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Welcome New Lions

Name	Club	Sponsor
Annie B. Crossnoe	Jackson Old Hickory	Robert Blackmon
Cliff H. Little	Jackson Old Hickory	Michael Smith
Teresa Stubbs	Millington Lions	Kathleen Nickle
Lela Brigance	Scotts Hill Lions	E. Clyde Thornhill
Glenda Thornhill	Scotts Hill Lions	E. Clyde Thornhill
Carolyn Math	Union City Casey Johnson	Vonetta Turner
Wardell Math	Union City Casey Johnson	Vonetta Turner
John Franklin, Jr.	Memphis Downtown Lions	Lee Williams

In Memoriam

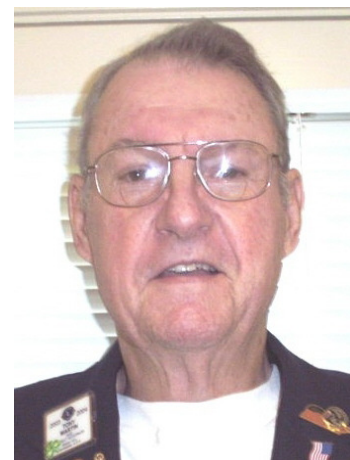
Dewey Barber – Covington Lions Club

District Governor's Schedule: District Governor Tony Martin

My visitation schedule is filling up fairly fast. I visited Troy on August 3 and had a good meeting and installed officers.

Following is visits I have scheduled so far.:

- August 13- Bruceton
- August 15-19 Meet with Lions Clubs organizer John Barnett.
- August 24- Scotts Hill
- August 27- Jackson Old Hickory
- September 1- Huntingdon
- September 3- Paris Lioness
- September 14-Camden
- September 21-Trimble
- September 22-26 USA/Canada Forum
- September 28- Jackson Downtown Noon
- September 28-Germantown 6:30 PM
- October 6- Dyersburg
- October 12- Martin-Noon



October 12- Lexington
 October 13- Humboldt
 October 20- Lakeland
 October 26- Adamsville

I am trying to contact the club Presidents or Secretaries to schedule the meetings rather than just setting a date. Club Presidents or Secretaries of clubs that I have not scheduled should call or e-mail me with your requested dates for me to visit and if you want or have openings for me to come.

Presidents Wirfs program this year strongly supports family clubs, women members and specialty clubs. We have had Raleigh club to turn in their charter and we will be down close to 1000 members at the end of July so I am asking everyone to work on retention and new members.

DG Tony Martin

2010 LIONS LEARNING RETREAT JANUARY 15-17

Where: Manchester Conference Center, Manchester, TN

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Register before November 15, 2009- \$95.00

After November 15, 2009 - \$105.00

Register on site - \$120.00

Theme: "GROWING TO MOVE"

(MY-SELF, MY-FAMILY, MY-CLUB, MY-COMMUNITY, MY-DISTRICT, MY-STATE, MY-COUNTRY, MY-WORLD) "I CAN, YOU CAN, WE CAN"

I have asked several Lions from different states to come and be a speaker, along with a few of our own local Lions. If any one has a suggestion, please get it to me. The applications will be forthcoming in the next month or so. If your club is planning on entering the basket contest, please let Lions Elaine Berkheiser or Nellie Harshbarger know. Any one that would like to furnish a door prize is certainly welcome.

I hope you are making plans on attending this workshop-learning retreat. Also, the choir will be there, and if you would like to sing with them, you are welcome to join.

Serving others thru Lionism,

12S 2nd VDG and LLR Chairperson,

Linda Justice

If any Lion, district wide, especially young in service, wants to go to this Learning Retreat the District may pay part of the cost. Please Contact District Governor Tony Martin if you are interested.

The Lions Clubs International Foundation

Lions Clubs International Foundation, the official charitable Foundation of Lions Clubs International, brings help, hope and healing to the world. The Foundation's mission is to support the efforts of Lions clubs worldwide in serving their local communities and the world community as they carry out essential humanitarian service projects. For more information visit www.lcif.org.

Giving Children of All Abilities a Place to Play

Liz Lamach wanted what all moms want – a safe place for her son to play with other kids. But her son Matteo has cerebral palsy. And most playgrounds don't have the ramps or the space he needs to move his wheelchair. Liz was determined to find a way to create a place where children of all abilities could come together and play. After some research, Liz began to plan for a new playground. But with a cost of nearly US\$750,000, it would take a lot more than she could give.

The Lions step in:

Liz rallied the local Lions, and with a generous US\$75,000 grant from ***LCIF***, the project began. Lions from 45 clubs went on to raise almost US\$500,000. They also joined forces with other community groups to build the park themselves. In just eight days, 3,000 volunteers erected the 12,000 square foot playground. Ron Hudson from the Dawn Breakers Lions Club was one of them. "I spent eight days building Matteo's Dream," he said, "and it was the best thing I have ever done in my life."

Open to everyone:

When "Matteo's Dream: A Playground for Children of All Abilities" opened to the public, local parents like Tamara Borba were elated. They finally had a place where their children could play alongside siblings with special needs. "To have Matteo's Dream in our neighborhood is wonderful," said Borba. "Both my kids can play. Nicky can be set free. He can wheel himself up and down the ramps and play with everything." Laura Hoffmesiter, the former mayor of Concord, added, "The dream really did become a reality. And we hope this can become a model for other communities."

Fun facts:

This project reestablished the Concord Lions Club with Liz as the charter president. The Concord Lions Club not only maintains the playground – but it also holds club meetings there.

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