

# Kentucky Lions Eye Foundation

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## MEET THE NEW PRESIDENT: DR. JERRY L. BENNETT

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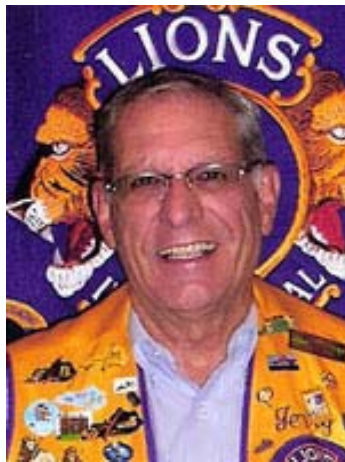
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### NEXT KLEF MEETING:

Time: TBA later.  
Place: TBA later.



Kentucky Lions Eye Foundation Building



Dr. Bennett was born and raised in Ypsilanti, Michigan. He graduated from Ypsilanti High School and earned a BS degree in Business Administration from Eastern Michigan University before entering the U.S. Army as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant in the Adjutant General Corps. He served at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana 8th Army Headquarters in Seoul, Korea and Fort Polk, Louisiana before joining the active reserves. After the service he earned additional degrees. He received a Master's in Business Administration, a Master's in Guidance and Counseling, and a Specialist Degree in Secondary Education also from Eastern Michigan University. He then earned his doctoral degree from Vanderbilt Uni-

versity in the area of Human Resource Development. He began work with the Fisher Body Division – Willow Run Plant in 1960 and retired from the Chevrolet Corvette Plant of General Motors in 1999. He then taught six years in the Management Department of the College of Business at Western Kentucky University. He is still working there as an Adjunct Professor.

Jerry and his wife Betty have two children, Julie, a Professional Geologist and Jerry Jr. (JJ) an Electrical Engineer. Julie and her husband Christopher live in the Charlotte, North Carolina area with their two sons, Jonathan and Michael. JJ and his wife Michelle live in the Alpharetta, Georgia area and are the proud parents of Jerry III (Trey).

Jerry joined the Bowling Green Evening Lions Club in October, 1980. Over the years he served as Membership Chair, Director, Vice President, Acting President, President, Secretary / Treasurer, Peace Poster Chair, Bell Ringing Chair, KidSight Chair, Awards Chair, Nominating Chair, WKYU-FM Fundraising Chair and Chair for Awards and Installation. He received three awards as the Lion of the Year. He was a 100% President and a 100% Secretary. He still serves as the Club Secretary. In 1998 he served as the Zone Chair and in 1999 he was the Vice District Governor. In 2000 he was

elected District Governor for District 43-E and Council Chair for Multiple District 43. He was a 100% Governor. He has served as a Governor's Advisor twice and as a Region Chair three times. He has been the Leadership Chair for the District and served three years on the Merlot Team. He has provided training for Vice District Governors and for Leos at their State Convention. He is a Life Patron, a Melvin Jones Fellow, in the Kentucky Hall of Fame and is Progressive Finis Davis Fellow. During this same time frame he was been awarded six International President's Certificate of Achievement Awards.

In 2008, Jerry was elected as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President for KLEF and he has progressed to the position of KLEF President for 2011 – 2012.

Jerry has been involved with a long list of other civic, educational and charitable organizations. Currently he is serving as an active member of the Bowling Green – Warren County Board of Directors of the Salvation Army and is a member of the Cumberland Trace Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America.

He is looking forward to the opportunities and challenges of the coming year to enhance services throughout Kentucky.

## SAMUEL “BO” HUMPHREY’S DEPARTING REMARKS



It has been a privilege serving as President of the Kentucky Lions Eye Foundation. This year has been especially rewarding as, together, we addressed some vital issues that involved relationship building with the University of Louisville, revision of our ByLaws, the acquisition of additional digital KidSight cameras, and completion of our private phase for the endowment service campaign.

We were fortunate to add Dr. Rahul Bholra, with the University of Louisville’s Ophthalmology Department to our KidSight team. His expertise and guidance in the area of pediatrics and strabismus has

proven invaluable to our vision screening of children throughout the state. Additionally, in January, Dr. Mohommad Ali Haider, with the University of Louisville, joined our Eye Bank as Medical Director. Such medical resources, through our relation with the University of Louisville, elevate the services we are able to provide to those in need.

Our motto of “we serve” is evident each time a team of Lions volunteers provide free screening. This year marked our 2,000 session for the KidSight Program with over 8,000 children being screened. Our vision van provided over 6,800 Kentuckians with free screenings and the eye bank provided over 400 corneas for transplants. Our Holloran Fund and the Patron Fund program assisted over 50 individuals with financial assistance that helped with hospital bills, and assistance to those visually impaired in need of support that enabled them to remain independent.

This was our first year of coordinating the Trustee Retreat with our signature fundraiser, the Kentucky-Indiana All-Star Basketball Games, which was a success and one that I hope will become a tradition.

In closing, I would like to thank, the trustees, members of the executive board, the Foundation staff, Lions throughout the Commonwealth and each of you for your kindness, support, wisdom and guidance. The prestige of having served as the President of the Foundation has been an honor that I will forever cherish. I would like to extend best wishes to my successor, Dr. Jerry Bennett, to whom I am grateful for all his support this past year.

In the spirit of Lionism,

“Thank You For This Wonderful Opportunity and For the Privilege of Serving,

Lion Samuel “Bo” Humphrey

## DISTRICT 43 STATE SHIRTS

Many of you have expressed an interest in ordering the beautiful Kentucky Lions Shirts that so many fellow Lions are wearing; you may place your order with Jen’s Stitches. The following information listed below is where to go place your orders.

Jen's Stiches. LLC.  
 1635-C Triplett Street  
 Owensboro, KY 42303  
 (270) 684-6476

Prices includes embroidery, front and back logo:

\$31.50 for Medium, Large & XL

\$32.50 for 2XL

\$34.50 for 3XL

\$35.50 for 4XL

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support and contribution to our annual fundraiser, the Kentucky – Indiana All-Star Basketball Games. It reminds me, that while this event is focused on raising monies for our programs, it also serves to build the character of our all-stars. While young boys and girls come together to represent the state in thrilling competition that benefits a cause that will impact many lives throughout the state; it also enables us to share the spirit of Lionism with those that we hope, as adults, will join the crusade of preventing blind-

ness.

The event was especially nice, as for the first time, we coordinated the Trustee Retreat with the Games. Since, so many of you have indicated just how much you enjoyed the retreat following the games, we very well may have a tradition in the making!

We are now in the planning phase of the 2011 Kentucky State Fair; which will be held on Thursday, August 18<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup>. The shifts are: 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM and 3:30 PM – 9:00 PM each day. Fair admission and parking are free for volunteers. It is fun to come as a group or individually. Please contact Lion Karen Hayse at the office about scheduling your volunteer hours. Also, while at the fair, I am sure Lion Bob Warren will have a rotation plan that will provide opportunities for you to enjoy some fair activities.

I hope most of you have had an opportunity to view the new

KidSight video. Your remarks about its production have been outstanding; not only about its choreography but also in regards to its contents. Please contact the office, if you would like to receive a copy, as plans are underway to make it available to each Club in the state.

Our Patron Fund program continues to receive numerous requests for assistance. PLEASE make a donation to the Fund as there are an increasing number of individuals that need our help.

In closing, I would like to express my appreciation to Lion Samuel “Bo” Humphrey for his leadership and dedication to the Foundation. It has been a privilege and joy working with him and I am very grateful for all his support, guidance and commitment to our motto of “WE SERVE”

Regards,

Wenda Owen, KLEF Executive Director

## VISION VAN

The Kentucky Lions Eye Foundation is proud to provide the resources (van, equipment, supplies, training, consultation, etc.) to the Lions of Kentucky in Multiple District 43 for the purpose of conducting vision screening. All equipment in the van needs electricity so be mindful of this when planning your vision screening.

Vision screening is not as comprehensive as a doctor’s examination and should never be a substitute as seeing an eye doctor. Screening procedures may detect people in early or treatable stages of eye disease or have refractive errors. Screening urges people to seek professional examinations. We, as screeners, have the opportunity to help professionals save the sight of people who might otherwise neglect seeing an eye doctor until it is too late.

The Vision Van is parked at the KLEF office, located at 301 E. Muhammad Ali Boulevard, Louisville. The Foundation phone number is (502) 583-0564 or 1(800) 232-5308. The Vision Van is a 2002 Ford passenger/cargo van that will transport 5 passengers (including the driver) and all the electric equipment. It does not have room for screening activities. The van is approximately 20 feet long, automatic transmission and is easy to drive; no commercial driving license is needed. It has extensive exterior graphics and signage to make it very visible for public relations and advertising purposes.

## VISION VAN—CONTINUED

When returning the Vision Van the following is expected:

- **The fuel tank is full**
- Vision van is clean inside and out.
- The log book is filled out completely and please indicate any supplies that need to be replenished and problems with the equipment and/or van.
- **List the number you have screened.**

Finally, please ask your club to consider a donation to KLEF Vision Van program. If you have any questions, please contact the KLEF office.

## KENTUCKY STATE FAIR



# Kentucky State Fair

## HELP WANTED!

Thursday, August 18<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup>

Kentucky Lions Eye Foundation is in need of volunteers to help with the Vision Screening at the 2011 Kentucky State Fair (Thursday, August 18th through Sunday, August 28th) in the South Wing Lobby B at the Kentucky Fair & Exposition Center. Volunteers will receive a free admission/parking ticket into the fair.

We have two shifts available:

**First Shift – 8:30 am – 3:30 pm**

**Second Shift – 3:00 pm – 9:00 pm**

If you are interested in participating, please call (502) 583-0564 or 1-800-232-5308, drop by the KLEF office, or e-mail [karenhayse@kylionseye.org](mailto:karenhayse@kylionseye.org) about volunteering.

CORNEA STORY



*Life and Sight... Pass them on!*

*Sign up today to be an organ, eye & tissue donor*

Go to [www.ulleb.org](http://www.ulleb.org)



*John Gatz*

*April 24, 1990 – October 14, 2006*

Our son John, age 16, was killed in a head-on collision by a teenage drunk driver. Exactly four months before his death, John had passed his driving test and received his license. When asked whether he would like to be an organ donor, both John and his mother, Kathy simultaneously said “yes”.

The shock and grief of losing a child is overwhelming, but we are comforted by knowing that John’s corneas gave sight to two people and he has enriched their lives.



**SHAY CHRISTOPHER FANASE, JR.**

**MAY 22, 1988 – AUGUST 8, 2009**

Shay was the perfect son and brother, a very giving person who lived life to the fullest. Shay was only 21 years old when he lost his life. Parents are not supposed to bury their children, but God has a plan for all of us. We know what a wonderful gift donation is and making the choice to donate has helped us in the healing process, knowing others were saved and something good came out of such a tragedy.

Donating has been a bittersweet journey.

A hero is someone who gives their life so that others may live.

Shay Jr. is a hero!



## LIONS EYE BANK AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

*For Lions Districts K, E & N*

An important part of our mission at the University of Louisville Lions Eye Bank is to actively educate the citizens of our service area about organ, eye & tissue donation. Each year the number of groups/organizations requesting presentations or informational displays has increased significantly. KODA does a wonderful job meeting most of these needs but it is impossible for the Eye Bank to cover our service area alone.

### **The University of Louisville Lions Eye Bank needs you to:**

- Visit your local Lions Clubs to talk about cornea donation.
- Staff donor registry booths at local health fairs, county fairs and Vision Screenings in your area.
- Assist U of L Lions Eye Bank with professional presentations about cornea donation.
- Participate in media interviews and programs in your area about cornea donation.
- Help give school/college and congregation presentations about cornea donation.
  - Assist the U of L Lions Eye Bank staff with special office projects.
    - Must attend quarterly Ambassador Meetings.
- If you would like more information on the Lions Eye Bank Ambassador Program, please call Susan Nall at 502-852-5457.

### **AMBASSADOR TRAINING**

*(Only one training day is required)*

There will be 3 training days offered to give everyone an opportunity to attend. Lunch will be provided on each day  
So please be sure to RSVP.

**TUESDAY AUGUST 30, 2011** 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

**THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 8, 2011** 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 10, 2011** 11:00 am - 4:00 pm

**Where:** University of Louisville Lions Eye Bank (AKA...KLEF)  
301 E. Muhammad Ali Blvd.  
Louisville, KY 40202

**\*Please RSVP to Susan Nall 502-852-5457 or**  
[shnall01@louisville.edu](mailto:shnall01@louisville.edu)

*Life and Sight...Pass them on!*

## CANDY DAYS

### *I Believe* in Candy Days

Utilizing the International President's theme *I Believe*, during the 2011 – 2012 year, *I believe*...

- ★ **One hundred (100) Lions Clubs or more in MD 43 will participate in Candy Days, and**
- ★ **Candy donations to the Kentucky Lions Eye Foundation will equal or exceed \$20,000.**

During the 2010-2011 year sixty-one (61) clubs participated and donated to KLEF \$12,858.90 for an average club donation of \$210.80. That also means that \$12,858.90 remained in local clubs for projects with an average of \$210.80 per club.

On behalf of the Past District Governors, I would like to thank the following Lions that served as District Candy Day Chairs this past year: PDGs Aaron Witten, Howard Cook, Gloria Angel, Don Thompson and Dickie Piercefield.

District Candy Day Chairpersons will promote and encourage clubs to participate in Candy Days. District Candy Day Chairs will provide information to clubs in regard to purchasing candy during the first cabinet meeting. Clubs are encouraged to designate September as Candy Day Month; the second weekend (after Labor Day) as Candy Day Weekend; although it is understood that clubs may conduct Candy Days at any time that they may desire. The PDG Association will not physically handle candy nor will the MD 43 Candy Day Chairperson order candy for clubs.

To assure timely reporting and accounting, make checks out to Kentucky Lions Eye Foundation or KLEF. Be sure to mark check for Candy Days. Mail check directly to Kentucky Lions Eye Foundation, 301 E. Muhammad Ali Blvd, Louisville, Kentucky 40202. If you want credit for some other purpose, send the appropriate person a copy or notice of your contribution.

*I Believe*, during the 2011 – 2012 year that one hundred (100) Lions Clubs or more in MD 43 will participate in Candy Days and donations to the Kentucky Lions Eye Foundation will equal or exceed \$20,000.

**Yancey Watkins**

**MD 43 Candy Day Chairperson**

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## EYE GLASS RECYCLING

In the past, the Kentucky Lions Eye Foundation has been able to receive used eye glasses from the Lions of Kentucky and had a volunteer to process them.

Unfortunately, our volunteer passed away a few years ago and we no longer have the resources nor the space to store used eye glasses. Therefore, below is the information on the **Indiana Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center** where individual Lions Club can send the used eye glasses. It may be cost effective to have multiple clubs in your district go in together and send one large shipment. If your Lions Club would like to deliver glasses to the Recycling Center schedule a visit by calling the Operations Manager, John Clester.



### Lions Clubs International

## Indiana

### Indiana Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center

333 Lake Street

Upland, IN 46989

*Please contact center prior to sending large shipments to the above address.*

Send written correspondence to:

Indiana LERC

8421 N. Mittank Drive

Fairmount, IN 46928

Contacts: James Cameron, PID, Project Manager

[John Clester](#), Operations Manager (for eyeglass supply requests)

Telephone/Fax: (765) 998-7367

**The Indiana Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center** utilizes the assistance of two prisons in processing donated eyeglasses. Participating prisoners receive training and information on Lions' missions and the countries where the eyeglasses are distributed. Throughout their communities, the Indiana Lions circulate wooden recycling boxes to schools, churches and other organizations interested in collecting eyeglasses on behalf of the association. The boxes are built by local Lions and high school students from wood scraps provided by a local cabinetmaker.

The Lions in Indiana sent a mission team composed of medical professionals, Lions volun-

## EYE GLASS RECYCLING—CONTINUED

teers, Wawasee High School Spanish students and teachers to Mexico to distribute eye-glasses to needy people. Held during spring break, the students learn all aspects of working a mission and, most importantly, gain an understanding of helping others. The team's goal for the second trip was to serve 4,000 people in four days. By trip's end, 5,000 people had been assisted. The third mission group went to Tlaxcala, Mexico and served over 7,000 people in four days.

## PATRON GUIDELINES



### **Kentucky Lions Eye Foundation** Guidelines for Utilizing Patron Program Funds

Any Lions Club in good standing within Multiple District 43 may request assistance from the Patron's Program. These funds are to be used to assist in payment of doctor and hospital bills related to individuals who have been referred to KLEF by that Lions Club. There is an application that we ask the patients to complete. Please contact KLEF to have one sent to the patient.

All referrals must be sent in a letter to the Kentucky Lions Eye Foundation, ATTN.: Patron Program, 301 E. Muhammad Ali Blvd., Louisville, KY 40202-1594. Disbursement of Patron's Program funds will be in accordance with guidelines developed and approved by the KLEF Trustees.

If you need an appointment with the Kentucky Lions Eye Center Clinic, please call KLEF with the following patient information:

- Name
- Date of Birth (i.e. 10/15/45)
- Mailing Address, City & Zip
- Telephone Number
- Reason for Appointment (i.e. Cataract, 2<sup>nd</sup> opinion, pain in the eye, blurred vision)

For any questions please contact KLEF at (502) 583-0564 or 1-800-232-5308.

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## KIDSIGHT

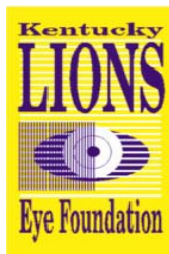
KidSight Reaches Over 8,000 Children!

2010-11 KidSight Screening Information:

2010-11	Sessions	Pass	Refer	CUT	Unreadable	TOTAL
K	71	1032	237	7	28	1304
E	22	434	99	0	10	543
N	181	3350	464	8	49	3871
T	47	964	172	4	21	1161
C	18	174	28	0	7	209
Y	2	3	0	0	0	3
F	11	849	99	0	1	949
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>352</b>	<b>6806</b>	<b>1099</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>8040</b>

F = means KY State Fair Vision Screening  
 Refer = child was referred to physician for further review  
 CUT = Currently Under Treatment  
 Unreadable = Not able to get a good photo of child

## KENTUCKY ALL STARS BASKETBALL CLASSIC



**THANK YOU!**

Kentucky Lions Eye Foundation would like to THANK all of the Lions of Kentucky who participated and supported the 2011 Kentucky All-Star Basketball game by financial donations, volunteering your time and/or attending a scrimmage game or the KY vs. Indiana game on Friday, June 10, 2011.

Congratulations to all the high schools, coaches and athletes for an outstanding season of basketball! Also, our best wishes to the KY All-Stars in their future endeavors.

The Foundation appreciates your support in our efforts to prevent blindness and promote and provide healthy vision care to over 15,000 Kentuckians each year.

[www.kyallstars.net](http://www.kyallstars.net)

## THE FAMILY OF THE LATE PID FINIS DAVIS VISITS KLEF



The Kentucky Lions Eye Foundation was extremely pleased about the visit by members of the late Lion PID Finis Davis Family and hope that this is the beginning of many more future visits!