the Missouri Lions Eye Research Foundation vision screening booth when a Lion invited the little girl to be screened. Those few moments made a significant impact on Hayden's eye health.



An amblyopia screening helped improve Hayden's eyesight.

The test found Hayden to be afflicted with a visual abnormality. After a visit to the eye doctor, Hayden was diagnosed with amblyopia and farsightedness, both problematic conditions that are now being treated through prescription eyeglasses.

Mendy was blown away by the diagnosis. "I teach preschool and normally catch these things in my students. My daughter gave me no signs. I had no idea there was a problem."

Although this energetic preschooler never voiced a problem with her eyesight before the screening, she did after just one week in glasses. Said Mendy, "One night we were sitting in front of the T.V. watching cartoons. Since it was almost time for bed, we had taken Hayden's glasses off. Right away she wanted them back on because the T.V. was, 'fuzzy – like before I got glasses.'"

Today, Mendy continues to recommend the free Lions eye screenings to other parents.

## Haywood Snipes Award Recipients

Congratulations to the following individual who was inducted into the Haywood Snipes Society, Nov. 2008-Jan. 2009.

Lion Robert Roseman, St. Charles Host Lions

The Foundation would also like to thank the Paris Lions club for its 2007-2008 fiscal year donations totaling \$2,000. We apologize for omitting the club as a Sight Saver in the last edition of the MO Lion. Thank you for your continued support!



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News from the Missouri Lions Eye Research Foundation - February 2009

## Pledge to Donate During National Eye Donor Month

Every year, more than 46,000 cornea recipients receive a precious gift from caring donors – the gift of sight. Thanks to the generosity of individuals who have made the pledge to become eye donors, those undergoing cornea transplants gain a new outlook on life.

Throughout National Eye Donor Month this March, the Foundation and Heartland Lions Eye Banks will promote awareness of organ donation and encourage Missouri residents to become eye donors.

Almost anyone, regardless of age or their health condition, can donate their eyes upon death – even those with cataracts or poor eyesight.

You can make a difference this March by following three simple steps:

- Pledge to be an organ, tissue and eye donor by registering at [www.missouriorgandonor.com](http://www.missouriorgandonor.com).
- Talk to your loved ones about your wish to donate the gift of sight.
- Encourage your fellow Lions, friends and family to learn more about organ donation and to register online.

Just a few minutes of your time can mean a lifetime of better eyesight for someone else.



## Foundation 2008 Stats

- 11,630 Missouri children were screened for amblyopia and other eye conditions
- As of November 30, 2008, 283 Missouri residents received cornea transplants
- 563 people were tested for glaucoma - 20 were referred to specialists for treatment
- 13 Missouri residents received eye care assistance



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## Five Fast Facts on Eyeglass Recycling

As you have read about Dr. Oliva's upcoming visit to Africa, recycled eyeglasses are in high demand. Thanks to Missouri Lions, more than 80,000 pairs of glasses are received and distributed in developing countries each year.

**1. The Foundation accepts all types of eyeglasses, not just prescription specs.** Whether you have single vision glasses, bifocals, readers, prescription and nonprescription sunglasses, or children's eyeglasses, please send them our way. Eyeglasses with either plastic or metal frames are accepted, although the metal frames will be recycled as opposed to being reused. Unfortunately, we cannot accept frames without lenses, lenses without frames or eyeglass cases at this time.

**2. The Foundation strives to make drop-offs as easy as possible.** If you have a large collection of glasses, we encourage you to drop them off at our headquarters in Columbia, Mo. However, each of our branch offices in St. Louis, Kansas City, Joplin and Springfield, Mo. and Springfield, Ill. will accept eyeglass drop-offs as well.

**3. There's more than one way to help the Foundation's eyeglass recycling program.** All donations we receive must be sorted and divided by eyeglass type before being stored or shipped. This work is handled mainly by our wonderful volunteers. A sorting party at our Columbia headquarters is a great way to spend a few hours with your fellow Lions and continue to help those in need. And as always, the Foundation will accept a financial donation to help us in our mission.

**4. Eyeglass donations are delivered around the world.** Because the majority of donations we receive are prescription glasses, government regulations do not permit us to distribute used glasses in the U.S. Only a medical doctor can provide an individual with prescription glasses and only after an eye examination. Developing countries do not have these restrictions, which allow mission groups to work with local eye care providers in those areas and distribute eyeglasses.

**5. There are eyeglasses ready for medical mission groups right now.** If you know of a group that needs recycled eyeglasses for a mission trip, call the Foundation public relations department at 800-283-1982, ext. 107. We can connect an organization to the types and volume of eyeglasses it needs.



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# Calendar of Events

## Council of Governors

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

April 18th, 2009

## 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 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

**March 1-31, 2009:** National Eye Donor Month, nationwide. In recognition of NEDM, the Foundation encourages all Missouri Lions to register as organ and tissue donors at [www.missouriorgandonor.com](http://www.missouriorgandonor.com).

**March 14, 2009:** Missouri Lions Eye Research Foundation Board of Directors Meeting, 9 a.m. at 404 Portland St., Columbia, MO. All Lions are welcome to attend. For more information please contact Annie Kuhl, 1-800-283-1982 ext. 107 or [akuhl@mlerf.org](mailto:akuhl@mlerf.org).

**June 6, 2009:** Missouri Lions Eye Research Foundation Board of Directors Meeting and Educational Forum Weekend for Vice District Governors. All events to take place in Columbia, MO, locations TBD. All Lions are welcome to attend the Saturday Board meeting. For more information please contact Annie Kuhl, 1-800-283-1982 ext. 107 or [akuhl@mlerf.org](mailto:akuhl@mlerf.org).

## Mid-South Lions Sight and Hearing

Call the Business office for exact dates 1-888-546-6042. Also the website has been completely redone [www.midsouthlions.org](http://www.midsouthlions.org)  
April 18th 2009 VDG Visit

## Lions World Services for the Blind

March 25th, 2009 Board Meeting

May 27th, 2009 Executive Meeting

June 13th, 2009 Board Meeting

**PID Lion Mike Butler of Kerrville, Tx. will be the Speaker at the State Convention in Joplin, Mo. in May 2009**

## Article Submission Deadlines For Missouri Lions Newsletters

Aug. 09 issue Deadline is July 15th

# MISSOURI LIONS 2009 STATE CONVENTION JOPLIN, MISSOURI

HOLIDAY INN & HAMMONS CONVENTION CENTER  
Friday May 1, Saturday May 2, Sunday May 3

MAKE HOTEL RESERVATIONS AT HOLIDAY INN  
I-44 & Rangeline Road - 417 782-1000  
Deadline for \$87 +tax room rate is March 30, 2009

## Lion Registration:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Registration, Lions Lunch, Banquet \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$65.= \_\_\_\_\_  
Lion? Yes ( ) No ( ) District \_\_\_\_\_ Registration, Banquet \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$50.= \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Club: \_\_\_\_\_ Registration, Lions Lunch \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$30.= \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Registration Only \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$5.= \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ Golf Tournament \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$40.= \_\_\_\_\_  
State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Late fee per person \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$10. = \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL DUE: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Lion / Guest Registration:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lion? Yes ( ) No ( ) District \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Club: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please note any medical dietary needs:*

PAID REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS APRIL 10, 2009  
AFTER THIS DATE ADD \$10 TO EACH REGISTRATION  
SORRY - NO REFUNDS AFTER APRIL 10, 2009

Make check payable to:  
Missouri Lions 2009 State Convention

Mail to: Lion Bill Botzow, PDG  
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Monett, MO 65708  
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Postmark Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## LIONS GOLF TOURNAMENT - FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2009

Carthage Golf Course - Mark Peterson, Manager - [www.carthagegolfcourse.com](http://www.carthagegolfcourse.com)  
8:00 AM Shotgun Start 18 hole, 2 person scramble Lions and Non-Lions Welcome  
\$40 ENTRY FEE PER PERSON includes Golf, Cart, Beverages and lunch

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

Co-Chairmen; Lion Jeff Hunter - 417 876-4268 - [dhunter001@centurytel.net](mailto:dhunter001@centurytel.net)  
Lion Jerry Cloyed - 417 682-5755 - [cloyed@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cloyed@sbcglobal.net)

[www.molionsconvention.org](http://www.molionsconvention.org)

## Missouri Lions All-Star Football Game on track for 2009

The 33rd Annual Missouri Lions All-Star Football Game will be held July 18th 2009 on the University of Central Missouri campus in Warrensburg. The Athletic Committee has already completed the bulk of the planning for this year's game with only a few details yet to be finalized.

Our Coaches will be Matt Smith from 2008 Class 2 State Champion Clark County High School guiding the Gold team and Billy Webber from 2008 Class 1 2nd place Thayer High School will take the reins for the Purple Team. We are very excited about the experience, knowledge, morals, and outstanding positive attitude both coaches will be bringing to our project. We have no doubt that they will set forth an atmosphere that will provide an unforgettable experience for all the players and fans.

Player selections were done very differently this year. In the past the team they were on was determined geographically. This year we conducted a draft and geography only played a part in maintaining a balance of players from all areas of the state. The Coaches took turns in picking players. Therefore we no longer have an East and a West team. Instead we have Purple & Gold teams. This was done to create more interaction amongst all the players as well as keep the teams closely matched talent wise making for a better overall experience for all. The initial player selections have been made and the confirmation of each player's commitment to play process is under way. Once the rosters are finalized we will put out a State-wide press release. We have selected 70 players out of the 160 nominations we received and they will be representing approximately 60 different High Schools. The game will showcase these top High School senior players

from all over the State.

The players will report for camp on July 12th and spend the week practicing for the game as well as being involved in other life enrichment, educational and community service activities throughout the week followed by a banquet to honor the players, coaches and their families on Friday evening the 17th.

This Statewide project is probably one of our most unique, in that it is a life enrichment/ opportunities for youth project for the players, a fundraiser for the Missouri Lions Eye Research Foundation, a Missouri Lions public awareness event as well as a venue for the young athletes to be seen by college scouts creating opportunities for them to secure scholarships to further their educations all of which fall within our motto of "We Serve". With that being said the success of this project can't be measured in the amount of monetary profit alone. The overall positive impact is well above and beyond the measurable profits and is truly limitless.

This project is funded primarily through ad sales for the souvenir program book that is made available at the game. Ad prices will be the same as they have been for several years. The typical process is that the local Lions Club(s) from each player's area sell ads to the local business and individuals in the area. This not only raises public awareness of the local Club's interest and involvement in youth activities but, is also a good way to seek out potential new Lions. It will require \$750.00 in ad sales per player to meet the basic needs and goals this year.

I challenge each Club that has a player from their local or area school to step up and make the commitment to sell at least the \$750.00 in ads needed

to cover the expenses of that player and all other Clubs at a minimum purchase a minimum size ad at a price of \$35.00. If this happens we will without a doubt have the most successful game in its 33 year history. I honestly feel that \$35.00 is a pretty modest request from each Club that they all should be able to easily do once a year. Just a \$1-\$5 "pass the hat" donation from each member in your club will do the trick to raise the \$35.00 or more for an ad in the program. It is imperative that all ad sales be submitted to the District Chair for proper processing. The support from Lions Clubs increased dramatically last year and I personally thank each of you that were involved

This project has always held the ability to be one of the most notable Lions Club projects in the Nation and even the World. But, to be truly perpetually successful and ever-improving it needs the continual support of all Missouri Lions. All I am asking is that all of you please realize the true value of this project and buy into its worth by supporting it in any way you have the means to facilitate and help us reach our ultimate goal of every Club in the state buying an ad.

The new football game pins will be available soon for all you pin collectors. Contact myself, your District Athletic Chair, the State Office or stop by our table at the State Convention to purchase an ad, a pin, game tickets, banquet tickets, receive ad sales supplies or for any questions you may have. I also encourage each of you to attend the game, as it truly is an enjoyable experience that you will not soon forget.

Yours in Lionism,  
Jeff Webster – State Chair  
Missouri Lions Athletic Committee  
jwebster@cvalley.net

## C. Wayne Henderson Award

The C. Wayne Henderson Award was started in 2000-2001 to help the youth committees with expenses for their projects. The Opportunities for youth has all youth activities & committees under their umbrella, such as Youth Exchange, Youth Camp, Lions Quest, Peace Poster, Leo Clubs, and any other youth programs like Scouting programs for boys and girls which many clubs in our Multiple District sponsor.

The money raised from this award goes to help defray the Leo Conferences, peace poster winner gifts and their stay at the State Convention and also helps the cost of the State Youth Camp. The name "C. Wayne Henderson Award" is named after our own Past International Director, who

was very instrumental in helping youth around the state.

The award can be given to any person, Lion or Non-Lion who has been involved with any youth program. Any club, person or district can name a person to receive this distinguished award, who they feel has done outstanding work with the youth in your area.

We would like for your clubs, districts and individuals to consider giving this award to someone in your area or club and you also would be helping out the Youth Programs in our state which is the future of this organization.

This is the only way the Opportunities for Youth programs are funded, other than individual clubs or individual Lion donations. Please con-

sider giving this award to someone who deserves it and help out this committee.

For \$500.00 a person can receive this award with a nice plaque from the state. This contribution can be given over a 5 year period if you want to give it in this manner. You can name an individual right away or after \$500.00 is accumulated the award can be given to that Individual.

An application form for giving out this award can be obtained by contacting Lion Jackie Hartmann 314-544-1670 or Lion Linda Martin 573-346-5872.

Submitted by the Opportunity for Youth Committee.

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## Branson-Hollister Lions Club

District 26-M6 has just finished our 19th. consecutive Hobo Day fund raiser at the Branson-Hollister Lions Building on January 17, 2009. This particular event was the first for our reorganized district. With beautiful weather, good food, many auction items, raffle, 50-50, and our annual cake walk, we raised \$3586.90.

We would like to once again acknowledge all our local contributors to our successful fund raiser. As in the past, our contributors have been very appreciative of this type of publicity in our magazine.

The list includes: KRZK-KOMC Branson, Famous Dave's on the Landing, The Tracks of Branson, Branson Hills Resort and Golf Club, Holiday Hills Golf Club of Branson, Ride the Ducks. Many Theaters including: Branson Variety Theater, Pierce

Arrow Theater, Presleys', Doug Gabriel Show, The Duttons, The Hughes Brothers, Jim Strafford Theater, Legends in Concert, Branson Scenic Railway, Micky Gilley Theatre, the Grand Country Music Hall, The Great Passion Play of Eureka Springs, Dixie Stampede, Show Boat Branson Belle, Silver Dollar City, White Water, Shepherd of the Hills Farm, Titanic, The Lodge of the Ozarks.

Other items came from: Arvest Bank of Branson, The IMAX, O'Reilly Auto Parts - Halfway, The Vacation Channel - Branson, Boy Scouts of America, 12 pints of Apple Butter - Monett Lions, Money Concepts Wealth Management and Financial Planners - 2 Silver Eagle Dollars, Precious Moments - Carthage, Safety Rail for Bathtub - Branson Drug, College of the Ozarks Sports Wear and Season Pass, Tanger Mall and Red Roof

Mall - Branson.

Restaurants include: Granny's Restaurant, Panera Bread, Clockers Cafe Downtown Branson, Golden Corral, Tony Z's, Bob Evans, and The Cracker Barrel.

Miscellaneous from all over the district: Computer Bag from Carl Junction, Walmart Gift Card from Ava, Propane Stove - Kimberling City, Franklin Mint Harley Davidson Collector Knife - Grove Springs, Lions Pride Framed Picture from Saskatchewan, Canada, VTech Cordless Telephone and Answering Machine - Buffalo, Train Caboose Birdhouse - Springfield Evening, Set of Case Knives and Overnight Camping Bag from - Lebanon Host, Walmart Gift Card - Seymour, Little Caesar's Pizza Gift Cards - Seymour, Numerous items from Springfield Evening Lions.

## Waiver Form for Missouri Lion Newsletter

Lions, At the January Council of Governors meeting the Council approved sending only 1 copy to a mailing address so this will eliminate the duplicate mailing to a household. They also approved doing away with the May 2009 issue as there were not enough funds allocated this year for all 4 issues. We will still continue to request the E-mail copies of the Missouri Lion to help out with the expenses for the mailing. The E-mail version will get the Missouri Lion to you from a week to two weeks earlier than the hard copy and you will also get it in color. Please consider this option if you have E-mail. Thanks again for your help in this manner.

PDG Bob VanSickle

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Signature of Lion completing form

**When complete please mail to:**  
**PDG Lion Bob VanSickle, 14580 Red Rock Dr.,**  
**Platte City, Mo. 64079-9127**  
**You may also email me with all of the above**  
**information at [rdvs@kc.rr.com](mailto:rdvs@kc.rr.com)**

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