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Greetings Lions of Missouri

Lions:

Despite the cold, often snowy, weather, Missouri Lions continue to work their miracles in communities around the state.

Many thanks go to the Leadership Committee for holding an outstanding Mid-Winter Forum that provided our Lions with great information and inspiration. The many volunteer presenters made the sessions interesting and stimulated great conversations. All Missouri Lions should take the time next February to attend and participate in the Forum.

Another great time to share Lions fellowship and learn a little more about our great association and Lions clubs is just around the corner. Our Multiple District 26 State Convention is April 30 - May 2, in Springfield (University Plaza Hotel). The Host Committee is working hard to make this a truly outstanding convention. Starting with a special night at the Springfield Redbirds' baseball game on Thursday and the Friday night hospitality room,

the convention planning is ontrack. Only the most important ingredient – you – is needed to ensure the success of the convention. This is a great time to meet other Lions, make new friends, catch up with old friends, and learn more about how Lions serve. We look forward to seeing each of our seven districts well represented.

We are especially privileged this year to welcome Lions Clubs International Immediate Past President Al Brandel as our guest at this year's Multiple District State 26 Convention. Lion Al and his wife will take a brief time out from leading the Lions Clubs International Foundation's efforts in providing essential support to Haiti to visit with Missouri Lions. Let's show them how much we appreciate their support!

As spring approaches, Lions across the state will shake out of their winter doldrums and plan additional service and fundraising activities. Plan on attending the events hosted by your fellow Lions. Please take particular note of our major
Multiple District 26 projects, especially those serving the youth held each summer:

- Missouri Lions Band
- All Star Football Game
- Youth exchange program

Each project provides Lions and Lions clubs opportunities to serve our youth. Please contact your district chairperson to see how you or your Lions club can help make these experiences lasting memories for both the youth participants and Lions.

Every Lion should strive to achieve the status of "Quality Lion," a recognition bestowed by Multiple District 26 to those Lions who complete six requirements. Your club secretary has the applications listing the requirements. Every Lion is encouraged to complete the tasks and earn the title of "Quality Lion."

Serving with Pride, Jesse Hathcock, Council Chairperson

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Missouri Lions MD-26 2010 Constitution Proposed Changes

Proposition No. 1

A RESOLUTION ADDING ARTICLE VI, SECTION 6, PARAGRAPH (S). THIS CHANGE ALLOWS FOR THE CREATION OF MOLIONS ALERT STATE COMMITTEE WITH A TERM OF OFFICE FOR THREE YEARS FOR THE APPOINTED CHAIRPERSONS. THIS CHANGE CREATES THIS STATE COMMITTEE CURRENTLY SANCTIONED BY LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL.

SHALL THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED? [] YES [] NO

BE IT RESOLVED that Article VI, Section 6 of the Missouri Lions MD26 Constitution be amended as follows:

(s) ALERT Committee - At the direction of the Council, it shall be the duty of this Committee to promote the creation of the plans and identify assets available to respond to emergencies in the state of Missouri.

Proposition No. 2

A RESOLUTION ADDING ARTICLE VI, SECTION 6, PARAGRAPH (T). THIS CHANGE ALLOWS FOR THE CREATION OF MOLIONS FAMILY & WOMEN'S MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT STATE COMMITTEE WITH A TERM OF OFFICE FOR THREE YEARS FOR THE APPOINTED CHAIRPERSONS. THIS CHANGE CREATES THIS STATE COMMITTEE CURRENTLY SANCTIONED BY LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL.

SHALL THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED? [] YES [] NO

BE IT RESOLVED that Article VI, Section 6 of the Missouri Lions MD26 Constitution be amended as follows:

(t) Family & Women's Membership Development Committee - At the direction of the Council, it shall be the duty of this Committee to promote and oversee the family and women's membership development and participation programs and promote the family and women component of LCI annual program within the multiple district.

Proposition No. 3

A RESOLUTION ADDING ARTICLE VI, SECTION 6, PARAGRAPH (U). THIS CHANGE ALLOWS FOR THE CREATION OF MOLIONS CAMPUS CLUBS STATE COMMITTEE WITH A TERM OF OFFICE FOR THREE YEARS FOR THE APPOINTED CHAIRPERSONS. THIS CHANGE CREATES THIS STATE COMMITTEE CURRENTLY SANCTIONED BY LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL.

SHALL THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED? [] YES [] NO

BE IT RESOLVED that Article VI, Section 6 of the Missouri Lions MD26 Constitution be amended as follows:

(u) Campus Clubs Committee - At the direction of the Council, it shall be the duty of this Committee to oversee the multiple district's campus club development and extension

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Proposition No. 4

A RESOLUTION ADDING ARTICLE VI, SECTION 6, PARAGRAPH (V). THIS CHANGE ALLOWS FOR THE CREATION OF MOLIONS INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY STATE COMMITTEE WITH A TERM OF OFFICE FOR ONE YEAR FOR THE APPOINTED CHAIRPERSON. THIS CHANGE CREATES THIS STATE COMMITTEE CURRENTLY SANCTIONED BY LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL.

SHALL THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED? [] YES [] NO

BE IT RESOLVED that Article VI, Section 6 of the Missouri Lions MD26 Constitution be amended as follows:

(v) Information Technology Committee - At the direction of the Council, it shall be the duty of this Committee to oversee and work with district IT chairperson to promote the use of the LCI web site, promote the development and use of the Missouri Lions web site and assist districts in obtaining and safeguarding information, reports and other data.

Proposition No. 5

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND ARTICLE VI, SECTION 8, PARAGRAPH (D). THIS CHANGE WOULD INCLUDE, SUB PARAGRAPHS (5), (6) & (7), TO IDENTIFY ADDITIONAL LCI SANCTIONED COMMITTEES THAT HAVE A THREE YEAR TERM OF OFFICE

SHALL THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED? [] YES [] NO

BE IT RESOLVED that Article VI, Section 8, Para (d) of the Missouri Lions MD26 Constitution be amended as follows:

- (d) The following State Committees shall have a three year terms:
 - (1) State Membership Committee
 - (2) State Leadership Development Committee
 - (3) State Retention Committee
 - (4) State Extension Committee
 - (5) State ALERT Committee
 - (6) State Family & Women's Membership Development Committee
 - (7) State Campus Clubs Committee

Proposition No. 6

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND ARTICLE III, SECTION 1, PARAGRAPH (c). THIS CHANGE WOULD REVISE THE FORMULA FOR THE COLLECTION OF PER CAPITA TAX FROM NEWLY CHARTERED OR REORGANIZED CLUBS AND BRING THESE BY-LAWS IN AGREEMENT WITH THE FORMULA SPECIFIED BY LCI.

SHALL THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED? [] YES [] NO

BE IT RESOLVED that Article III, Section 1, Para (c) of the Missouri Lions MD26 Constitution be amended as follows:

(c) New <u>Newly chartered</u> and reorganized clubs which have been organized or reorganized by January 1st of any fiscal year shall be required to pay only the March semi annual billings. Clubs organized or reorganized after April 30 of any fiscal year shall not be taxed for the fiscal year of their organization or reorganization, <u>shall be taxed on a prorata basis from the first day of the second month following the date of their organization or reorganization, as the case may be.</u> but such Such club shall not forfeit its delegate privileges at the annual State Convention.

Stover Lions Club 70th Anniversary

Stover Lions Club members and their spouses celebrated their 70th anniversary Thursday, Nov. 12 at JJ's Copper Pot in Laurie.

Guest speaker was Lion Past District Governor and current Council Chairman Jesse Hathcock from Jefferson City Evening Lions Club.

Lions Club International was organized in 1917 with Stover Lions Club being chartered on Oct 12, 1939. The Stover club was sponsosred by the Versailles Lions Club. Throughout the following 70 years, Stover Lions sponsored Cole Camp, Warsaw and Florence.

Membership at its high in Stover was approximately 75 Lions. Today, numbers have dropped, however, the remaining members are just as dedicat-

ed, if not more so to continue the Lions's motto of "We Serve".

The Stover Lions have been instrumental in sponsoring many community activities and projects. They include the Stover Fair, the helipad, summer youth activities, lights for ball fields and soccer fields, eye

glasses, boy scouts, scholarships and even helping out Santa Claus when needed.

All of these projects were made possible by flipping thousands of hamburgers, pancakes, hot dogs, having



cake walks, dunking stands, soup and chili days, light bulbs and coloring book sales, etc. Only through the support of the community have Stover Lions accomplished so much.

Having Fun Down Under

"Having Fun Down Under" is the theme for the 88th Annual State Convention to be held April 29 thru May 2. All events will be held at the University Plaza Hotel in Springfield. All the major events are in place for a Fun and Exciting time that will be had at this event.

Besides the regular sessions for Lions to be updated about our programs, leadership seminars, and important voting issues, there will be lots of FUN for all. Let's look at some of these special events:

Thursday evening a group of tickets has been reserved at the Springfield Cardinals baseball game when they play NW Arkansas Naturals. The Naturals is the KC Royals AA club. Lions can also help sponsor a Salvation Army child by making a \$5.00 donation. All tickets must be ordered in advance.

For those that like to play golf a two person scramble tournament will be held at the Deer Lake Golf Course. Tee off begins at 8:00 a.m.

To finish Friday night there will be hospitality time where each district showcases their fine food and drinks and allows you to meet their incoming district governor. For your listening and dancing pleasure Brent Easley and Riff Raff will be performing.

Saturday is a full day starting off with the opening session. You never know what will happen in that opening session to "wake you up and get you going." The luncheon speaker may have you on the floor or on stage with him, and before the banquet you will be entertained by strolling musicians.

Springfield's Artsfest will be on Walnut Street Saturday and Sunday. Over 140 artists will be displaying and selling their works. This event is on the south side of the hotel.

There are two deadlines that you need to know. Hotel reservation cutoff is March 27. Convention registrations must be postmarked by April 1, to save on additional late fees.

To get more information about the convention, print off registration or baseball ticket forms you can go the convention web site at www.molionsconvention.org or the Missouri Lions web site. Also your district governor, vice district governor, and your district's convention chairman have this information.

The convention host committee is working very hard to have a convention that is exciting, informative, and, did I say, FUN! Will be looking for you in Springfield.



MISSOURI LIONS STATE CONVENTION April 30, May 2, 2010 "Having Fun Down Under" in Springfield, Missouri

WHY ATTEND YOUR STATE LIONS CONVENTION?

Learn More About Your Lions' Programs

Meet New Lions

Training Workshops

Visit With Friends Made At Other Conventions

Share Ideas With Other Lions

Vote On Important Issues

Meet Your Lions International Officer

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Fundraising Ideas

---- FUN & FELLOWSHIP ----

CONVENTION HOTELS

Rate

Phone

University Plaza Hotel & Convention Center

\$96.00

(417) 864-7333

Register for room on line at www.upspringfield.com Click on Reservation" enter mlc10 into the "group code" box.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Deer Lake Golf Course
Friday, April 30 – 8:00 A.M. Tee Off – Two Person Scramble
\$50.00 Per Golfer includes Cart and Lunch

A FULL REGISTRATION INCLUDES

Admission to All Convention Sessions Friday's Hospitality Party Training & Leadership Seminars 2010 Missouri Lions State Pin Saturday's Luncheon & Program Saturday Evening's Banquet Sunday's Necrology Service Official Program Book

And Much Much More

ENJOY THE AREA BEFORE OR AFTER THE CONVENTION

Restored Downtown Springfield

Bass Pro

Fantastic Caverns

Springfield Cardinals

Branson Shows & Outlets

Battlefield Mall

Dickerson Park Zoo

Laura Ingalls Wilder Home & Museum

Wonders Of Wildlife

Grizzly Tools

Bennett Springs State Park



MISSOURI LIONS STATE CONVENTION "HAVING FUN DOWN UNDER" in Springfield, Missouri

Friday, April 30 Saturday, May 1 Sunday, May 2, 2010

88th ANNUAL CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

** The Lions of District 26-M6 Welcome You To The Ozarks **

Name:	Registration Deadline: Postmarked by April 1, 2010. After this date add \$10 to registration per person attending. PLEASE RESERVE THE FOLLOWING PER PERSON Banquet seating will be assigned as registrations are received. If your club would like to sit as a group then mail those registrations as a group. Full Registration Including Lunch & Banquet			
E-Mail:	Registration and Banquet Only			
2 nd Lion/Spouse/Guest:	Golf Registration Only (No Meals) @ \$50.00 = \$			
Name:	Registration Only (No Meals)			
Lion: Yes No This is my first MD26 State Convention Yes No Home Club: If You Have Special Needs For Meals Please Note:	TOTAL DUE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Missouri Lions 2010 State Convention			
	TOURNAMENT * * * *			
Tee Off at 8:00 A.M Shotgun Start - Two P	erson Scramble - Cart Included - Lunch Provided			
Golfer:	Golf Partner:			
	p with another player. Make sure your partner registers also.			
HOTEL RESERVATION				

You must make your own room reservations directly with the hotel no later than March 27, 2010

University Plaza Hotel

333 John Q Hammons Parkway Springfield, Missouri \$96.00 per room plus tax

Call 417-864-7333 to make hotel reservations or on-line at: www.upspringfield.com Room Booking Code: mlc10

MAIL COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORM AND PAYMENT TO:

PDG Jerry Young, C/O Sgfd Host Lions Club, P.O. Box 3161GS, Springfield, Mo. 65808-3161 E-Mail: jyoung3738@sbcglobal.net

FOR CONVENTION INFORMATION CONTACT:

PDG Bob Crump, 417-464-4040 or E-Mail: becrump@centurytel.net



MISSOURI LIONS CLUBS Night at HAMMONS FIELD

Springfield Cardinals vs NW Arkansas Naturals Thursday, April 29, 2010 Game Begins 7:10 P.M.

Need To Be In Your Seat by 6:30 for Lions Recognition and First Pitch

A block of tickets has been reserved for Lions and their guests to attend the Springfield Cardinals game. You DO NOT have to register for the Lions State Convention to participate at the game. All tickets are \$7.00 each for Lions and family members. You may order them individually or as a group for your club. Payment must accompany this form. Deadline is Saturday, April 17. Tickets will be distributed after the deadline by mail, or can be picked up at University Plaza Hotel, at the Lions Registration Desk on Thursday, April 29 after 1:00 P.M.

The NW Arkansas Naturals is the affiliate for the Kansas City Royals.

ADDITIONAL OPTION: The Cardinals work with the Salvation Army to help kids to attend a game. If you would like to assist with this program you may add \$5.00 for each child to attend a game.

Please reserve	tickets @ \$7.00 each for Lions and fa	mily member(s) \$
ADDITIONAL OPT Yes, I would Like to		Kids @ \$5.00 ea - \$
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Checks Payable To: Mo Lions 2010 State Convention

Mail To: Lion Judy Young, C/O Sgfd Host Lions Club, P.O. Box 3161GS, Springfield, Mo 65808

News from the Missouri Lions Eye Research Foundation - February 2010

Become a Partner in Donation During National Eye Donor Month

In 2009, hundreds of Missouri cornea transplant recipients escaped a life of darkness thanks to the generosity of their eye donors and donor families. Because of each donor's remarkable gift, sight was saved for those suffering from an ocular disease, disorder or injury.

Said Sharon, a cornea recipient from Webb City, "If I could talk to the donor's family, I

would thank them so much. Without them, I wouldn't have sight."

During National Eye Donor Month this March, Heartland Lions Eye Banks encourages you to join us as a Partner in Donation by pledging to become an eye donor. Even if you are older, have poor eyesight, or are afflicted with a non-communicable disease, such as cancer, eye donation may still be a viable option.

Registering as a donor takes just minutes at www.missouriorgandonor.com or can be performed at any Missouri Department of Motor Vehicle office when renewing or obtaining a license. Most important, because of Missouri's first-person registry, your decision to donate will be legally-binding, meaning your family will not have to make the difficult decision regarding your final wishes.



Together, the Eye Bank and the Missouri Lions continue to be strong donation partners in the fight against blindness.

Haywood Snipes Award Recipients

The following individuals were recently inducted into the Haywood Snipes Society, September 2009 - December 2009.

Lion Eldon Troth - Graham Lions Lion William J. Chaney - St. Joseph South Lions



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50 Years of Saving Sight

In 2010, the Missouri Lions Eye Research Foundation and Heartland Lions Eye Banks will celebrate our 50th anniversary of serving the community and of our partnership with the Missouri Lions.

Our partnership with the Lions began in 1960 when the Lions joined forces with the University of Missouri - Columbia to form the Lions Eye Tissue Bank. In 1972, the Eye Research Foundation of Missouri was designated a not-for-profit organization and opened our present headquarters in Columbia just a few short years later. In 1987, the Lions voted to accept financial responsibility for the program, creating the Missouri Lions Eye Research Foundation we know today.



Eye Bank Groundbreaking

Expanding to Help Those in Need

Since our beginning, the Eye Bank has been a leader

in eye banking, providing tissue for more than 33,000 transplants since 1960. We also

continually provide researchers with whole globes and corneas that cannot be used for transplant, helping them develop cuttingedge treatments for a variety of eye conditions. Today, the Eye Bank has seven branches across Missouri, Kansas and Illinois, and will open our newest branch in Wichita, Kan. later this year.



Opening Day

In the 1980's and 1990's, we expanded our services beyond eye banking and eyeglass recycling through three additional programs - Amblyopia Prevention, Glaucoma Detection and Eye Care Assistance. Since 1980:

- More than 140,000 children have been screened for amblyopia
- More than 27,000 adults have been screened for glaucoma
- 164 Missourians received financial assistance for eye care



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News from the Missouri Lions Eye Research Foundation - February 2010

Celebrating in Style

Over the next few months, the Foundation will be celebrating our milestone with the Lions in two ways:

50th Anniversary Pins

The Foundation is currently selling 50th anniversary pins for \$10 each. Donations from the pins will fund the Foundation's variety of programs. To purchase a pin, contact a Foundation board member or state sight committee member or send a check or money order to 50th Anniversary Pin, Missouri Lions Eye Research Foundation, 404 Portland Street, Columbia, MO 65201.



50 Years of Saving Sight - A Celebration

On June 12, 2010 at 12 p.m., right after the quarterly Foundation board meeting, the organization will host a special 50th anniversary luncheon at the Columbia American Legion Hall. This event will include a delicious lunch, drinks and a special presentation, Tickets are limited, and details will be shared at your upcoming district convention.

On behalf of everyone at the Foundation and those we serve, we thank you for an incredible 50 years and look forward to celebrating this important milestone with you.













Enhanced quality of life through quality vision!

News from the Missouri Lions Eye Research Foundation - February 2010

Lee's Summit Child Sees a Clearer World After Amblyopia ScreeningLike many children afflicted with amblyopia, or "lazy eye," Maggie of Lee's Summit,
Mo. displayed few symptoms of vision problems. Her mother noticed the three-year-old
put her face close to her paper while she colored and sat close to the T.V. - both things
many preschoolers do simply out of habit.



In 2009, Maggie underwent a free vision screening performed by the Missouri Lions Eye Research Foundation. The screener detected an issue with her eyes and referred Maggie and her mother to the family's eye care specialist who diagnosed the child not only with amblyopia, but with farsightedness and astigmatism as well.

Maggie's mother, Michelle, had never heard of amblyopia before and was concerned as the diagnosis was a

complete surprise. However, after patching her eye five days a week and wearing her new eyeglasses, Maggie began to experience improved eyesight which allows her to enjoy her favorite activities - coloring and crafts.



Said Michelle, "The Amblyopia Prevention Screening program is a life saver! Without the screening, we may not have found out about Maggie's vision problems

until they were too late to correct. Because of the Lions, we found out about Maggie's amblyopia in enough time to correct it. We patch her eye, she wears cute eyeglasses, and we have regular eye care visits. We can't thank you enough! I would refer the program to everyone!"











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Council of Governors

April 29, 2010 - University Plaza Hotel, Springfield, Mo. July 16-17, 2010 - Warrensburg, MO Oct. 30, 2010 - Country Club Hotel - Lake Ozark, MO

All-Star Football Banquet/Game

July 16-17, 2010 - Warrensburg, MO

State Conventions

April 30-May 2nd, 2010 - University Plaza Hotel, Springfield, Mo.

April 29-May 1, 2011- Embassy Ste./Conv. Center- St. Charles, MO

April 20-22, 2012 - Capitol Plaza Hotel, Jefferson City, MO

Merl Meetings

April 17, 2010 - TBD

International Conventions

June 28-July 2nd, 2010 - Sydney, Australia July 4-8, 2011 - Seattle, Wa. June 22-26, 2012 - Busan, Korea July 5-9, 2013 - Hamburg, Germany

USA/ Canada Forums

September 23-25, 2010 - Milwaukee, Wisconsin September 2011 - Anchorage, Alaska

The State Office of Multiple District 26

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Upcoming Dates- Missouri Lions Eye Research Foundation

March 2010- Each year over 46,000 individuals need a sight saving corneal transplant surgery. Join the Heartland Lions Eye Banks in honor the lives of those who have become donors during National Eye Donor Month in March. For additional information, visit www.hleb.org/nedm.

March 27, 2010- Missouri Lions Eye Research Foundation's Spring 2010 Board of Directors meeting, 9:00 a.m. at 404 Portland St., Columbia, MO 65201. This meeting is open to all Lions to attend. For additional information please contact our PR department at 1-800-283-1982 ext. 115 or info@mlerf.org.

June 12, 2010- Missouri Lions Eye Research Foundation's Summer 2010 Board of Directors meeting and annual Educational Forum, 9:00 a.m. at the American Legion Hall, 600 S. Legion Lane, Columbia, MO 65201. This meeting is open to all Lions to attend. For additional information please contact our PR department at 1-800-283-1982 ext. 115 or info@mlerf.org.

June 12, 2010 – 50th Anniversary Luncheon, 12:00 p.m. at the American Legion Hall, 600 S. Legion Lane, Columbia, MO 65201. Tickets are limited, and information will be provided at your district convention. For details, contact 1-800-283-1982, ext. 115.

Mid-South Lions Sight and Hearing

April 16-17, 2010 - VDG - Memphis, TN

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Camdenton Lions Donates Crib to Camdenton Pregnancy Help Center

The Camdenton Lions Club bought a crib for the Camdenton Pregnancy Help Center to loan to parents that do not have safe and secure cribs for their infants. The Center loans cribs to parents until their child gets to old to need a crib or a youth bed. Then the Center lends that same crib to another set of parents.

The Camdenton Lions Club is considering holding a baby shower for the Center sometime next year. The Center gives out diapers, formula, baby lotion, clothing, etc.

The Camdenton Pregnancy Help Center's motto is "Reaching beyond the Crisis". LaDonna Figley is the Volunteer Coordinator. The center is located at 138 West Hwy 54, Camdenton, MO. You can call the center at 573-346-3337 or at their website atwww.mylifeplans,org.

The Camdenton Lions Club's motto is We Serve. This is the reason the Camdenton Lions Club buys glasses for needy children at the request of the school nurses in the Camdenton area,

buys hearing aids for the needy, helps with Citizens against

Domestic Violence activities, and is ready to give financial aid if and when our community has a weather crisis. We responded with a \$10,000.00 grant when the tornado struck our area sev-



eral years ago. Would you please consider becoming a member so we can do more to help our community?

Lions: Promote Your Eyeglass Collection Locations

A list of community eyeglass collection locations has been added to the "Find A Club" section of our Web site to assist the public in finding the drop-off location nearest to them. We encourage you to submit your club's community eyeglass collection locations to headquarters to promote and strengthen your recycling efforts. These community collections have a direct impact on the strength and success of the Lions Eyeglass Recycling Program.

- Please complete and submit the Lions Recycle for Sight club participation form to include your club's locations on the association's Web site.
- Remember to post these locations on your club's Web site, too.

Lions and Walmart: USA Eyeglass Collection

Lions Clubs International is pleased to announce that it has entered into a collaborative agreement with Walmart to collect used eyeglasses from the public at Walmart and Sam's Club stores throughout the United States. Lions/Walmart co-branded eyeglass collection box. Co-branded eyeglass collection boxes, bearing both the LCI and Walmart logos, will be available in the 2.500 Walmart stores, and 500 Sam's Clubs, with vision centers, commencing January-February, 2010. These new boxes will replace existing Lions collection boxes currently in place at the specified stores with vision centers. For Walmart stores and Sam's Clubs without vision centers, existing Lions eyeglass collections will continue at the discretion of the store manag-

Walmart will ship the collected eyeglasses to their distribution centers, where they will then be delivered to the nearest Lions Eyeglass Recycling Centers for sorting, cleaning and processing. Usable glasses will be available for Lions and other optical missions to developing nations, where the glasses will be dispensed to children and adults free of charge. Based upon their proximity to the Walmart distribution centers, the following Lions Eyeglass Recycling Centers will be receiving eyeglasses collected from the public at Walmart stores:

- Indiana Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center, Upland, IN
- Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation of MD 21, Phoenix, AZ
- Texas Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center, Midland, TX
- New Jersey Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center, Inc., West Trenton, NJ
- Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center of Northern Virginia, Arlington, VA

For More Information To learn more about eyeglass recycling program, please contact the Health and Children's Services Department.

2010 All-Star Football Game to be one of the best ever

The 34th Annual Missouri Lions All-Star Football Game will be held July 17th 2010 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 Tom Beauchamp from Lindbergh High School guiding the Gold team and Hall of Fame coach Dave Fairchild from Penney High School will take the reins for the Blue 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.

"Draft Day" was held on Jan. 16th with the initial 70 player selections being made and the confirmation of each player's commitment to play process is under way. The initial selections were published on the MOLIONS message board as well as MOSPORTS.com. Both coaches really did their homework before selecting 35 players each from the over 160 players that were nominated. Both teams are loaded with outstanding talent and should provide for the best High School football game of the year.

The players will report for camp on July 11th 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 with a celebrity speaker to honor the players, coaches and their families on Friday evening the 16th.

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 public awareness opportunity for the local clubs and statewide 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.

We receive no funding from state dues. This project is funded primarily through ad sales for the souvenir program book that is made available at the game. 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 our goals again 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. If they have not already done so, your District chair should be contacting you soon in regard to ad sales.

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.

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.

With this being my last year to serve on the Athletic Committee due to term limits. I want to personally thank all Lions that have supported this project. It has definitely been a challenging yet very rewarding experience for me. This project has allowed me to serve in support of the things I enjoy the most. Sight conservation, our youth & Lionism. I have witnessed family members & coaches of players becoming Lions because of this project. I have seen non-Lions become committed supporters of all we do as Lions. During the game the spirit of Lionism absolutely overflows the stadium. It has shown me aspects of Lionism and their impact on society that I never knew before. For all of this I am very grateful. I truly believe that each of you can enjoy these rewards as well by being involved with this awesome project at whatever level you are willing.

Thank you for allowing me this opportunity.

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

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Lions, This is a once in a lifetime chance to see this wonderful collection of cars. It is a private collection and is not open to the public. The gentleman only allows it to be open for fundraisers, there are two complete floors of restored cars and well worth seeing. PDG Bob VanSickle

Dinner / Dance / Museum Tour

A Lions Disaster Response Team Fundraiser









Armacost Private Car Museum

Grandview, Missouri

Saturday, May 15, 2010 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. \$25.00/person Private - By Invitation Only (Minimum age 16)

Dance!

Catered by Outback Steakhouse!

Includes

Tour of the Armacost Car Museum Dance to your favorite Music

Steak / Chicken Dinner
catered by OUTBACK STEAKHOUSE
Mashed Potatoes
Caesar Salad
Bread & Butter
Cheesecake

Coffee, Tea

Enjoy great music!

Silent Auction

Must present ticket for admission!

See antique car collection in pristine condition!

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Waiver Form for Missouri Lion Newsletter

Lions, At the January 2009 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. As the Council has cut the Missouri Lion to two issues a year there will only be issues in Nov. and Feb. each year with the deadlines of Oct. 15th and Jan. 15th. 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.

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