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District Governor Comments



Season's Greetings 12L Lions, Let me start off by wishing all of District 12L a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Remember that we are into the service campaign of "relieving hunger". Please know that U.S. alone had over 48 million households that were considered in lacking food. I know that there are many in our midst that "WE" Lions of 12L can give able assistance.

I want to thank you for allowing me to serve alongside of this great district. I received the Healthy Club Assessment for LCI. I knew that it was coming and I was preparing myself for the report. We are down in our membership from 1067-1015. Now we have to replenish our depletions with a great membership drive. We can accomplish this by every club member in the entire district asking just one per person to join our great association.

I have just returned from the "Tennessee School for the Blind" Christmas Program. One word-"Awesome". While there, the judging took place of the peace poster contest. I have not told but a few people. 12L shined their light for the entire state to see. Southern College of Optometry submitted a poster that has won the district/state and is now headed for International. Congratulations to the sponsoring club SCO. I will ask the winner to be in attendance at the 12L District Convention to receive their award.

Wow, it looks like I am almost a PDG which tells me it is time to prepare for the upcoming 12L District Convention. Please mark your calendars for February 4-5, 2011. Planning is in full swing of the convention. I do not want to give away very many details. I want many things taking place to be over the top and very surprising. Let us make this the best convention ever. The only way that we can pull this off is for all clubs be in attendance and participate. There will be things to do for all ages including your children. Please do not let that be your excuse in not participating.

Once again if I have not visited your club please contact me, or if you need me for anything do not hesitate to call or email. Thanks again for letting me serve alongside and with YOU!

We SeRvE

District Governor David Butler

Sight Van

School is back in session and the sight van will be operating full blast. They need financial support. 23 clubs donated to the sight van operation last year and they need all the help they can get. **Please make donations to the sight van.** Send any donations to Ray Murphey, Lions Mobile Sight Clinic and Charities, 112 Chamberlain Drive, Humboldt, TN 38343

Carl Gibson
 2nd VDG
 District 12-L Lions

Due to health issues and other obligations in my family, I wish to resign as Second Vice District Governor in District 12-L Lions effective June 30, 2011. I will continue my duties as 2nd VDG through the end of this term but do not wish a letter of nomination for 1st VDG for 2011-2012.

I have enjoyed working with District 12-L and the MD-12 Lions. I will continue to be active in my local Middleton Lions Club and continue to support Lions at every opportunity permitted.

Sincerely,
 Carl Gibson
 2nd VDG District 12-L Lions

If you are a qualified lion and would be interested in running for 2nd VDG please contact DG David Butler or IPDG Tony Martin as soon as possible.

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VIRGINIA LINDSEY LEADERSHIP AWARD GUIDELINES

CANDIDATE should:

- (1) be forty (40) years of age or younger
- (2) be a Lion for not more than (8) years
- (3) be a Lion in "good standing" from a club in "good standing"
- (4) be a regular attendee in the local Lions Club
- (5) have a well-defined sense of mission and purpose and to be service oriented
- (6) be able to set clear goals and to give clear directions
- (7) display self-confidence and desire to lead and develop teams to get results

(8) show interest by attendance and participation in the District and State events

Past District Governors, District Governors, Vice District Governors and their spouses are not eligible to receive this award as they have had their opportunity to serve in a leadership role.

GRADING SYSTEM-guidance for the selection process should consider the following:

- 1) Service in Lionism-explain in detail and give examples (committees chaired and served on, awards, members sponsored, etc.) = 60 percent
- 2) Service in the church and community-explain in detail and give examples (boards and committees served on, classes taught, and awards, etc.) = 30 per cent
- 3) Overall conduct in everyday world (examples set by this person and reputation in the community) = 10 percent

Club nominations must be received by the **District Chairperson by January 28th each year.**
The District VLLA committee must select the district recipient and forward to the **State Chairperson no later than February 15.**

ALL NOMINEES FOR DISTRICT 12-L SHOULD BE MAILED TO:
 LIONESSE POLLY GALLAMORE
 DISTRICT 12-L CHAIRPERSON
 1020 N. MARKET ST.
 PARIS, TN 38242
 email: pjbjg_58@yahoo.com

Proposed Amendment to the District 12-L Constitution and By-Laws

Article V – District Administrative Fund

Add Section 5: District Governor's Reserve Fund for Convention Travel

The District Governor's Reserve Fund for Convention Travel shall be established as an interest-bearing investment account. This account shall roll over annually, currently in September, when a contribution of a least one dollar per member from current per capita dues is made by each District Governor to replenish said account. The funds in this account shall be used by the outgoing District Governor to attend the Lions International Convention at the conclusion of the Governor's term. The expenses to be reimbursed by this account shall not exceed those expenses permitted by the Lions Clubs International Rules of Audit for District Governors Elect (DGEs). The reimbursement shall be for the governor only, not spouses or other relatives, and transportation shall be by the least expensive means available. Any monies withdrawn from this account in excess of expenses shall be returned to the account.

NOTE: This amendment legitimizes the current account known as the "Out of USA Travel Fund". That fund, to the best of our knowledge, was established by a District Governor's Cabinet action although no record of that action can be found.

Article V – District Administrative Fund

Add to Section 2. Use of Funds

Funds received from prior administrations will be used only as an Emergency Administrative Reserve Account and will not be used in preparing the current year's budget, except to make up for a projected budget shortfall. Any excess of these funds may be invested in Certificates of Deposit for a period not to exceed the current administration's term.

Add to Section 6. District Governor (DG) and Vice District Governors (VDGs) Expenses

Since specific meeting times with International Officers are scheduled for the DG and VDGs at the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, the DG and VDGs shall be reimbursed for their attendance at the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum as follows:

- A. The District shall pay the registration fee, hotel deposit and six hundred dollars (\$600.00) for each of the attendees.
- B. The expense money is to be used to help defray the cost of transportation, accommodation and meals for the attendee.
- C. There is no provision for reimbursement for spouses or other family members.

Lions Learning Retreat

Wouldn't you like to have a new flat screen TV? Here is your chance. Two, brand new 24-inch LED flat screen TVs donated by PID Bill Watkins will be given away at the LLR coming up in January 2011. One will be given away Friday evening, January 14 and the other at the brunch on Sunday, January 16. You must be present to win!!

It is still not too late to register. You will not only have a chance at the TVs but you will have the opportunity to attend several helpful and informative seminars, and to share a lot of food and fun with a bunch of fellow Lions. What better way to spend a weekend? Note that Saturday only registrants will not have a chance to win the TVs.

To whet your appetite, here is a partial list of speakers and topics:

- CC Bob Corlew—roundtable discussion of Tennessee Lions State Projects
- PID John Pearce—Principles, guides for leadership
- PDG Howard Cook—Conducting Lions Ceremonies
- PID Bill Watkins—LCIF
- VDG Chuck Bailey—Situational Leadership
- PDG Wendy Cain—Public Speaking
- PDG Charles Haffner—Club Leadership (Sunday)
- PDG Ann Haffner—Awards and Recognition
 - PDG Dianne Pitts—Rewards of District Leadership Roles
 - PDG Ken Moffett—Social Media for Lions
 - PDG Clare Crawford—Care and Feeding of Lions
 - Lana Newton/Terry Rice—Partnership for Deaf & Blind Services in Tennessee (Sunday)

There'll be fun and games on Friday evening, an auction on Saturday, a choir in which to participate and/or listen to, and an exciting basket contest.

Puryear Lions Club

The Puryear Lions Club held their Annual Community Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony and Chili Dinner on Friday, December 3, 2010, beginning at 6pm. Over 100 people from the community enjoyed homemade chili and desserts. The Puryear Lions do not charge any admission, but they welcome donations. Every child present is eligible to participate in a drawing for a large Christmas stocking, filled with all kinds of goodies! They are also eligible for a drawing to win a girl's bicycle or a boy's bicycle. The bicycles are given to the Lions Club by an anonymous donor for this occasion. The Leos Club from Harrelson Middle School was on hand to help out!

Tennessee Lions Charities Annual Meeting

At the Annual Meeting of Tennessee Lions Charities, during the State Convention 2011, one Trustee from each District will be elected for a three year term to begin July 2011. The Nominating Committee is composed of Ron Birdwell, Chairman, Robert Hurt and Thom Wilson members. Nominations must be received by the Chairman 45 days (NLT 28 Feb 11) prior the Annual Meeting.

District 12L Spring Convention

February 4 – 5, 2011
Lannom Center
2000 Commerce Ave.
Dyersburg, TN 38024

Hotel info:
Holiday Inn Express & Suites
822 Reelfoot Drive
Dyersburg, TN 38024
731-286-1021

Please ask for Lions Rates. \$79 + tax.

But, Mrs. Barbara asked us to pass on that if you are state employed or active military please let them know and book under the lower rates for those groups. For the veterans, you may want to ask about discounts, none were mentioned, but never hurts to ask.

Please remember that the contest deadlines have been moved up a month due to the State convention being in April this year.
