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### NEXT KLEF MEETING:

Time: Jan. 8, 2011  
Place: Roy Caywood  
Sr. Leadership Confer-  
ence at Holiday Inn—  
Hurstbourne, Louis-  
ville, Ky.



Kentucky Lions Eye Founda-  
tion Building



Time passes quickly. It is hard to realize that we are in the sixth month of the 2010-2011 Foundation year. With much to accomplish in the remaining six months of the 2010-2011 year we need to re-dedicate and commit ourselves to making the Kentucky Lions Eye Foundation one of the best Foundations around.

Trustees are the backbone of the Kentucky Lions Eye Foundation. They are responsible for the control

and operation of the Foundation. I respectfully ask that each Trustee privately evaluate their performance during this past six months with the goal of improving their performance and helping move the Kentucky Lions Eye Foundation forward.

The Trustees will be asked to approve a revision of the By-laws during the Trustee meeting in March. Each Trustee will receive a copy of the revisions with an explanation of the process and procedure that is to be used to consider and adopt the revised By-laws. Once the By-laws are adopted, the trustees will need to undertake a comprehensive examination of the Kentucky Lions Eye Foundation Policy and Procedures Manual. This will insure that it reflects the will of the Trustees. Adoption of Policy and/or Procedure is one way that a governing body insures compliance

with the laws, regulations, article of incorporation and bylaws.

As a 501(c)(3) charitable organization we have many laws and regulations that dictate how we must operate. Policy and Procedures also spell out how the day to day operation and business is conducted. This task will take some time to complete and the participation with input from all of the Trustees is vital to successfully completing this task.

I earnestly request your participation in the decision making process and operation of the Kentucky Lions Eye Foundation. Together we can make a difference.

May each of you have a very joyous holiday season and a Merry Christmas.

Lion Samuel "Bo" Humphrey, KLEF President



## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



**WENDA OWEN**

The Foundation has been very blessed this year. Because of you, the Foundation was able to provide free vision screenings and assistance to over 14,000 individuals, of all ages, throughout the state. Your commitment to this endeavor made that possible and the rewards to those served will last a lifetime.

It would be a terrible oversight, if I did not wish Dr. Gary Foulks, the University of Louisville Lions Eye Bank Medical Director, our

best wishes on his retirement. While he has earned the rest, he will be missed by all! He has been replaced by Dr. Ali Haider, who also is with the University of Louisville. Welcome Dr. Haider!

I am pleased to announce that Dr. Rahul Bhola has offered his services to the KidSight Program. His expertise and medical guidance will enhance the program's quality assurance protocols. As technology advances, so must we. It's our goal to have a digital KidSight camera in each district. If you aren't familiar with the camera, please call the office to schedule an appointment for a demonstration. Film for a photo camera has become increasingly difficult to acquire. Also, the digital camera expedites the screening process by providing an instant reading of pass/referral. Therefore for those in need of additional care, it reduces

the time lapse between the screening and the scheduling of an appointment.

Please stop by for some refreshments and holiday cheer!! Also, whenever in the area, stop by at anytime for a visit. We always enjoy seeing each of you and sharing with you what is going on at your Foundation.

To each of you, I would like to express our gratitude for your hard work and support this year.

Holiday Greetings from all of us at the Foundation!! It's our sincere wish that each of you have a wonderful holiday season that is shared with family and dear friends.

Lion Wenda Owen  
KLEF Executive Director

## CANDY DAYS

### **Make Your Club's Candy Day *A Beacon of Hope!***

Let your light shine brilliantly as a *Beacon of Hope* in preventing and reversing blindness. Work with your District Candy Day Chairperson to guide your club in helping the Kentucky Lions Eye Foundation (KLEF) in its mission to prevent and reverse blindness.

The goal for this year is two-fold: 1) increase the number of clubs participating to 100 or more and 2) restore Candy Day funding to \$20,000 or more annually. Based on donations as of October 31<sup>st</sup> sent to KLEF, 12 clubs have participated while contributing \$4,862.36 averaging \$442.03 per club. There are clubs that have not reported. If 100 club's average donation equaled \$442.03 that would total \$44,203 for Candy Day this

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year. That kind of response would certainly rekindle a sense of pride and achievement and exemplify *A Beacon of Vision and Action*.

Work with your District Candy Day Chairpersons and convince your club to conduct a Candy Day project or make a contribution to KLEF.

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It is understood that ½ of Candy Day contributions collected go to KLEF and the other ½ remains in the club. **Make checks to:** Kentucky Lions Eye Foundation or KLEF; **mark check** for Candy Day; and **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. For additional information contact you district candy day chairperson or call Kentucky Lions Eye Foundation using the toll-free number 1-800-232-5308.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

# UPCOMING EVENTS

December	Merry Christmas & Happy New Year
January 7-9, 2011	Roy Caywood Sr. Leadership Conference at Holiday Inn - Hurstbourne, Louisville
January 8, 2011	<b>MD 43 - 3rd Council Meeting, Holiday Inn - Hurstbourne, Louisville</b>
February	<b>Third Zone Meetings</b>
February 18-20, 2011	District K – District Convention in Paducah
March 4-5, 2011	District E – District at the Holiday Inn University Plaza Hotel in Bowling Green, KY
March 11-12, 2011	District C – District Convention at Cumberland Falls State Park in Corbin, Kentucky



## STATE FAIR- Continued

Middletown	Paducah Business	South Oldham
Mt. Washington	Richmond	Springfield
Munfordville	Sacramento	St. Matthews
Nicholasville	Shelbyville	Stanford
North Hardin	Shepherdsville	Whitesville
North Hardin/Meade Leos	Shively	Winchester LC
North Oldham	Simpsonville	

**Mark your calendar for the 2011 Kentucky State Fair – August 18-28, 2011 - We hope everyone can join us in this great statewide service project!**

## SERVICE ENDOWMENT

The Committee's work will conclude at the end of this year. We need Lions Clubs and Lions to make a pledge. After this phase is completed, fundraising from corporations, foundations, etc will begin. But first, we must raise enough money from Lions and Lions Clubs to demonstrate to the public that we believe in this program.

**Why is an Endowment needed?** The Foundation has added a number of service activities in recent years, including the Vision Van (2003), KidSight (2004), and Ashland eye clinic (2006), while continuing the services of the Eye Bank and Eye Clinics at Louisville and Bowling Green. At the same time funding from Lions Clubs for these services has decreased. If we are to continue these vital services a reliable source of funding is needed. That is why the endowment was created.

**How does an Endowment work?** All funds donated to the Endowment will be put in a Trust and professionally managed. Only the income from the Endowment will be used each year. This way funding will always be available for service activities of the Foundation, as approved by the Board of Trustees.

**How will the income from the Endowment be spent each year?** Income from the Endowment fund will only be spent on service activities. Currently these activities include the Eye Bank, Eye Clinics, Vision Van eye screening, eye screening at the Kentucky State Fair, and KidSight eye screening. In future years new service activities may be added upon the approval of the KLEF Trustees.

**What impact have we had with these service activities?**

**Eye Bank-** Over the past year the eye Bank has provided over 350 corneas for transplant. Over the 50+ year history of the Eye Bank approximately 10,000 corneas have been provided, saving or restoring eyesight to the recipient.

**Eye Clinics-** Any Lions Club can refer a patient to one of our clinics. Hundreds of patient visits, most at no charge, are performed each year. An individual needing surgery

## SERVICE ENDOWMENT-Continued

may qualify for assistance from our Patron Fund.

**Vision Van-** The Vision Van hit the road in 2003, providing free eye screening to more than 50,000 Kentuckians since this program started.

**Kentucky State Fair eye screening-** At this year's fair 4,425 adults and 949 children were screened.

**KidSight-** Children ages 1-5 are screened in this program. We use a very expensive camera to screen children for Amblyopia (lazy eye) and other eye problems. Since the program started we have screened over 30,000 children.

**Why are individual Lions being asked to make a pledge?** Clubs have less money these days, and requests for help are increasing. The Clubs simply do not have the funds. Like the recently completed Campaign Sightfirst II, individual Lions are needed to help make the campaign a success.

### Some things to keep in mind:

- Pledges can be paid in a lump sum, or if preferred, over a five year period.
- Gifts of stock that have appreciated can have tax advantages.
- Another way to contribute is to place the KLEF Endowment in your will. This option might be best for Lions on a fixed income and are concerned about having enough money to last their lifetime.
- All individuals who donate to the Endowment will receive a special lapel pin.
- All Clubs that donate will receive a banner patch.
- Club pledges are being matched by the Louisville Downtown Lions Club.
- Finis Davis Fellows are eligible for the Progressive Finis Davis Fellowship, at levels of \$500, \$1,000, \$5,000 and \$10,000. A special pin with 1 to 4 diamonds is awarded. So far, 27 individuals have achieved the Progressive Finis Davis status.

A "Vision For The Future" wall will be located at the Kentucky Lions Eye Center. Individuals and Clubs who donate \$1,000 or more will be recognized on that wall. In summary, we need your support. If we are to continue serving thousands of Kentuckians each year the Endowment Campaign must be successful, and that success depends on all Kentucky Lions and Lions Clubs. I hope we can count on you to make a pledge.

Lion Tom Van Etten, Endowment Committee Chair

## EYE GLASS RECYCLING

We need your help with the eye glass recycling program. In years past the Foundation was fortunate to have the assistance of a dedicated volunteer who managed the inventory of glasses that you so generously collected and transported to our facility. Unfortunately, that volunteer passed away a few years ago, and while many of you have stepped up to help, still our limited storage space is often unable to store the glasses prior to someone being able to transport them to the recycling center.

While you may continue to ship your used glasses to the Foundation, we would like to ask that your Club, whenever possible, ship the used glasses directly to the recycling facility. Clubs in each district could combine a shipment as a way of reducing costs. Below is the information for the Indiana Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center. Please contact John Clester, the Operations Manager to arrange a large shipment of glasses.

If direct shipment is not an option for you, please continue to drop your glasses off at the Foundation office as we will make every effort to continue to transport them to the Recycling Center.



**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 will be distributed. Throughout their communities, the Indiana Lions circulate wooden recy-

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clinging 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 volunteers, Wawasee High School Spanish students and teachers to Mexico to distribute eyeglasses 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.

## 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 requires electric so be mindful of this when planning your vision screening.

Vision screening is never as comprehensive as a doctor's examination and can 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 these 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

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passengers (including the driver) and all the equipment and supplies. 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.

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. Please note any supplies needed problems with the equipment and/or van.
- ★ List the number you have screened.

Finally, if your Club makes a donation to KLEF, please include the Vision Van program. If you have any questions regarding anything please contact the KLEF office.

# KENTUCKY LIONS 2010 ROY CAYWOOD SR. LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

January 7-8-9, 2011 Holiday Inn Hotel Hurstborne in Louisville, Kentucky

## REGISTRATION FORM

Name: Lion/Lioness/Leo: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/Guest: Lion/Lioness/Leo \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Children's Names: \_\_\_\_\_

KLEF Luncheon Saturday January 8, 2011 \_\_\_\_\_ (# meals)

Deli Hoagie Sandwich with Turkey, Ham and Swiss cheese (# meals) \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$17.00 each

The Trio Chicken Salad, Tuna Salad, Egg Salad on A Bed of Lettuce ( # meals) \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$17.00

Roy Caywood Sr. Leadership Conference Banquet is Saturday, January 8, 2011 \_\_\_\_\_ (# meals)

Please indicate your choice of meat Beef Wellington # Meals \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$28.00 each

Chicken Wellington # Meals \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$28.00 each

Total pre-registration/meal fees enclosed with this form \_\_\_\_\_-\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to **KENTUCKY LIONS MD-43**

For your convenience the Restaurant will be open regular hours for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

**ANYONE WHO PRE-REGISTERS WILL BE IN THE DRAWING FOR A \$50.00 CASH PRIZE.**

**RETURN THIS PRE-REGISTRATION FORM NO LATER THAN JANUARY 4, 2011 TO:**

LION DEANNA SHELTON

8 Bel-Air Drive

Winchester, Kentucky

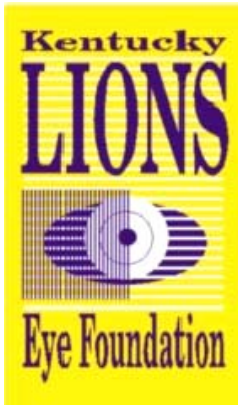
Dickie Piercefield

or P.O. Box 11156

Lexington, Kentucky 40574

If you have any questions, please feel free to call 1-859-400-0100 or (859) 699-8174

Pre-registrations cannot be e-mailed or faxed. Payment must accompany pre-registration form. Room rates are \$75.99 plus tax per night. Calling 1-502-426-2887 can make individual reservation. Your room reservations are due by **December 6, 2010**. Any unused rooms will be released by cut off date and returned for general sales.



## Finis E. Davis Fellowship

The Finis E. Davis Fellowship has been created to honor the memory of Kentucky's first and only President of Lions Clubs International. PIP Finis served as President in 1960-1961. Then in 1967-68 he was President of the Kentucky Lions Eye Foundation. He spearheaded the drive to raise the first two million dollars to build the Kentucky Lions Eye Research Institute, which is now a world-class center, and dedicated his life to Lionism.

The fellowship is available to everyone, not just Lions, Lioness or Leos. It may also be given as a memorial.

The Davis Fellowship may be obtained by a contribution of \$500 or more. The contribution may be made over a period of time by making payment of not less than \$100. The Fellowship will be presented upon receipt of the final payment. Checks should be made to the Kentucky Lions Eye Foundation. The Foundation is a 501 C 3 non-profit.

The recipient of the Finis E. Davis Fellowship will receive a letter from the Kentucky Lions Eye Foundation President, a personalized plaque, a Davis Fellowship pin and a wallet ID Card. The plaques are also numbered.

At future meetings of MD-43 Finis Davis Fellows will be recognized.

### PLEASE RESERVE A FINIS E. DAVIS FELLOWSHIP FOR:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Lions Club \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Send to \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Date to be presented \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ (Not less than \$100)

Send to: Kentucky Lions Eye Foundation

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