



## LIONS EYE BANK AUXILLARY FORMS IN SPRINGFIELD

A volunteer position in Springfield, MO was created to increase the interaction between local Lions Clubs and the Eye Bank. The "Fight For Sight" desperately needs Lions support to carry out daily functions, including transporting eye tissue, packing supplies, and aiding with community health fairs.

Lion Herb Stratton, Joplin Host Club



Lion Herb is one of Springfields most frequent visitors as he and his club have transported over 124 times this year.

Lions Joe Abrahms and Howard Hawkins, Southeast Lions Club, deserve special recognition for assuming the daunting task of morning tissue deliveries. PDG Jerry and Vira Hendrickson (Lebanon Evening and Host), PDG Bob Snell, Lion Myron Clopine (Southeast), and PDG Dick and Esther Paisley (Springfield Evening) and Lion Mary Dutton (Springfield Alpha) all deserve recognition for getting this worthy cause off the ground.

Special thanks to all the Greene County Lions for their continued support.

You too can help provide the Gift of Sight to others by joining up today. For more information about the Springfield, MO , auxilliary please call Shay Cockle at 800-545-9646 (102).

**Other branches of HLEB are in need of volunteer services. Contact Diedra Thompson at 1-800-753-2265 ext. 236 for more information about how you can help in your area.**

### Lions Attend Millennium Mayorthon

The Millennium Mayorthon, a National event to increase awareness about Organ, Tissue and Eye Donation, had a great showing of Lions support as it came through southwest Missouri on Memorial Day weekend.



PDG Dick and Lion Esther Paisley walked with a Springfield City councilman.



The late Lion Jim Mathews was instrumental in assuring the presence of the Lions as the Mayorathon path crossed into Marshfield.

On behalf of the Springfield branch of HLEB and the entire Missouri Lions Eye Research Foundation, we offer our sincerest sympathy to the family of Jim Matthews who passed away July 7th, 2000.

As a charter member of our Springfield Auxillary, Lion Jim spent Friday afternoons-preparing eye donor transport kits. He was a wonderful man and will be greatly missed.



PDG Jerry Hendrickson and Club president Dr. Jack Hopkins walked the path in support of eye and tissue donation on behalf of the Lebanon Host Lions Club.



**District H All Star Basketball tournament raised over \$5,000. in support of MLERF sight programs.**



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# LIONS AND MLERF TAKE A LOOK AT THE PAST, THE PRESENT AND THE FUTURE

On Saturday July 8, 2000 the Missouri Lions Eye Research Foundation celebrated the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Missouri Lions Eye Bank. A banquet dinner was held at the historic Tiger Columns in downtown Columbia. Ken Ostercamp of O'Media provided music and the Smith Food Bank catered a delicious dinner.

Several people spoke during the banquet including triple cornea recipient Dorothy Du Nard, PDG Lane Blackwell, Dr. Beryl Ortwerth, and Lion Ron Walkenbach, who recently received his third cornea transplant.

The celebration provided an evening of reflection on the first 40 years of the Missouri Lions Eye Bank, the fourth largest eye bank in the country.



The Columbia Chamber of Commerce held a Ribbon Cutting at MLERF on July 6, 2000 to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the Missouri Lions Eye Bank.

Pictured in center cutting the ribbon are Diedra Thompson, Development and Public Relations and Lion Ron Walkenbach, MLERF's Executive Director.



**Becky Henderson and Jane Kopecky, A-2, wife and daughter of the late PID Wayne Henderson enjoying the Eye Bank Anniversary celebration.**

**PDG Sam and Gloria Murabito, A-1**



**PDG Fred and DG Carla Priese, A-2**



**PDG's Chris and Lisa Clinton, J**

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