

In Memoriam

Past International Director Merle W. Hartle, of Versailles, Ohio, has passed away. He was elected to serve on the International Board of Directors at the association's 55th International Convention held in Mexico City in 1972.

A retired electrical engineer, Past Director Hartle served in a number of professional and community organizations in addition to his responsibilities as a Lion.

Convention Bands & Floats

If your delegation requires band housing, wishes to hire a band, or needs information on parade floats, please contact and complete arrangements directly with:

- Band Housing — PDG Warren Emerson, Phone: (508) 946-4980; E-mail: wremerson@comcast.net.
- Hired Bands — PDG Jackie Millette, Phone: (508) 949-1688; E-mail: lulric1@msn.com.
- Floats — PDG David Cox, Phone: (508) 697-7181; E-mail: honeyanddave@aol.com.

Please note that requests are received on a first-come, first-served basis and include conditions for pre-payment.

Correction

The Academy Awards of Lions Clubs International ceremony will take place during the 89th International Convention in Boston, Massachusetts on Sunday, July 2. The wrong date was listed in the April magazine. THE LION Magazine regrets the error.

Lions Messages & Answers to Key Questions

Do you know what to say if interviewed by a local or regional newspaper about your Lions club or district? Are you giving a presentation to a community or business group about your Lions club? Take a few minutes to prepare your messages so they are concise and positive. Read the key messages and answers to frequently asked questions at www.lionsclubs.org to assist you in your preparation.

Former Member and Spouse Entrance Fee Rebates Available

Effective December 2005-June 2006, former members and existing members' spouses who join a Lions club will receive a rebate for the US\$25 entrance fee. Complete the Former Member Entrance Fee Rebate Form at www.lionsclubs.org. The Spouse Entrance Fee

Rebate Form is also online. For more information on the rebate programs, e-mail Member Operations at memberops@lionsclubs.org.

Make Plans to Recycle for Sight

May is Recycle for Sight Month. Begin planning now for a successful collection effort! Think of places you visit frequently such as restaurants, stores, libraries, eye doctors and banks for ideas of locations to set out eyeglass collection boxes. Be sure to ship the collected glasses to one of the 13 regional Lions Eyeglass Recycling Centers. A simple pair of used eyeglasses can change someone's life for the better.

Promoting the program is key to its success. Many resources are available to help your club with eyeglass recycling:

- Ready to use press release materials that can be sent to radio stations and television stations can be downloaded online at www.lionsclubs.org or obtain a copy by calling 630-571-5466 ext. 358 or e-mailing rfs@lionsclubs.org.
- Public relations also offers free public service announcements.
- A ready-to-use sample news release can be completed and sent to newspapers.
- Club Supplies has collection boxes, box stickers, banners and the video "New Glasses, New Life" (PR-28V) available for purchase through the Club Supplies catalog or Web site.
- Download a certificate of appreciation at www.lionsclubs.org

Higher Key Awards Issued During January 2006 Ambassador Key (150 Members)

- Lion Ahsan Nazir, Dhaka Impact, Republic of Bangladesh

Key of State (75 Members)

- Lion M. Matin, Dhaka Bay of Bengal, Republic of Bangladesh
- Lion Laxmi Pat Lodha Jain, Shibpur, India

Grand Master Key (50 Members)

- Lion Austin D'Souza, Broadview Kala Sampath, Illinois
- Lion Gilbert Vidaurri, Tri Town, Colorado
- Lion P. H. Dharmasiri, Polonnaruwa North Central, Rep. of Sri Lanka

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