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Missouri Lions Eye Research Foundation Welcomes New Board of Directors and Officers

COLUMBIA, Mo. (July 30, 2008) – The Missouri Lions Eye Research Foundation held its yearly Educational Forum on June 21, 2008 at the American Legion Hall in Columbia, MO. One of the facets of this yearly meeting is to introduce, nominate, and elect new officers and members.

Lion Stan Rehn, from District 26 M-2, was nominated as the new Board of Directors President. Lion Stuart Payne, from District 26 M-6, was elected to serve the Board of Directors from Missouri Lions District M6. Also, serving one-year terms on the Foundation's Board are Council Chair, Lion Terry Boettcher, and Vice Council Chair, Lion Debbie Blumenberg.

Lion Stan Rehn has been a member of the Concord Village Lions Club in District M-2 since April of 1987, with perfect attendance. Stan is now retired but has worked for nearly 40 years with disabled children and adults providing them with specialized wheelchairs and medical equipment prior to his retirement. He also served in Vietnam and was twice awarded the Bronze Star and once the Army Commendation medal. Stan's wife's name is Carol and they have two daughters, Trista and Jackie. Trista had a brief brush with celebrity by becoming the "Bachelorette" several years ago on ABC television. She and her firefighter husband, Ryan Sutter, are now the parents of Stan's first grandson, Max.

Lion Stuart moved to Missouri from Ohio in 1981 after he got out of the Army, he married Lion Marlene, and they have two daughters. The oldest daughter, Amanda, is in her 3rd year as an MU medical student. Their youngest, Megan Jones, just got married in May and resides in Olathe KS with her husband while she is attends Johnson County Community College. He is a Baptist preacher and he fills in at various small churches throughout the state. In August of 2004 he and his wife Marlene became the charter members of the Carl Junction Lions club and he is serving as president this year. Lion Stuart just finished his third year as a Sight Chairperson for 26-E.

In addition to Lion Stan's election as President, Lion Howard Hawkins of District M6 was elected for a second term as Vice President, PDG Donal Knipp of District M7 was elected as Treasurer and Lion Ron McMullin of District M5 was elected Secretary.

The Missouri Lions Eye Research Foundation a 501(c)3 not-for-profit corporation based out of Columbia, Mo. The Foundation is dedicated to the preservation and restoration of sight through its vision programs including: Amblyopia Prevention Screening, Glaucoma Detection Screening, Eyeglass Recycling, Eye Care Assistance, the Heartland Lions Eye Banks and the support of ocular research. For more information on our programs, please visit www.mlerf.org.

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