



## MLERF Recruits Virtual Ambassadors



The Missouri Lions Eye Research Foundation launched the Virtual Ambassadors program in January. The new program uses e-mail and Internet technology to bring the latest Foundation news to Missouri Lions.

The early response has been very positive -- more than 10% of Missouri Lions Clubs now have Virtual Ambassadors.

MLERF is looking for at least one member from each Lions Club in Missouri to volunteer as the Virtual Ambassador. To qualify as a Virtual Ambassador, you should:

1. Share the Foundation's strong commitment to sight preservation and restoration.

2. Regularly Attend club meetings and activities and be willing to report MLERF news to the club.

3. Have an e-mail address and access to a computer.

The sign-up procedure is simple. Lions interested in becoming Virtual Ambassadors can register by clicking on the link near the top of the MLERF homepage (<http://www.mlerf.org>). It takes just a minute or two to fill out the registration form.

The Virtual Ambassador will receive newsletters, press releases, and other special announcements about MLERF.

There are no extra meetings to attend, no paperwork to complete. Being a Virtual Ambassador is as simple as checking e-mail, and it's a great way to become more involved with the MLERF, the State Sight Project of the Missouri Lions.

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**Now you can submit your donations to MLERF online. Go to [www.mlerf.org](http://www.mlerf.org) and follow the easy directions. Our secure server guarantees your credit card information is safe.**



## MLERF Receives Gift from Robey Estate



Connie Robey Trautman presents a check in the amount of \$5,000.00 to PDG Orval Heywood for the Missouri Lions Eye Research Foundation.

*Picture L to R are: PDG Heywood, Connie Robey Trautman, Dana Trautman Tooley, Greg Tooley, and their children Page and Collin. Back row are Lions Bill Lambright, Dr. Harold Poynter, David Trautman, Bob Severson. and PCC W. R. O'Riley.*

This was a request of her late mother, Doris Robey, who passed away on July 23, 2000.

Ms. Trautman's father, Don Robey, was very active in Lions at the club, district and state levels. He served as president of the Maryville HOST Lions Club in 1944-45, and as district governor in 1947-48. He was district cabinet secretary/treasurer from 1961 - 1977. Don Robey passed away on January 23, 1978.

### Other Notable Gifts in Last quarter:

**Lake Winnebago Lions**  
(\$10,000.00 private gift credited to club)

**Concord Village Lions**  
(\$15,000 - largest ever club donation to MLERF)



### Triathlon Set for May

**The third annual Race for Sight Triathlon will be held on Sunday, May 6, in Columbia. Proceeds from the event benefit the Amblyopia Screening Program of MLERF.**

**This year's event is anticipated to be bigger and better than ever with more athletes and spectators on hand. A 5K run/walk has been added to make the event more accessible to the general public.**

**The date was chosen to best accommodate the athletes involved. Unfortunately, it conflicts with the State Meeting of the Lions. Any Lion who is not attending the State Meeting and would like to volunteer to help with the Race for Sight should contact MLERF's race promotions coordinator, Heather Stewart, at 800-753-2265 Ext. 247.**

**For more information, or to sign up for the race, visit the webpage at [www.raceforsight.org](http://www.raceforsight.org)**