



Wardsville Lions Meet the Challenge!!!

Recently, the Wardsville Lions were greatly surprised and honored when they received an unexpected package and letter from Immediate Past President Al Brandel. The letter congratulated the Wardsville Lions on being the top club of its size (over 41) in the constitutional area. Inside the package was an international flag set in recognition of this unique achievement. The flag set which symbolizes the great dedication and energy of the Wardsville Lions is now proudly displayed in their Lions Den.



Lions Clubs International presented this flag set to the Wardsville Lions in recognition of the club's membership growth.

Each year, the International President challenges Lions clubs around the world to increase participation in the Year-Round Growth Program. Lions Clubs International recognizes clubs with a significant increase in membership with a banner patch. Additionally, the top clubs each club size category in each constitutional area receive a special recognition – an honor bestowed on only 21 clubs worldwide.

In the 2008-2009 Lions year, the Wardsville Lions met that challenge – and then some. Already a club of 146 hearty Lions, the Wardsville Lions embarked on an extensive campaign to recruit even more Lions to serve. Under the steady leadership of club president Lion Mark Eichholz and supported by a strong leadership team, the Wardsville Lions recruited 58 new Lions, with the club showing a year-end membership of 186 Lions!

Not content, even with this great growth, the Wardsville Lions Club now boasts 196 Lions and is actively asking even more to become Lions!

Congratulations to the Wardsville Lions!!!

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Lion Donal W Knipp seeking endorsement to run for International Director



I am always amazed even after 42 year as Lion by the miracles we are able to accomplish in our clubs, in our districts, in our state and around the world. We all work together to meet the needs of our fellow man. Lions accomplish so much as we work together to meet the needs of others.

Growing up in the small community of Auxvasse, the men I looked up to and wanted to be like were Lions. When I was older I remember how honored I was when I was invited to join these men as a member. They were the backbone of the community. They painted parking lines on the street, sponsored 4-H fairs, purchased street signs and met many other needs in our small community. These members – a doctor, a newspaper man, an attorney (PDG Pat Horner), a gas station owner, a grocery store owner (my boss since 10 years old) and others I admired were the Auxvasse Lions of which I am proud to be a mem-

ber.

My respect for the Lions organization and the many Lions I have met through the years has grown. This is the reason that I humbly ask for your support as your International Director. I believe in Lionism. I will represent you, your club, your district and our state as I travel. I am dedicated to the mission of our association and will serve the Lions of Missouri. I will promote membership, leadership and enthusiasm in all we do.

I have been a member of the Auxvasse Lions Club for 42 years with 32 years perfect attendance. I have served all the offices in my club serving as secretary and president 3 times. I am currently the club secretary.

I have served as District Zone Chairman, Region Chairman, Vice District Governor and District Governor in 1997-98 and 2007-07. I have also served as LCIF Chairman, Leadership Chairman, Diabetes Awareness Chairman, Campaign

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RECOGNITION

In recognition of his service, PDG Donal W. Knipp has received many awards including:

International Presidents Leadership Medal

Four International President's Certificates of Appreciation

Three District Governor Awards

He is a Melvin Jones Fellow and has attended seven International Conventions and six USA/Canada Forums.



PIP Al Brandel presenting Lion Donal W. Knipp with the International Presidents Leadership Medal along with PID's W.R. O'Riley, Dr. Dwayne Garrett and Harold Keeley.

Lion Donal W. Knipp is dedicated to the mission of our association. He will serve the Lions of Missouri and will promote Leadership, Membership and Enthusiasm in all we do as Lions to meet humanitarian needs.



LION DONAL W. KNIPP

Past District Governor

Candidate for
International Director



Missouri Multiple District 26

CLUB SERVICE

Lion Donal has been a member of the Auxvasse Lions Club for 42 years with 31 years of perfect attendance. He has served his club in many capacities.

DISTRICT SERVICE

Zone Chairman

Region Chairman

Vice District Governor

District Governor 1997-1998 & 2006-2007

LCIF Chairman

Leadership Chairman

Diabetes Awareness Chairman

Campaign Sight First I & II Group Coordinator

Missouri Lions Eye Research Foundation Director 2004-2010

Certified Guiding Lion

MD-26 State/International Convention Committee Chairman

MD-26 Council Secretary/Treasurer

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Lion Donal has served as a councilman and mayor for the City of Auxvasse. He is a Past President of the Auxvasse Community Center.

Lion Donal is a member of the Grand Prairie Baptist Church in Auxvasse where he serves as a Deacon and is the Church Treasurer. He is a member of The Gideon's International.

Lion Donal was employed at AP Green Refractories for 33 years where he was manager over 7 manufacturing departments. He owned and operated Knipp's Market in Auxvasse for seven years.



FAMILY

PDG Knipp has been married to Lion Betty for 47 years and they have two children, Stan and Tamara, and five grandchildren. Lion Betty is a Past President of the Auxvasse Lions club and has served as Zone Chairman and Campaign Sight First II District Coordinator. She is a Melvin Jones Fellow. Their son is also a past President of the Auxvasse club.



Sight First group Coordinator, Campaign Sight First II Group Coordinator and have served on the Missouri Lions Eye Research Foundation board of directors. I was Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer and am a Certified Guiding Lion and currently am on the MD-26 State/International Convention Committee where I served as chairman for 2 years.

During my years as a Lion I have received the International Presidents Leadership Award, 4 International Presidents Certificate of Appreciation Award and 3 District Governor Awards and am a Melvin Jones Fellow. I have attended 7 International conventions and 6

USA/Canada Forums.

I was employed by AP Green Refractory Company for 33 years where I was manager over seven manufacturing departments and responsible for producing millions of firebrick every year. When the brick industry shut down and the plants closed, Betty and I bought and operated Knipp's Market. I served as councilman and mayor for the City of Auxvasse and was president of the Auxvasse Community Center board of directors. I have been a member of the Grand Prairie Baptist Church for 48 years where I serve as a Deacon and Church Treasurer.

Lion Betty and I have been married for

47 years. We have 2 children, Stan and Tamara and 5 grandchildren. Lion Betty is a Past President of the Auxvasse club and has served as Zone Chairman and Campaign Sight First II District Coordinator and is a Melvin Jones Fellow. Our son Stan is also a past President of the Auxvasse club.

I am asking for your support for endorsement as a candidate for International Director. Please attend your District Convention and the MD-26 State Convention in St. Charles. I promise to support the Lions of MD-26 and will appreciate your vote.

Lion Donal Knipp, PDG

Lions of Missouri Multiple District 26 Item for Ballot at State Convention April 30, 2011

Proposition 1. Delete State Athletic Committee and All-State All-Star Football Game.

It is proposed that the Constitution and By-Laws of Lions Multiple District 26 of the State of Missouri be amended to delete all reference to the Athletic Committee and Missouri All-State All-Star Football game, and that the effective date of this amendment be October 1, 2011.

Items affected:

Table of Contents; ~~State Athletic Committee~~

Constitution Article VI-COMMITTEES, Section 4 The terms of office of members of the ~~Athletic~~, All-State Band

Constitution Article VI –COMMITTEES, Section 6(m); ~~Deleted State Athletic Committee:—In addition to.... ..donated to The Missouri Lions Eye Research Foundation.~~ [i. e., The entire subparagraph (m) to be deleted and the word “Deleted” be inserted.]

Index; A- ~~All State All Star Football Game, 10-~~

C- Committees—~~Athletic (Football); 7, 9, 10-~~

F- Fund(s) ~~10,~~

~~Athletic, 10-~~

Shall this proposition be adopted?

☐ **YES** (Delete State Athletic Committee and All State Football)

☐ **NO** (Continue State Athletic Committee and All State Football)

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTE: Place a mark in the box opposite your choice. Only one box may be marked. Requires the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of delegates present and voting for adoption. Words to be Added are printed in *italics, underlined*. Words to be Deleted are printed in **Bold, Strike thru-**

Proposition 2. Correct By-Laws to reflect guidance in other State Documents and Practices

It is proposed that the Assistant Secretary-Treasurer be added to the By-Laws of Lions Multiple District 26 of the State of Missouri, Article 1, Section 2, as one of four authorized signers of checks.

By-Laws, Article 1, Section 2. (p. 15)

Section 2. State Council. The State Council approve all bills relating to the State Funds. Checks drawn against the State Funds shall be signed by two of the following ~~three Council~~ *four authorized* Officers: Council Chairman, Council Vice Chairman, *Assistant Secretary-Treasurer*, and Council Secretary-Treasurer.

Shall this proposition be adopted?

☐ **YES** (Provide agreement of directives.)

☐ **NO** (Continue with conflicting directives.)

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTE: Place a mark in the box opposite your choice. Only one box may be marked. Requires the affirmative vote of a simple majority of delegates present and voting for adoption.

Proposition 3. Provide alternative procedure for signing/counter-signing checks drawn against State Funds.

It is proposed that a new paragraph be added to the By-Laws of Lions Multiple District 26 of the State of Missouri, Article 1, Section 2, to provide for alternative (Office Committee) individuals authorized to sign/ counter-sign checks drawn against State Funds.

By-Laws, Article 1, Section 2. (p. 15)

Section 2. State Council. The State Council is the deliberative and assisting body in the formulation of administrative plans and policies affecting the State, including the annual State Convention. It shall make all contracts and approve all bills relating to the State Funds. Checks drawn against the State Funds shall be signed by two of the following three Council Officers: Council Chairman, Council Vice Chairman, and Council Secretary-Treasurer.

Alternatively, in event securing a second signature from any of the above creates sizeable expenses and/or delays, a member of the State Office Committee may be empowered by the council to sign checks. In event such authority is granted, a procedure shall be established in which the secretary-treasurer shall fully inform the assistant secretary-treasurer, council chairperson, and vice-council chairperson, of the checks to be signed, and receive approval of the expenditure from at least one of the foregoing before the second signature may be affixed. Authorization by electronic means shall suffice.

The Council shall designate a depository for said funds and set the amount of corporate surety bond for the Council Secretary-Treasurer, and approve the surety company of which he shall be bonded..... appoint a Sergeant-at-Arms and such assistant Sergeant-at-Arms for the State Convention as are deemed necessary.

Shall this proposition be adopted?

☐ YES (Permit additional signers.)

☐ NO (Continue current operation.)

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Lions of Missouri Multiple District 26 Item for Ballot at State Convention April 30, 2011

Approval of 2014 Convention Site.

The State Convention Committee has proposed that the 92nd State Lions Convention be held in

_____, MO at _____ on April **24-26**, 2014. (Write in name of city) (Write in name of Convention Site)

Shall this site be approved?

☐ YES

☐ NO

Requires the affirmative vote of a simple majority of delegates present and voting for approval.

Official Ballot Lions of Missouri Multiple District 26 April 30, 2011

For the Office of International Director.

☐ Lion Donal W. Knipp, PDG

☐ None of the Above

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTE: Place a mark in the box opposite your choice. Only one box may be marked. Requires the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of delegates present and voting for endorsement.

MISSOURI LIONS CONVENTION 2011

ST. CHARLES APRIL 29- MAY 1

What is new and why should I attend?

Rooms at the Embassy Suites a first class hotel with a made to order hot breakfast included, "Yes everyone gets a suite"!

Friday 6-10 PM Gala Reception "Not just chips and dip" Heavy hors d'oeuvres, carving stations and more. **PLUS 2 free drink tickets**. This will be a formal night / coat and tie event. Honoring your current district governor and welcoming the incoming governors. ***AN EVENING YOU WILL ENJOY!!!!***

Saturday Opening session 8:00 AM Presenting programs i.e. Missouri Lions Eye Research Foundation, Leader Dog, World Services for the Blind, Mid South and a LCI update. Informative and interesting to all Lions, not just mundane and boring reports. Followed by educational seminars for everyone.

Enhanced Luncheon (Noon) "No cold ham sandwiches with stale chips". A choice of chicken or pork for your dining pleasure! **Keynote address by our Lions Clubs International guest.** Presentation of awards, overview of voting and ballot issues.

Break for caucuses and voting:

Reconvene for a Memorial service for Lions, voting results and any additional announcements.

Top off the evening with Hospitality rooms hosted by the districts of Missouri and most important Lions fellowship.

Sunday: Council of Governors meeting at 9:00 AM

Why the change? The Missouri Lions State convention has been the same for more years than most of us remember. The convention committee is trying a new format that we hope excites enthusiasm for new and seasoned Lions.

Thank you for your support and hope you enjoy the 2011 Lions Convention.

MISSOURI LIONS 2011 STATE CONVENTION

(Hosted by the Lions of District 26-M3)

APRIL 29, 30, MAY 1

ST. CHARLES CONVENTION CENTER

Connected to the

EMBASSY SUITES HOTEL

Two Convention Center Plaza, St. Charles, MO 63303

(I-70 & South 5th Street)



FOR HOTEL RESERVATIONS - CALL: (636) 946-5544

Ask for reservation as part of the "Missouri State Lions" group.

Room Rate is \$119.00 + Tax per night (includes a full cooked-to-order breakfast). Rate applies until March 29, 2011, at which time the rooms will be available on a space and rate available basis.

Friday, April 29, 2011

Registration Exhibits
District Officer Elect and Spouse Seminars
Pin Traders State/Sales Office
PDG Reception

Gala Reception (6:00 PM – 10:00 PM) *This event included in All Inclusive pricing below*

Saturday, April 30, 2011

Registration Exhibits
Plenary Session All-Lion Seminars
Pin Traders State/Sales Office

Enhanced Luncheon (Noon) *This event included in All Inclusive pricing below*

Memorial Service Voting
Hospitality Rooms

Sunday, May 1, 2011

Council of Governors



Detach, complete, and mail this section of form

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE & ZIP _____

PHONE () _____

EMAIL _____

(Email address for return confirmation)

HOME CLUB _____

LION? YES () NO ()

DISTRICT _____

SPOUSE / GUEST: LION? () YES () NO

NAME _____

HOME CLUB _____

*All Inclusive (Registration, Gala Reception and Enhanced Luncheon) @ \$75.00 = _____

*Registration and Saturday Enhanced Luncheon @ \$50.00 = _____

Registration Only @ \$ 10.00 = _____

TOTAL \$ _____

* Option for Enhanced Luncheon:

____ Chicken
____ Pork
____ Special Needs _____

- After March 24, 2011, add \$10.00 to all fees. Sorry, no refunds after March 24, 2011

Make Checks Payable to: **MISSOURI LIONS 2011 STATE CONVENTION**

Mail to: Lion Sandy McCann - 500 E Lake Forest Dr, Columbia, MO 65203-9294

E-Mail: mccannsandy@yahoo.com

Phone: (573) 823-7345

70 Year Member

Ervin J. Hoffman a member of the International Association of Lions Clubs has reached his 70th year as a member of the Mexico Lions Club.

In 1940 Lion Ervin joined the Fulton, Mo. Lions Club and later due to work he transferred to the Rolla, MO. Club then the Belleville, IL Club and in 1946 the Mexico Lions Club.

During his many years as a member he has served the Organization in many capacities. He was President of the Mexico Lions Club in 1948/49 and a Zone Chairman of District 26A in 1949/50. He served on many committees during his years of service, several many times, which include Program and Entertainment, Constitution and By-Laws and Finance.

Lion Ervin celebrated his 100 year birthday in August of 2009 and passed away to the great Lions Club in the sky in July 2010.



Peace Poster Winner

The winner of the MD 26 Peace Poster contest is Ashton Smith, of Berger Missouri. Ashton is sponsored by the Hermann Lions Club. Ashton did a great job of representing the theme, “Vision of Peace”, and his poster was forwarded to LCI for the international competition. The posters were judged on how well they represent the theme, artistic talent and originality. Ashton and his parents will be invited to the state convention as our guests, where he will be given a copy of his poster and a gift.

It is not too early to start making plans for next year’s contest! Contact your schools and youth organizations. The kits are available at LCI- the next winner might be from YOUR club!

Fund a camper this year

Remember the first time you ever went camping as a kid? Excited? Made friends for a lifetime? Tried new foods? Sat up and told stories after lights out?

You can make that happen for a young person from another country. MD 26 has a Youth Exchange program, and the youth who come here not only spend time with 2 different host families, but spend a week in a camp, as well, making new friends and learning about other countries, building bridges and understanding. The funding for camp comes from donations from clubs and districts, usually in the form of a Henderson Award.

The award is named for the late PID Wayne Henderson, a dynamic Lion dedicated to youth. An award is made to any person in a community who is dedicated to youth activities, for a \$500 donation. Every community has someone who has a passion for working with youth in some capacity and could be recognized by a Lions Club with this award. Please consider who in your community should be a recipient, and help fund our camp at the same time. Award forms are available at the state office or through me (636-916-4441). Our next generation of leaders thanks you! Lion Pat Porterfield, LOY Chair

From the Council Chair

Folks say that things slow down after the Christmas holidays – well Lions must be the exception to the rule! Everywhere Lions are busy with district conventions, the Mid-Winter Forum, fund-raisers, governors’ visits, service projects, meetings, training, etc. In addition, new clubs are forming and Guiding Lions are busy helping those new members learn who we are and what they can do to be of service to their communities. Do the folks in your community know how busy you are and what you do?

Our International President, Sid Scruggs, is focused on service this year. Sometimes we get so focused on raising money (an important thing to do!) that we forget that writing checks is only one way we can help. To be visible and known in our communities, we need to be doing “hands-on” service, making a noticeable difference. If people you meet say, “Lions? I haven’t heard of them”, then we aren’t doing our best to be visible. When people SEE us doing things for others, they want to be a part of it. So as you make plans for the spring and summer, I encourage you to think about how others can see you Serve.

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News from the Missouri Lions Eye Research Foundation - February 2011

Can You See the Truth About Donation?

Every March, Heartland Lions Eye Banks joins its partner hospitals and corneal surgeons in spreading the word about eye donation during National Eye Donor Month (NEDM).

The Eye Bank's theme for 2011 - *Can You See the Truth?* - dispels many of the myths that prevent individuals from making the pledge to donate. In fact, did you know deciding to donate will not affect the quality of care you receive? Or that having cancer, poor eyesight or diabetes doesn't necessarily prevent you from becoming a donor?

The NEDM campaign is important this year because Kansas has joined Missouri and Illinois to become a first-person consent state with its registry, www.donatelifekansas.com. Through first-person consent, you - not your family - make the final decision regarding your donation wishes. Missourians can join their state's first-person registry at www.missouriorgandonor.com or when obtaining or renewing a driver's license.



Please visit www.hleb.org or the Eye Bank's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/HeartlandLEB for up-to-the-minute details on NEDM. If you would like NEDM materials to promote eye, organ and tissue donation in your community, contact the Eye Bank at 800-283-1981, ext. 115 or at info@hleeb.org.

Haywood Snipes Award Recipients

The following individuals were recently inducted into the Haywood Snipes Society, Aug - Dec, 2010:

Lion Kenneth Smith - Hermann Lions
Lion Ed Borst - Jefferson City Host Lions
Lion Frank Hermann - Forsyth Lions
Lion Richard A. Minor - Huntsville Lions
Lion Jerry Peck - Paris Lions
Linn Creek-Osage Beach Lions

Lion William L. Johnson - Mexico Host Lions
Lion Billy Bonnot - Jefferson City Host Lions
Lion David Fielder - Shell Knob Lions
Lion Brooks Nicklas - Jefferson City Breakfast Lions
Lions Levin Bradley & Dale Sharp - Buffalo Lions



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Increased Need in Eye Care Assistance

For years, the Missouri Lions Eye Research Foundation has worked closely with Knights Templar Eye Foundation (KTEF) to provide financial assistance for those in need of vision care through its Eye Care Assistance (ECA) program. In the majority of cases, Knights Templar would cover the costs of cataracts surgery while MLERF covered pre- and post-op treatment.

However, within the next six months, KTEF is going to focus its funding on research as opposed to direct care, taking with it almost \$40,000 normally allocated toward cataracts surgeries in Missouri.

This means providing assistance to the visually impaired is going to be even more critical to MLERF as the need for help continues to grow in all areas of eye care. Already this fiscal year, MLERF has provided funding and referrals to 68 Missouri eye care patients and supplied gratis corneal tissue to 103 individuals here and around the world.

The Lions clubs of Missouri can help MLERF further its mission by supporting the ECA program. To learn more about ECA, refer a patient or contribute to the cause, visit **www.mlerf.org**. Your donation can go a long way in rescuing someone in Missouri from a lifetime of blindness.



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ECA Helps Kansas City Man Get Back on His Feet

Losing precious sight to an eye disease or vision condition can be a frightening and frustrating experience.

Now imagine going through those emotions without knowing how you'll be able to afford the treatment to regain your vision and control in your life. Unfortunately, this is a reality for many uninsured and underinsured Missourians who do not qualify for federal or state aid but yet cannot afford essential and needed eye care procedures.

When Gerald of Kansas City began to lose vision from detached retinas in both eyes, he didn't know where to turn. The reduced vision meant that Gerald couldn't work and couldn't drive anymore - leaving him dependent on others to accomplish daily tasks. After searching for help to afford needed treatment, Gerald was referred to MLERF's ECA program.

Shortly after completing MLERF's paperwork and speaking with its program coordinator, Gerald was accepted into the program. Just weeks later he received a special pair of glasses to correct the vision in his left eye, drastically improving his vision.

"Once I put these glasses on I could actually see the leaves and colors change. I could see so much better and clearer," he remarked.

Today, Gerald enjoys seeing the world clearly again and is thankful for his regained independence.

"I'm kind of excited about getting out into the world again," said Gerald. "It's made me excited because I can see store front signs. Before I would go to places just on instincts. I knew that two blocks down this particular store was there. People take eyesight for granted and once you lose a little bit, it's when you really appreciate things."



CHILDREN'S
VISION
SCREENING



GLAUCOMA
DETECTION



THE GIFT
OF SIGHT



EYE CARE
ASSISTANCE



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Lions Clubs' Donations Help Children in Need

The Missouri Lions Eye Research Foundation's Children's Vision Screening (CVS) program travels throughout the state screening children for the leading causes of blindness. However, MLERF identified that Greene County in Southwest Missouri was an area in which the need was not being met - the organization was screening only 4% of children under age 5 in comparison to 7% in the rest of Missouri.

To reach its goal of screening 6,500 in 2010/2011, MLERF would need another part-time staff member and additional screening equipment. Thanks to the Branson-Hollister and Freistatt Lions Clubs, MLERF was able to receive both.



Past Council Chair (PCC) Howard Hawkins of Branson-Hollister encouraged his club to consider budgeting additional funds toward a new PlusOptix camera. Said PCC Howard, "One of our members told about a young man he had coached, and it was not discovered until his high school time that he had amblyopia. This young man was a very good ball player even with his sight problems. If it would have been discovered at a younger age, he might have had a better chance at a basketball career."

The club decided to provide half the funds - \$4,500 - and with the help of District Governor (DG) Debbie Whittlesey, challenged other clubs in District M-6 to provide the other half. Thankfully, PDG Bob Dieckhoff, an honorary MLERF board member, and the Freistatt Lions accepted the challenge, providing MLERF with funds to purchase the camera.

"The time and effort both of these clubs put in to make this money is great," remarked PCC Howard. "That makes it all the more meaningful to me that they would choose this project to give these extra funds. I know not all clubs have the projects to raise the kinds of funds that these clubs have, but it all adds up at the end of the year. All clubs should support our great Foundation."



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Calendar *of Events*

Council of Governors

April 28, 2011 - Embassy Suites, St. Charles, MO
July 15-16-, 2011- Warrensburg
July 15, 2011 - Annual Football Banquet, Warrensburg
July 16, 2011 - Annual All-Star Football Game,
Warrensburg

State Conventions

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 16, 2011 - TBD

MLERF Board Meeting

March, 2011 - TBD

International Conventions

July 4-8, 2011 - Seattle, Wa.
June 22-26, 2012 - Busan, Korea
July 5-9, 2013 - Hamburg, Germany
July 4-8, 2014 - Toronto, Ontario, Canada
June 26-30, 2014 - Honolulu, Hawaii

USA/ Canada Forums

September 2011 - Anchorage, Alaska

Mid Winter Forum

February 5, 2011 - TBA

Mid South VDG Visit

April 8-9, 2011 - TBA

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Missouri Lion Issues

Lions, At the last council of Governors meeting the Council approved the Missouri Lion to be sent out in August and February instead of November and February. This will be a six month interval. The deadlines for the articles will be January 15th for the February issue and July 15th for the August issue. Please have your articles in by these deadlines.

Sharing the Vision

20 Ideas for Vision Service Projects

1. Work with local eye care professionals to organize an eye health and safety presentation.
2. Arrange sport and recreational activities for persons who are visually impaired, such as bowling, fishing, or swimming.
3. Sponsor a Braille exhibit at your local library.
4. Organize transportation services to medical and other appointments for persons who are blind or visually impaired.
5. Volunteer at a rehabilitation or vocational training center for the blind or visually impaired.
6. Volunteer at a recreational camp for children or adults who are blind or visually impaired. Provide campers with meals or transportation, or help with camp clean-up and repairs.
7. Conduct vision and diabetes screenings for elderly persons at local residential living facilities.
8. Encourage a parent of a blind child to enroll in free, distance education courses offered by LCI partner, The Hadley School for the Blind.
9. Contact the nearest Lions Eye Bank to obtain literature and donor cards. At a planned event, distribute materials to the public, encouraging them to make a pledge to donate their eyes for sight-related procedures, education and research.
10. Contact local schools to learn if they need aids and appliances, books and technological products for students with vision loss.
11. Organize a community "sight walk" to raise funds in support of your nearest Lions camp for children who are blind and visually impaired.
12. Arrange for a person with a guide dog to be a guest presenter at your club's community event.
13. Collaborate or consult with a blindness professional in an effort to educate the community (citizens, business owners, etc.) in ways they can effectively interact with a person who is blind or visually impaired.
14. Volunteer at a local eye bank or a Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center.
15. Help bring textbooks and literature to life. Volunteer to read books and periodicals for blind and visually impaired people.
16. Hold an educational event to promote diabetes awareness and related vision loss.
17. Become aware of the various vision loss/blindness resources in the community; create a resource directory and share it with parents, educators and medical professionals in your community.
18. To promote awareness of the common causes of vision loss and blindness, collaborate with eye care professionals to hold a community education event.
19. Send collected eyeglasses to the nearest Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center.
20. Organize a community self-help group for persons who are blind/visually impaired or for their families.

Reprinted from a brochure from LCI. For more information concerning new service projects, contact your District Retention Chair, or contact PDG Lion Lyn Porterfield, State Retention Chair at 636-916-4441 or lynpat@charter.net.

Athletic Committee

There will be a proposal on the ballot at the State Convention this year asking you to vote to remove the Athletic Committee from the State Constitution. Please vote "NO" and defeat the proposal, if we remove the Athletic Committee from the Constitution, the only program we have left for the youth that is sponsored by the State is the Band program. Without the Athletic Committee we won't have a football game and the only way we as Lions or as parents can see the Band perform will be to go to the International Convention and very few parents will do that and it will be harder to get band members. There are some programs for the youth that are sponsored by International that a few Clubs support and this is good, but these young people are the Lions of the future, and we need to find ways to do more for them instead of cutting out what we have to offer them now.

This years Football Game will be played regardless of the vote count. The Game will be played at the Central Missouri University Campus on July 16, 2011. Pre-game ceremonies will begin at 6:30 PM. Tickets will be sold in advance for \$5.00 each and at the gate for \$7.00 each. All proceeds from this game go to the Missouri Lions Eye Research Foundation. The Banquet will be held at the Student Union Building on the U C M campus at 6:30 PM on July 15, 2011. I should have a commitment on the speaker later today, and I am sure everyone will enjoy this persons speech. The price for the Banquet will remain at \$20.00 again this year. This may raise the question, if the prices all remain the same how are we going to make money this year if we didn't last year? The committee has taken a different approach to selling ads and promoting the game. We hope to get more Clubs involved and we are going to sell more ads. We also have a football given to us to auction off at half-time. This football is autographed by JOE MONTANA so bring your checkbook. This year we have the coach from Richmond High School, Rob Bowers, Class three State Champions for the Blue Team and the coach from Westran High School, Curtis Jasper, Class one runner-up for the Gold Team.

The players have been selected and are sending in their contracts, We have already started selling ads so if your Club hasn't already been contacted it will be soon. When your Club is ask to buy an ad or even sell some ads remember that this money is to help the youth of Missouri and the Missouri Lions Eye Research Foundation. We play this Game so that others may see. " WE SERVE "

Lebanon Host Lions Hunger Campaign Project

When you live in a small town where the main manufacturing industry is making aluminum boats, it is very easy to understand the need for hunger relief in today's struggling economy. The faces of hunger can be seen on our local streets, in our markets and everywhere in town. The lack of local jobs have forced people in our community to depend on the free meals provided by different religious organizations, service groups or the different area food banks.

Our Beacon of Hope Hunger Relief project was to help the First Baptist Church of Lebanon, Missouri (U.S.A.) serve its Wednesday December 8th, 2010 evening meal to the hungry and needy people of our community. Many members of this church came early in the afternoon to prepare a warm filling meal for our hungry citizens, some of which are homeless. Five members of the Lebanon Host Lions Club helped serve the hungry citizens of our community for this evening meal. When we were through serving for the evening, each Lion member wanted to come back again soon to make a positive difference for these very needy people.

When I arrived early for my evening of service I was immediately put to work as the hours needed to prepare enough food to serve approximately 500 to 600 meals is numerous. The kitchen of the First Baptist Church was busy with pots of water boiling in preparation for cooking the large quantity of spaghetti needed for the evening meal. Ovens were full of large serving pans containing the meat sauce to cover the cooked spaghetti. Other volunteers were chopping and cutting ingredients to make the fresh salad. As the contents of large aluminum pans cooked in the ovens, they were transferred to a warming rack and additional pans were put in the oven to cook. This process was an assembly-line of food preparation by volunteers, some who have worked it before and some who were new recruits to the process. Everyone working was there to help make things a little better for their needy friends and they all realized to serve this many meals would take a lot of team work to make it happen. As all the volunteers worked non-stop they prepared about 250 meals which would be delivered to hungry residents who could not get to the church for the evening meal.

Then right on time, the hungry residents of Lebanon started to form in the serving line to get a hot cooked meal, many of which I heard say this was the only meal that they would eat all day. Five members of the Lebanon Host Lions Club would help serve over 375 meals for the evening. We served warm meals to women, children and men of our community all of whom where in desperate need of nourishment on a very cold night. Many would come back for additional plates as they were still hungry, but for this evening they could go to sleep without an empty feeling in their stomach as they each could eat until they were no longer hungry.

After we had served every hungry person who came for dinner, the members of our Lions Club were proud to have helped feed the hungry and felt a sense of contentment as we watched the hungry faces turn to smiles after they finished their dinner. This was a wonderful experience for us as Lions, we are much closer with our fellow club members, but better yet we are better known as Lions within our own community. During this event we demonstrated our Leadership and were a "Beacon of Hope" through Service to our community.

GREAT PLAINS LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

WHAT: Intensive, professional, valuable leadership skills program for those who have not yet served as District Governor. Skills for job, community, church, club and personal development.

WHEN: July 22-24, 2011 Registration 9:00 a.m. to noon, Friday, July 22nd. Adjournment and checkout by 3:00 p.m. Sunday, July 24, 2011. NOTE: lunch on Friday, July 22nd is at 11 :30 AM.

WHERE: Doane College, Crete, Nebraska

COST: \$125 (US-Funds) per attendee if received by the Registrar on or before May 31, 2011 covers double occupancy accommodations, 7 meals, all course materials and registration. After June 1, 2011 cost increases to \$140 per attendee. A limited number of single rooms are available for an additional \$25 per attendee. We anticipate the remaining cost will be covered by Lions Clubs International funding and contributions from the participating multiple districts.

WHO: Any Lion, Lioness, Leo who has attained majority, who has not yet served as District Governor as of the dates of the institute is eligible. No previous attendee is eligible without prior approval of the Institute Coordinator, PID Randy Heitmann.

Registration Form - One Form Per Attendee - Please type or print LEGIBLY

LastName _____ First Name _____ Initial _____ Badge Name _____
Street/PO Box _____ City _____ State/Prov _____ Zip/PC _____
Home Phone _____ Business/Cell _____ E-mail _____
Sub District No _____ Years in Lionism _____ Highest Office Held _____

Registration Fee is \$125.00 US if received by the Registrar by May 31, 2011, and must accompany the application form. After June 1 the base fee increases to \$140 US. Make checks payable in US funds to GPLLI and along with the form mail to Registrar PID Gary Fry, PO Box 606, Mitchellville, IA 50169. Sorry, no refunds can be made for cancellations.

Applications will not be accepted without full payment in US dollars.

Your Registration Fee includes seven meals, all Institute costs and dormitory rooms (double occupancy) at Doane College. Please note that the dormitories are smoke free. A limited number of single occupancy rooms are available at an additional cost of \$25.00. You will be permitted to request a specific roommate. Check in at the dormitory is permitted from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM on Friday, July 22nd and check out must be completed by 3:00 PM on Sunday, July 24th

The following information must be completed before registration will be accepted.

- ☐ Single occupancy room requested (Add \$25.00 to registration fee).
☐ Diabetic Diet requested.
☐ Vegetarian Diet requested.
☐ Wheelchair Access required.
☐ Vision Impaired (List what accommodation(s) needed.)

Please list any other special requests. _____

This important institute is being sponsored by Multiple Districts 5 (Saskatchewan, North Dakota and South Dakota), 9 (Iowa), 17 (Kansas), 26 (Missouri), and 38 (Nebraska). Included will be dynamic presenters from across the Great Plains providing emerging Lion leaders with modules on communication skills, team building, delegation, management of change, conflict management, project management, diversity, motivation, public speaking and leading effective meetings. For additional information or for answers to questions, please contact Public Relations Chairperson PID Ernest Young at eyoungks@aol.com or Secretary/Registrar PID Gary Fry at frygj35@msn.com.

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Waiver Form for Missouri Lion Newsletter

We are still looking for ways to cut cost for the Missouri Lion Mailing and even though we have received the Waiver Forms for quite a few of the Lions there are still a lot of Lions out there with E-mail that have not signed up to receive the newsletter by E-mail. Another suggestion is if your club has a member that would be in charge of getting every one in your club the newsletter that would like one and E-mail that to the ones that have E-mail or print off copies for the ones that don't then we could drop those members of that club off the mailing and E-mail list. I have three clubs in the state now that are doing this. I have asked the Governors to help with this as they make their visits. In the meantime please keep the waiver forms coming and also send me one if you no longer want to receive the Missouri Lion.

PDG Bob VanSickle

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☐ E-mail Copy Only

Signature of Lion completing form

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