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DG Comments



Greetings Fellow Lions of West Tennessee!

As many of you know, diabetes is the leading cause of preventable blindness in the United States. Many people are unaware that they have this disease. I believe that we can help!

Diabetes Chairman Lynn Smith and I have spent the past few months working on a District 12L Diabetes Screening project that we hope will address this within our communities. I am happy to report that we are finally beginning to see the light at the end of the tunnel! A trial run of the screening, that a lot of clubs have expressed interest in, will be done by the Huntingdon Lions Club at the Huntingdon Heritage Festival on September 24, 2011. Once this screening has been done, we will be able to “tweak” it and move forward to other clubs in the District.

For those of you that are not familiar with this project, this is something that was done by a Lions Club in District 12N, and a service I think we can implement district-wide here in 12L. We have had the manuals and paperwork for some time and are now in possession of many glucometers and lancets. We are in the process of obtaining test strips and various other items that will be needed to test blood sugar levels of people in our communities. Once we’re ready to “go public” with this, Lion Lynn (who has been a nurse for 20 years) will be available to train Lions Club members in the proper procedure for performing blood sugar testing.

Calling All Artists

Do you like to draw? Do you consider yourself an artist? Are you competitive? If so, this contest is for you!!! The call is out now for designs for the International Convention Trading Pin for the 2013 Convention in Hamburg, Germany! All designs are due no later than December 1, 2011 to PDG Ron Foster. The design **MUST** contain the "**Tennessee Cat**"! No other lion style will be accepted by the Tennessee Pin Traders.

Lexington Lions Club

Jackson Old Hickory Lions President Michael Smith.

Jackson Old Hickory Lions Lifetime/Charter member Bob Blackmon

Scotts Hill Lions Club

Rutherford Lions Club in 1948 and Rutherford Now

Milan Lions Club

Cottage Grove Lions Club.

Martin Lions Club

DISTRICT 12-L LEOS

DG Carmion Fuhrman is pictured with the Bradford Leo Club.

DG Carmion presenting newly elected Bradford Leo President Dalton Harrison with Lions Clubs International President Tam's personal pin. DG Carmion has taken IP Tam's "President to President" project one step further and is presenting his personal pin to the Leo Presidents in our District.

The Bradford Leos are having fun while washing cars for a fundraiser!

The Bradford Leo Club is the NEWEST Leo Club in District 12-L! We would like to welcome them and wish them well as they start serving their community and showing others what outstanding youth they are really are!

District 12-L Organizational Meeting Update

There were 82 Lions and 4 guests representing 22 Lions Clubs across the District.

DG Carmion Fuhrman announced International President Tam's global service project of planting 1 million trees to demonstrate how Lions Clubs around the world work together. DG Carmion Fuhrman also shared how she pledged for our district to plant 100 trees and gave \$250 to the DG of Kenya, Ethiopia, and Seychelles.

DG Carmion Fuhrman also announced the three new contests within the District.

The first is that there is a new "**Membership Contest**". Anyone who sponsors a new member during the 2011-2012 Lion year will have their name put in for a drawing at the end of the year. The prize will be \$100.00. If you sponsor one new member, your name will be put into the drawing one time, if you sponsor ten new members, your name will go in the drawing ten times! You don't need to do anything except get more people involved with Lions. She'll be monitoring the Lions International website for new Lions.

The other new contest is called the “**Visitation Contest**”. Postcards were sent in a packet to all the club secretaries in District 12-L. Every time a member visits another club they need to have that club’s secretary or president fill out the back side, then, just put some postcard postage on it and mail it to her. The Lion who visits the most Lions Clubs will win a prize, the Lion who visits the club furthest away from their home club will win a prize and the Lions Club that has the highest percentage of their members visit another club will win a prize. (District Officers and Chairmen are not eligible, because they’ll be doing a lot of traveling this year.)

The third contest is called “**Find the Tree**”. Each month there will be a very small tree “planted” somewhere in the UnTwisted Tale newsletter. The first to locate and send Lion Robin Butler, Editor, UnTwisted Tale the exact page number and location will win \$10.

Tiptonville Lions Club President, Terry Jamison, reported how flooding affected Lake County and appreciated efforts of Lions Clubs to help in relief efforts. Lion Francene Epley, also reported on flooding effects in the Dyer County area.

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The first “Find the Tree” contest winner is PDG Robert Hurt, Trimble Lions Club! PDG Hurt donated his \$10 prize to the District Leadership Fund to help send new Lions to Lions Learning Retreats for training.

12-L Directory Corrections

CHANGES TO DISTRICT 12L DIRECTORY AFTER PUBLISHING & E-MAILING

District 12L website should be: wtnlions.org not wtnlion.org;

We have a new LCIF Chairman - Herman "Smitty" Carter of the McKenzie Lions Club.
smittycarter@inbox.com

Rutherford Lions Club

Now meets at the Family Restaurant, 109 McKnight St., Rutherford

Lakeland Lions Club has a new Treasurer

Brenda Lockhart, Treasurer
 3122 Clubview Cove South
 Lakeland, TN 38002
 901-870-6474 901-870-6474
lockhart@comcast.net

Cottage Grove Lions Club

Meets at Carmack's Fish Barn, 2165 Hwy 140N, Cottage Grove, since it has reopened. They go between there and the Cottage Grove Baptist Church.

Milan Lions Club

Secretary, Taft Ayers

The area code for the phone number should be (901), not (731).

Lions Cross State Lines To Render Assistance!

In addition to the \$10,000 grant that Dyer, Tipton and Shelby counties received in June, 2011 from the Lions Clubs International Foundation, the 2009-2010 Past District Governors of SD10 and MD11 pooled their personal resources to reach out to the residents of Lake County, Tennessee who affected by the May, 2011 flooding.

After communicating with then DG David Butler, these PDGs in Michigan purchased and packaged toiletry items, along with four glucometers, for the purpose of helping those in need. These items filled two very large boxes and five smaller boxes. District 11C2 PDG Kevin Storberg and his wife, Lion Ann Storberg brought the boxes with them when they relocated from Michigan to the Knoxville area on Memorial Day weekend.

Shortly before the 4th of July weekend, the boxes were picked up by family members of Cabinet Secretary and Trimble Lions Club member Kelly Campbell and carried to Franklin, Tennessee. Lion Kelly then traveled to Franklin, on behalf of the Lions of District 12-L, and picked up the boxes. She, with the assistance of 2nd VDG and Trimble Lions Club President Anita Taylor, delivered the boxes to Tiptonville. The glucometers were taken to the Reelfoot Rural Ministries.

The Tiptonville Lions Club, with the help of Margaret Newton Elementary School Principal Sherry Darnall and Tiptonville resident (and flood victim) Sonya Wyatt, delivered 30 “care packages” to households directly impacted by the May, 2011 flooding.

This is a great example of how our family of Lions come together to help each other in addressing needs in our communities! Kudos to everyone involved!

District 12-L Lions and Lions Club Receive Special Recognition



Gwen and Bert Faller of Lakeland were recently presented President Barack Obama's "President's Council on Service and Civic Participation" Lifetime Achievement award. To qualify for this family award, recipients must have contributed more than 4,000 hours of community service. The award was presented at a Lakeland Lions Club meeting by council representative Calvin Sammons of Bartlett. The recognition packet consisted of a Volunteer Service Award Certificate, a letter of congratulations signed by Obama and the Lifetime Service award pin.

District 12-L Lions, Bert and Gwen Faller, receive President Barack Obama's "President's Council on Service and Civic Participation" Lifetime Achievement Award as published by the Memphis Commercial Appeal, July 16, 2011.

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The **Paris Lions Club** was recently voted the best civic club in the Readers' Choice Awards in Paris, TN.

Each year the Paris Post Intelligencer (PI) sponsors the Readers' Choice Contest. Readers vote on numerous categories such as restaurants, doctors, civic clubs, etc.

## Lions Environmental Photo Contest

In the 7 years that this contest has been going, District 12-L has been privileged to send 5 photos on to the International competition. Lion Robin Butler, Trimble Lions Club, had a double category win in 2005 while attending the Hong Kong convention with 1<sup>st</sup> place wins in the Best Landscape and Best Overall categories. She also won in 2007 in the Best Overall category. 🌳 District 12-L Lions from the Trimble Club, 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Anita Taylor and Lion Dennis Davin have had outstanding photos that were showcased in the Lions Club International Calendars. MD 12 has sent a photo to the International competition every year since the inception of this contest.

Please get out in your communities and take photos! Choose the one that best shows off your immediate club area and enter in your club's contest and be sure to get a club winner into the district contest. Let's keep up the tradition of sending a winning photograph to International convention to be judged by other Lions from around the world.

**Get your winning club photos in to DG Carmion Fuhrman by December 15, 2011!**

The Lions Environmental Photo Contest provides a way for Lions to portray, through an original photo, their pride and commitment to improving, protecting and preserving their environment.

Lions from clubs in good standing can enter an original, unaltered, black-and-white or color photo (**without people**) of the environment of their Lions club in the following 2011-12 Lions Environmental Photo Contest categories:

- Animal Life
- Landscape (Urban or natural)
- Plant Life
- Weather Phenomenon
- Protecting our future with trees: Photos of trees and the vital role they play in our communities

The impartial judging of photos should focus on originality, artistic merit, and portrayal of the environmental theme.

- LIONS CLUBS select and submit one winning photo to the district.
- LIONS DISTRICTS select and submit one winning photo to the multiple district. January 15, 2012 is the suggested deadline for districts to submit one 8" x 10" (20.3 x 25.4 cm) printed photo to the multiple district.
- LIONS MULTIPLE DISTRICTS select and submit one winning photo to the international contest. March 1, 2012 is the deadline for multiple districts to submit one 8" x 10" (20.3 x 25.4 cm) printed photograph and an official entry form (available on the Lions Web site) signed by the council chairperson to Lions Headquarters.
- LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL will display multiple district-level entries at the annual Lions international convention. Registered convention attendees will vote for their favorite photos. An award will be presented to the winning photographers. The six (the five category winners and the Best of Show) winning photos will appear on the Lions Web site.

Lion photographers accept responsibility for the cost of taking and processing all photos. Contest photos become the property of Lions Clubs International. Lions Clubs International reserves the right to disqualify

entries that do not meet contest criteria or that may be viewed as inappropriate or objectionable. E-mail contest questions to: [programs@lionsclubs.org](mailto:programs@lionsclubs.org) EPC.11.EN – rev. 5/2011

Winning club-level photographs will advance to the district, multiple district, and international competitions. Registered attendees of the Lions international convention will vote for their favorite in each category, as well as their overall favorite photograph. The six photos will appear [on the Contest Winners page](#). The six Lions photographers will receive an award.

## **District 12-L Announcements**

### **Lions District 12-L Fall Conference**

**Mark your calendar and plan to join us for fellowship and business.**

#### **Presenting**

**“The Trial of Ordinary J. (O.J.) Lion”**

**A play written by PID Bill Watkins & Directed by PDG Robert Hurt.**

**Introducing “Progressive Auction”...bring some \$1 bills with you.**

**“Projects - an Open Discussion” & an Opportunity for Lions to Discuss Ideas.**

**Breakfast and lunch will be provided  
by Carroll County Humane Society.**

Saturday, October 22, 2011

Star Center

1119 Old Humboldt Rd.

Jackson, TN

**Watch your email, mail and our newsletter, for registration forms and cost details.**

## **DISTRICT 12-L LIONS SPRING CONVENTION**

February 24-25, 2012

At the beautiful Paris Landing State Park,  
Buchanan, Tennessee

We're planning a lot of fun for the Lions, Lioness' and Leos of District 12L!

Please mark your calendars now for this  
exciting event.

Details coming to you soon!

### **Visitation and Project Schedule for District 12L Lions Clubs**

August 15, 2011 – Trimble Lions Club

August 16, 2011 – Paris Lions Club

August 18, 2011 – Parsons Lions Club

August 20, 2011 – Milan Dawg Daze Street Festival – 10a.m.-6p.m., Free admission, Downtown Milan (Milan Lions participating)

August 22, 2011 – Adamsville Lions Club  
 August 22, 2011 – Savannah Lions Club  
 August 23, 2011 – Tiptonville Lions Club  
 August 23, 2011 – Union City Casey-Johnson Lions Club  
 August 25, 2011 – Newbern Lions Club “Carhop for Tips” at the Sonic in Newbern from 2-6 p.m.  
 August 25, 2011 – Bruceton Lions Club  
 September 1, 2011 – Paris Lioness Club  
 September 7, 2011 – Martin Lions Club Health Clinic @ Martin Soy Bean Festival  
 September 8, 2011 – Medina Lions Club  
 September 9-11, 2011 – Germantown Arts & Crafts Festival. The Germantown and Southern College of Optometry Lions Clubs will be there, along with the Lions Mobile Sight Clinic.  
 September 10, 2011 – Millington – International Goat Festival. Millington Lions Club will be serving a pancake breakfast from 7-11 a.m.  
 September 12, 2011 – McKenzie Lions Club  
 September 12, 2011 - Puryear Lions Club  
 September 13, 2011 – Greenfield Lions Club  
 September 16, 2011 – Selmer Lions Club “Annual Four Person Golf Scramble”  
 September 16-17, 2011 – Bradford Doodle Soup Festival  
 September 17, 2011 – Huntingdon Heritage Festival  
 September 19, 2011 @ 8a.m. – Humboldt Lions Club - West Tennessee “Eye Opener” Golf Tournament  
 September 16 -29, 2011 – Anchorage, Alaska for the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum (9/22-24/11)  
 October – Lions Membership Growth Month  
 October 1, 2011 – Scotts Hill Lions Club – Celebration for the Doe Creek Schoolhouse restoration  
 October 3, 2011 – Covington Lions Club  
 October 4, 2011 – Collierville Lions Club  
 October 7-8, 2011 – MD12 PDG Annual Retreat in Lebanon, Tennessee  
 October 8, 2011 – Cottage Grove 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Motorcycle Run  
 October 10, 2011 – Jackson Downtown Lions Club  
 October 10, 2011 – Germantown Lions Club  
 October 11, 2011 – Millington Lions Club  
 October 13, 2011 – Memphis Bluff City Lions Club  
 October 15, 2011 – International White Cane Safety Day  
 October 18, 2011 – Lakeland Lions Club  
 October 22, 2011 – Fall Conference at the Star Center  
 October 24, 2011 – Camden Lions Club (not confirmed)  
 October 24, 2011 – Bolivar Lions Club (not confirmed)  
 November – Lions Diabetes Awareness Month  
 November 1, 2011 – Memphis Whitehaven Lions Club  
 November 4-5, 2011 – MD12 Meeting in Nashville and Honors Banquet  
 November 5, 2011 – Jackson Downtown Lions “Dark Dinner” at The Star Center  
 November 7, 2011 – Troy Lions Club

November 12, 2011 – Mid-South Lions Sight & Hearing Quarterly Meeting in Memphis

November 14, 2011 – World Diabetes Day

November 14, 2011 – Middleton Lions Club

November 15, 2011 – Postmark deadline for a club to send one winning poster (per contest sponsored) to the district governor

November 16, 2011 – Bartlett Lions Club

November 18, 2011 – Paris Lioness Luncheon

December 1, 2011 – Postmark deadline for a district governor to send one winning Peace Poster entry to the multiple district council chairperson

December 5, 2011 – International Leo Day

December 9, 2011 – Lions Day & Annual Christmas Party at the Tennessee School for the Blind & Ed Lindsey Industries for the Blind Annual Christmas Luncheon

December 12, 2011 – Bradford Lions Club

December 15, 2011 – Deadline for District 12L Lions Clubs to submit Environmental Photo Contest to the District Governor

December 31, 2011 – Early discount on convention registration fees

January, 2012 – Glaucoma Awareness Month

January 9-13, 2012 – LCIF Week

January 13-15, 2012 – Tennessee Lions Learning Retreat in Manchester, Tennessee

January 15, 2012 – Deadline for districts to submit a single Lions Environmental Contest entry to the multiple district

February 10-11, 2012 – District 12-I Convention in Nashville

February 17-18, 2012 – District 12-N Convention in Knoxville

February 24-25, 2012 – District 12-L Convention at Paris Landing State Park

March 1, 2012 – Deadline for multiple districts to submit a single Lions Environmental Photo Contest entry to International Headquarters

March 2-3, 2012 – District 12-S Convention in Murfreesboro

March 9-10, 2012 – District 12-O Convention in Cleveland

March 9-10, 2012 – Mid-South Lions Sight & Hearing Quarterly Meeting in Rogers, AR

March 23-24, 2012 – DG & VDG Training in Nashville

April, 2012 – Leo Club Awareness Month

April, 2012 – Help us to create an accurate directory by holding your elections and having your club's form PU101 entered into the LCI website this month!

April 13-14, 2012 – Mid-South Lions Sight & Hearing Lions Leaders Weekend at the Hamilton Eye Institute

May 4-6, 2012 – MD12 State Convention in Kingsport, Tennessee

May 11-17, 2012 – White Cane Week

May 15, 2012 – Annual Leo Club Officers and Membership Report Form (Leo-72) due to International

May 15, 2012 – Deadline for filing Officer Reporting Form (PU101)

June 8-9, 2012 – Mid-South Lions Sight & Hearing Annual Membership meeting and elections

Clubs to be scheduled – Memphis Downtown, Memphis Southern College of Optometry, Arlington Leo Club, Big Sandy Leo Club, Camden HS Leo Club, Dyer County HS Leo Club, Harrelson Elem Leo Club, Henry County HS Leo Club, Henry Middle School Leo Club, Lakewood Middle School Leo Club, McKenzie HS Leo Club.

## Bus Trip to Leader Dog September 15 – 16, 2011

A bus trip to Leader Dog is being planned. We will leave the Lions State Office on Thursday, September 15 at 6:00 a.m. and arrive in Rochester that evening. We will have our dinner at Chapman's Grill then go to the ConCorde Inn. On Friday we will go to Leader Dog at 9:00 a.m. and return to the Lions State Office during the night of September 16, 2011.

Cost for the trip will be \$135.00 per person plus meals and room. We will need a minimum of 40 people registered no later than August 15. Snacks and beverages will be available on the bus. If we don't get 40 people the trip will be cancelled and your money will be refunded. Also, if we have more than 40 people and/or if the Council of Governors agrees to use some of the State Project budget to supplement the bus trip, a refund for the difference will be made.

ConCorde Inn has agreed to give us their Leader Dog rate which is about \$60.00; this includes a continental breakfast. To make your hotel reservation, call 1-248-299-1210 and indicate you are with the Tennessee Lions/Leader Dog. Cutoff date for reserving rooms is September 1.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to District 12-I  
Mail checks and registration to: Elaine and John Berkheiser  
MD-12 Leader Dog Coordinator  
1669 Cornersville Highway  
Lewisburg, Tennessee 37091