



District 26-M7 ... Newsletter

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Darian Vanderhoofven

## Legacies of Eye Donor and Eye Bank Colleague to Be Honored at 2012 Rose Parade



Mariah West

On January 2, the lives of two incredible women close to the Heartland Lions Eye Banks family will be honored during the 2012 Tournament of Roses Parade.

The Eye Bank is participating in the **2012 Donate Life Rose Parade Float** by sponsoring a floragraph- or floral portrait- of donor, Mariah West. After Mariah lost her life in a texting while driving accident, her family made the generous decision to donate her eyes, organs and tissue through the Eye Bank and Midwest Transplant Network. Today, Mariah's mission of helping others is being carried on through her parents' work with AT&T's "It Can Wait," texting safety campaign and the Mariah West Educational Foundation. The Eye Bank chose to honor Mariah's donation in memory of hospital services coordinator Darian Vanderhoofven who lost her life in the Joplin tornado. Darian worked closely with both St. John's Regional Medical Center and Freeman Health System in their annual local rose dedication ceremonies tied to the Donate Life float. At an April 2011 Celebration of Life event at Freeman, Darian was touched by the story of Mariah's donation after meeting her mother.

Because of Darian's direct involvement with planning for the local hospital rose dedications and her connection with Mariah's family, the Eye Bank felt that sponsoring a floragraph of Mariah would be a very special way to also honor Darian's work in promotion of eye donation. Donate Life America has also chosen to recognize Darian by placing a rose on the float in her memory – a dedication usually reserved for donors and recipients.

This year's float theme is "**One More Day**," which will encourage viewers to imagine one more day to remember a loved one, celebrate life, keep hope alive, and make a difference to others. The float will feature six floral clocks adorned with 72 memorial floragraph portraits of deceased donors. A large 33-foot clock tower with an animated minute hand will move backwards in recognition of the many donors memorialized in tributes in the float's dedication garden. You can learn more about the float at [www.donatelifefloat.org](http://www.donatelifefloat.org).

As January 2 approaches, please stay tuned to [www.hleb.org](http://www.hleb.org) or additional information on the floragraph and float and join us in celebrating Darian's work in supporting donation and the legacy of our donors.



# From the Guv:



## Do you BELIEVE?

Belief is a very powerful tool. With a strong belief in one's self, a Lion can accomplish great deeds. These deeds are even greater when Lions band together.

An often cited example of believe is the bumble bee. Looking at the humble bumble bee, one notices the rather large body and thin wings. To the casual observer, it is apparent that the bumble bee should not be able to fly – its body is too large for the wings and the wings are not designed to produce lift, as are a bird's wings. Yet, the bumble bee believes that it can fly. And it does.



Lions believe they can accomplish great deeds in serving their communities. And they do.

By working together in their Lions clubs, Lions identify the needs of their communities and have the **courage** to accept the challenge to help those in need and make their communities better. Lions make a **commitment** to themselves, their fellow Lions, and their community to take the **action** necessary to accomplish their service goals.

Lions, you have much to be proud of. Continue your great works in serving your communities. Always seek to make yourselves, your clubs and your communities stronger.

**I BELIEVE!!!**

DG Jesse



## Million Tree Challenge Update

As you know, International President Wing-Kun Tam challenged Lions around the world to plant 1,000,000 trees by June 30, 2012. Meeting this challenge is one way in which Lions can make a positive impact on the environment.

Once again, Lions eagerly accepted a challenge to improve their communities. Lions have now planted 5,952,945 trees.

Let's not stop at a mere six million trees – plan now to plant trees next spring. This is a great opportunity to work with the youth of your community. Seek out scout units, school science or environment clubs, 4H clubs or other youth organizations to make an impact in your community.



# Mid-Winter Forum

Plan on attending the Mid-Winter Forum; it is always a lot of fun and educational. We will be at the Grand Plaza Hotel in Branson once again. We will be starting Friday evening February 3, 2012 with our traditional hospitality room. Saturday, February 4, 2012, will be a full day of training. Hopefully, we will be able to arrange a dinner theatre event Saturday evening; this is contingent on a theatre show being available.

For the registration form go to [www.missourilions.org](http://www.missourilions.org). then click on the Training Tab and you will find the registration form and more information regarding the forum.

PDG LION Eugene C. Taylor  
MD26 GLT Coordinator

## Need a New Year's Resolution?

Each year, we promise to take steps to improve ourselves. As the new year approaches, it is also a good time to promise to help your Lions club grow stronger by adding new members and renewing your dedication to service. New Lions bring new ideas and add greater strength to a Lions club. Make a 2012 New Year's Resolution to "Make my Lions club stronger!" Perhaps the answer is in letting more people in on "the greatest kept secret" – Lions club's successes.

Here are a few ideas you may consider:

**An information table at your next project:** At your next service project or fundraiser, provide a handout explaining what your Lions club is all about and where the funds you raise are used. Have a display of your activities. Engage your customers so that they see first hand the work you do and at the same time, can inquire about membership, read about Lions and look into serving.

**News releases:** Tell your community about upcoming club events, awards and programs and about your accomplishments.

**Club contests:** Create a competition out of "Who can invite the most new members?" Will it work for your club?

**Recruit one-on-one:** Meet with prospective members individually to inform them about the club. Invite them to take part in the next meeting or club project. Offer to bring the guest to your next meeting or project. Follow-up with the prospective member.

**Keep in touch:** Do you have Lions who haven't attended a meeting or worked a project in a while? Give the Lion a call, updating them on the club's activities and inviting them to the next club event.

**Believe in yourself and your Lions club:** Have courage to make a renewed commitment to Lionism and take positive actions to grow your Lions heart.



## LCIF Responds to Your Suggestions

Up until now, only unrestricted donations to LCIF (with a few notable exceptions) were credited towards a Melvin Jones Fellowship. In response to suggestions from Lions, LCIF will now ask donors which area they wish to support with their donations. Five specific areas are identified for designation; all donations to the areas will be credited towards Melvin Jones Fellowship recognition:

- **Area of Greatest Need** – Supports all program areas and gives LCIF the flexibility to supplement initiatives where additional funding is necessary or where the need is most urgent.
- **Disaster** – LCIF will direct the funds to the areas most in need following disasters to provide for immediate, mid- and long-term relief. LCIF is able to immediately provide funds for large-scale disaster relief, rather than collecting and distributing funds over a period of weeks or months.
- **Sight** – Funds support hundreds of sight-related activities ranging from equipping eye clinics to providing Braille computers for the visually impaired.
- **Youth** – Supports Lions Quest and other initiatives such as educational infrastructure improvements and programs to assist at-risk youth.
- **Humanitarian Needs** – Funds projects meeting diverse community needs beyond sight, disaster and youth, such as the measles program, water wells and vocational training programs for the disabled.

Restrictions beyond these five special areas will be honored by LCIF, but will not be eligible for fellowship recognition. For example, a donation that is restricted to a specific disaster, such as an earthquake or tornado in a particular region, will not be eligible for credit to a fellowship.

The Melvin Jones Fellowship program was established by LCIF in 1971 to recognize unrestricted donations of US\$1,000. Today, more than 75% of the funding received by the foundation annually is given through the fellowship program. By expanding the recognition program, LCIF is able to recognize more individuals while continuing to support its many programs.

Questions concerning LCIF should be directed to the District LCIF Coordinator, Jesse Hathcock, 573-761-4438.



Sid L. Scruggs, III, Chairperson of LCIF, and International President, Wing-Kun Tam, present a Melvin Jones award to an unidentified Lion.



### *New Banner for the International Parade*

Who is that man on the second row far left? And who is that woman two rows behind him?

# Club News

**Hermann Lion Club:** On January 10, The Club will have the opportunity to meet our 2010 Band student and the new HHS Band Director, plus the Peace Poster contest winners from the Hermann and St. George Schools will be present to display their entries and receive their prize monies. And Hermann Police Chief, Lion Frank Tennant, will provide an insight update of community law enforcement. Christmas Party with the Widows invited will be at the K of C Hall Dec.13. Two (2) Melvin Jones awards will be given at Christmas Party Lion Art is chairing our involvement in the Hospital Christmas Party for their Volunteers on Dec. 12th.

**Gravois Arms Lion Club:** Saturday, December 3, they host their Annual Christmas Party including dinner and a silent auction. Saturday, December 10 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Pancake Breakfast and pictures with Santa Claus. Cost \$5.00 adults all you can eat and \$2.50 for kids. Pictures with Santa will be from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and will cost \$3.00 per picture. Saturday, December 17th Chili and Vegetable Soup Dinner plus a Bake Sale. Time: 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at \$5.00 for a pre-paid ticket or \$6.00 at the door.

**Jefferson City Host Lions** will be hosting a Ham & Bean Dinner on Feb. 1, 2012, a Pot-O-Gold Dinner on April 14, 2012.

**Jefferson City Capital Lions** will be selling bags of nuts for \$9.00 a one pound bag. They will have pecan halves, pecan pieces, and mixed nuts.

**Camdenton Lions Club** have purchased three pair of glasses for Camdenton School students.

**Chamois Lions Club** has agreed to sponsor a Cub Scout Troop if parents and boys express a desire to start a troop. Bingo is held every second and fourth Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at the Chamois Community Center. The club will construct a "Welcome to Chamois" sign on Highway 100 on the west side of Chamois. Lion President Mehmert and Lion Jim Keilholz demonstrated a wireless security camera and monitor. This technology will be used at the Chamois City Park and the RV Park in an effort to discourage vandalism.

**Jefferson City Breakfast Lions** are selling poinsettias for the Holiday Season. The plants will be ready for pick up shortly after Thanksgiving. Call Lion Lou Ann Hathcock, 573-761-4438, to place your order.

**Owensville Lions** We are having a fish/shrimp fry on Dec 2 from 4-7 at the Owensville Lions Club on Krausetown Road. \$8 for Shrimp plate with two sides -- \$7 for Fish plate with two sides Choice of sides include potato salad, slaw, and mac n cheese. Dessert and drink are included in meal. They have bingo every Tuesday night. Early birds start at 6:30 with bingo at 7:00. We have a wonderful bingo kitchen that serves a special every week for \$5 for example last week it was oven fried chicken with potato casserole and green beans. We always serve hamburgers, hot dogs, French fries, onion rings and home made pie every week. It is open to the public and we serve from 4-6:30 (eat-in or carry-out)

**Holts Summit Lions** – In Holts Summit, the Police Department is accepting sponsorship of the Drug Abuse Resistance Education in the local elementary schools. Asked to help out with the program, Lions eagerly responded by making a generous donation to the program. The donation will be used to purchase children's shirts and other materials for the valuable program.

**Jefferson City Evening Lions** – The Evening Lions will hold their annual Pork Loin Smoker on December 17<sup>th</sup> at the Cedar City Lions Den. They are also planning a dance on March 9<sup>th</sup> at the Wardsville Lions Den.

**Rocky Mount Lions** – Furthering their plans to provide temporary emergency shelter in their community, the Rocky Mount Lions have enclosed a patio at their building so that space can serve as a storage area for emergency relief supplies.

**Wardsville Lions** – Catering several organizations' holiday parties throughout December. Fantasy Night is February 11, 2012. Annual barbeque dinner fundraiser is February 25, 2012; proceeds benefit the MO Lions Eye Research Foundation and local projects.

## October New Members

### HURRICANE DECK - LIONS CLUB

Janet E Johnson

Randy L Johnson

Sponsor Joan F Johnson

### JEFFERSON CITY BREAKFAST - LIONS CLUB

Amy M Bell

Sponsor Jeff Hilke

Dustin S Roberts

Sponsor William B. Baggett

### MOKANE LIONS CLUB

John Wendleton

Sponsor Bryan R Rogers

### OWENSVILLE LIONS CLUB

Debra A Dowler

Sponsor Mark Schaeperkoetter

Michael J Sage

Sponsor Calvin L Havelka

### WARSAW LIONS CLUB

Charles Robert Behrendt

Sponsor David D Bolinger

## November New Members

### JEFFERSON CITY BREAKFAST LIONS CLUB

Donald D Colter

Sponsor Brooks Nicklas

Linda L Colter

Sponsor Brooks Nicklas

### MILLERSBURG LIONS CLUB

Keith R Fisher

Sponsor Dennis Haymart

### OWENSVILLE LIONS CLUB

Daniel Dowler

Sponsor Mark Schaeperkoetter

Deborah Hoffman

Sponsor Margaret Duncan

Stuart Hoffman (1700483)

Sponsor Margaret Duncan

### WARSAW

Charles E Allcorn

Sponsor Corbin D Cain

# Club News Continued

**Freeburg Lions Club** is having "Get Lucky For Valentine's Jackpot Night", Saturday, Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> \$100.00 per couple. Must have ticket to enter. 175 Tickets sold. Held at Holy Family School in Freeburg. Ticket includes Prime Rib and Shrimp dinner + beer + set-ups And a automatic chance to win \$3,000.00 grand prize. Lots of other smaller prizes given away. Plus other games and fun. Contact Todd Cummins, Lions Club Treasurer for tickets. 573-291-2107 or [grasofi@att.net](mailto:grasofi@att.net).

**Warsaw Lions** Our 2012 fund raiser youth basketball tournament is set for February 6 to 11 in the Warsaw Community Center. We hope to have 8 teams in each of two divisions. Teams normally come from Benton, Henry, Pettis and Hickory counties. Our revenue comes from business donations, ticket and food/beverage sales. This tournament was canceled due to snow last year, which was the first year since the 40s that it was not held. Last month we set aside \$500 for our Boy Scout Troop 34 to purchase used canoes. This week we donated \$500 to the Benton County Christmas for Kids effort.

**Need a Program:** Lion Ed Borst recently visited Leader Dogs for the Blind in Rochester, MI and will be glad to present information from that visit at a club or zone meeting beginning in January. Call Lion Ed at 573-635-3324 or email him at [eaborst@gmail.com](mailto:eaborst@gmail.com).



**The Hermann Lions** continues its tradition of providing a Christmas tree for Hermann. This year's tree, a Norway Spruce, was supplied by Mrs. Al Scheer of Hermann, transported into town by Hermann Ford, erected by the City Electrical Crew, and decorated by the Lions. Additional help and material came from Hermann Florist, Dale and Donna Batson of the Market Street B & B, and Reliable Plumbing.