

**ADULT VISION SCREENING/
GLAUCOMA SCREENING
DISTRICT 27-C2
ADVISOR GREG TOBISCH**

Dear Club President;

Lions and Lioness District Cabinet 27-C2 has approved the pursuit of doing Free Adult Vision Screening/ Glaucoma Screening, in the district clubs local communities in places like senior centers, voting precincts, strip malls and many other locations.

Glaucoma is a very misunderstood disease. Often, people don't realize the severity or who is affected. I hope the following information is helpful.

Prevent Blindness America estimates that over 4 million Americans have glaucoma, only half knew they have it. According to the National Institute of Health, approximately 120,000 American are blind from glaucoma, which accounts for 9% to 12% of all cases of blindness in the U.S. Estimates have put the total number of cases of glaucoma worldwide at 65 million.

Although glaucoma is not curable (yet) lost vision cannot be regained with medication and/or surgery, it's possible to halt further loss of vision. Screening for glaucoma is the first step to preserving sight. This in conjunction with education can help halt the effects of this chronic condition.

We are affiliating ourselves with Prevent Blindness of Wisconsin. They are committed to this project. They will provide the training and certification to Lions and Lioness members in the use of the screening machine.

Our goal is to purchase three Humphrey Systems FDT screening machines by September 2009. The cost of each machine is \$4740.00. The 27-C2 district cabinet has contributed \$3000.00 towards one machine. We have commitment from one Lions Club and two Lioness Clubs for an substantial amount, this will cover the total cost of one machine.

These machines will be insured and will be centrally located so they can be loaned out to clubs as they need them with certified personnel.

We are asking your club to take this very workable and needed project under serious consideration. Any monetary donation would be greatly appreciated to fund this project.

We would appreciate these donations as soon as possible. We would like to have the machines purchased prior to our training sessions. You can send the checks to Lion Dean Klemm, 640 Brehm Dr., Medford, WI. 54451, the check has to be made out to District 27-C2 and **ear mark the checks GLAUCOMA SCREENING.**

We are planning the training sessions in August 2009, in the Minocqua and Rhinelander area. Tami Radwill from Prevent Blindness will come up from Milwaukee to do the training. The training is approximately 2 to 2 ½ hours. Tami can train up to 50 Lions and Lioness at one time.

Members of your club that are interested in the Adult Screening / Glaucoma Training please sign the accompanying sheet.

Thank you for your clubs considerations. Any Questions please feel free to call 1-715-358-2899 or Email hirtzhaven@charter.net

Respectfully

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District 27-C2

