



## A Surprise Honor For Ernie Schlicting



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

## Joplin Pin Set



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

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

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

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

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

Nov. 8-10—Winchester, Va.

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

Feb. 20-23—Nashville, Tenn.

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

March 20-22—York, Penn.

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

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

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

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

**Information for Publication in *the Missouri Lion***

Anyone wishing to submit an article for publication in the Missouri Lion but needs some assistance in writing  
the article can submit the basics of the article such as:

Who, What, When, Where, Why, Specific Details to be included in the article and your contact information.

After a draft has been written, you will receive a copy for review. Please review or edit the draft, when it  
meets your approval it will be added to the Missouri Lion bulletin.

Send basic information by e-mail to [newsletter@missourilions.org](mailto:newsletter@missourilions.org)

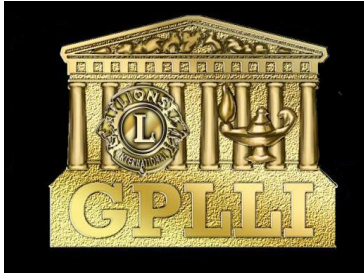
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**Deadline for article submission for the February 2013 Issue is January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

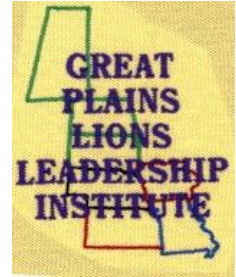
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*the Missouri Lion editor*

## Missouri to host 2013 Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute



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

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

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

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

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

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# Missouri Lions All State Band



# New Orleans Bound in 2013

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

"No pessimist ever discovered the secret of the stars, or sailed to an uncharted land, or opened a new doorway for the human spirit."

[Helen Keller](#)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



## Multiple District 26 Council of Governor's Meeting Happenings

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

### 1. Missouri Lions Website Update:

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

### 2. Increase in Lion Member State Dues

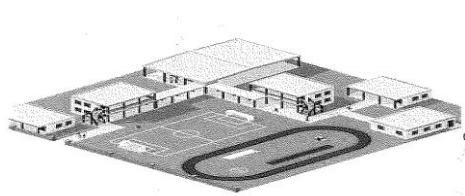
The Council of Governors approved a dues increase proposal which will be voted on at the 2013 Missouri Lions State Convention. This proposal will increase the state dues from \$9.00 to \$10.50 unless there is an endorsed candidate for International Director, or has a sitting International Vice President,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

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

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

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

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



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

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

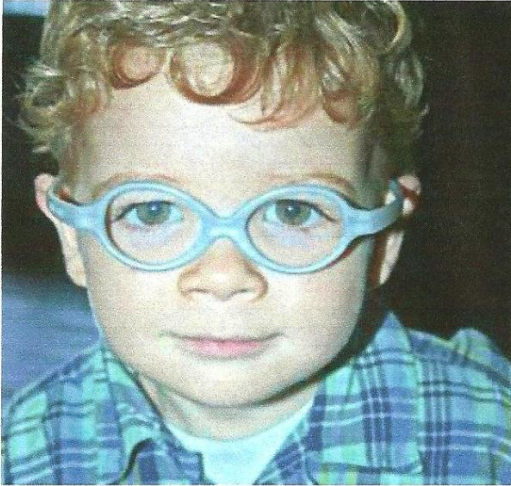
Mail all donations to:  
**PDG Bill Botzow, M6 Treasurer**  
**Lions/Irving Elementary Project**  
**8986 Lawrence 2194**  
**Monett, MO 65708**

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

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



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



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

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

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

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

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

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



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## Missouri Lions Giving for Last Year

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

### OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTORS

#### Top Lions Donations

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

### SIGHT SAVER AWARD

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

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

### LIONS PATRONS

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

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



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## LIONS BENEFACTORS

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



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

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

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

## Upcoming MLERF Screening Events

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

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

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

### Haywood Snipes Award Recipients

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

Lion Virgil Baker, Lexington Lions  
Lion Janis Wassman, Tipton Lions



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## Cornea Transplant Recipient Gives Back to Her Community



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

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

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

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

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

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



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**Helen Keller**



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### Waiver Form for the Missouri Lion Newsletter

We are aware that many families receive multiple copies of *the Missouri Lion* bulletin. While many Lions have sent in the waiver form to help us reduce the cost associated with publishing and distribution of our state newsletter we are still facing escalating costs. Please help us reduce the cost of delivering information about state wide Lion Club activities and events. If you have Internet access and your newsletter can be sent by e-mail, we can save money on postage as well as publishing costs. I understand many do not have the luxury of Internet service and it is our goal to be able to continue providing current Lion information to these members. Through your efforts we can continue to meet the needs of the Missouri Lions and keep our costs down. Thank you for your assistance. Send completed waiver forms to the Missouri Lion editor Lion Jennie Mosher.

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