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### DG Comments



Greetings Fellow Lions of West Tennessee!

The Fall Conference went well. If you were there, you know that the Trimble Lions Club did an awesome job with the "Trial of Ordinary J. Lion" under the leadership and direction of PDG Robert Hurt. Thank you again for all of your efforts! We had a total of 58 people in attendance at the meeting, representing 20 Lions Club in District 12L, and special guest PDG Thom Wilson of the Chapel Hill Lions Club in District 12I.

Before we get too far into the year I'd like to send out a reminder to the officers of the Lions Clubs here in District 12L. Please be sure that your club membership information is correct with Lions Clubs International. They, and the District Treasurer, will be basing your membership dues on the number of members shown on the LCI website for your club as of January 1, 2012. Unless this information is correct, you may end up being liable for paying membership dues for members who are no longer in your club. Plus, if your new members are not shown in the records, they will not receive credit for their proper years of service. Keeping these records accurate is critical. If any of your club officers are having difficulty logging into the website to check the membership status, please feel free to contact me and we'll work through getting this set up.

I'd like to also take this opportunity to thank all of you for the wonderful work you are doing in your communities throughout West Tennessee! I know that you are a true blessing for those in need of the services you provide.

I wish you all a very wonderful and safe holiday season!

Club Visits - November, 2011

Memphis Whitehaven Lions Club visit  
11/1/11



Troy Lions Club visit  
11/7/11



Bolivar Lions Club visit  
11/8/11



Memphis Southern College of Optometry visit &  
induction of new members 11/10/11



Middleton Lions Club visit 11/14/11



Bartlett Lions Club visit  
11/16/11



# Lions Club Projects and Happenings for November, 2011

Tennessee Lions Charities – Honors Banquet November 5, 2011



Germantown Lion Dave Docauer receives his Lindsey-Jennings Award



Camden Lion Tom Palmer receives his Lindsey-Jennings Award



Ed Weaver, Jr. accepts a posthumous honor on behalf of his father, Humboldt Lion PDG Ed Weaver, Sr.



PCC B.J. Gallamore accepts an award on behalf of Lexington Lion PCC Bennie Scott

The Jackson Downtown Lions Club held a very successful “Dinner in the Dark” at the STAR Center on November 5, 2011



The Jackson Downtown Lions Club recognized the service of our veterans at their annual Veterans Day celebration on November 7, 2011



The Paris Lioness Club held their Annual Luncheon on November 18, 2011. Good food and good company!



Paducah Telethon of the Stars 11/12-13/11

Many of the Northwest Tennessee Lions Clubs support this annual event through storefront collections and roadblocks. These Lions Clubs include the Cottage Grove Lions (\$1500+), the Dresden Lions (\$2200+), the Martin Lions (\$450), the Troy Lions (\$700), and the Union City Casey-Johnson Lions (\$1000).



Clients from Tennessee await the arrival of the "Stars" at the Autograph Party on Saturday afternoon.



Shawn Christian (aka Dr. Daniel Jonas on Days of Our Lives) talks to members of the crowd.



Making balloon shapes for everyone



Showing off their autographs on pieces of board they got to "karate chop" in half!



Ray Ligon of Madisonville, KY stops to visit



Union City Casey-Johnson Lions Club President Joe Johnson and DG Carmion Fuhrman speak to the audience about the Lions Clubs of West Tennessee and what they do to support the cause.

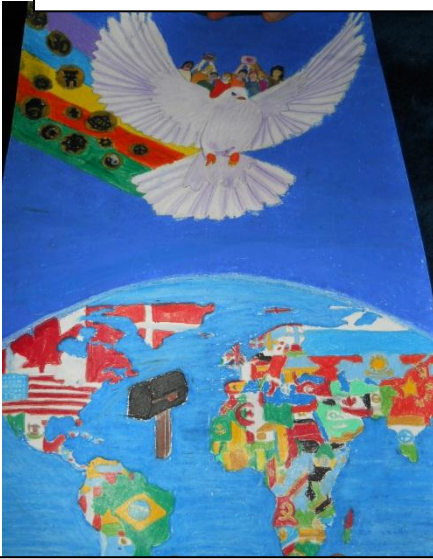
## 2011 Peace Poster Contest "Children Know Peace"



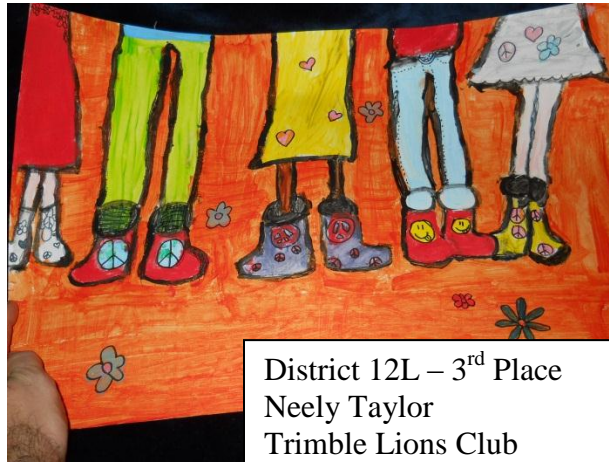
Members of the Memphis Southern College of Optometry Lions Club choose from the 27 entries submitted on November 10, 2011



District 12L – 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
Kara Drago  
Memphis SCO Lions Club



District 12L – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
Luis Saucedo  
Memphis SCO Lions Club



District 12L – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place  
Neely Taylor  
Trimble Lions Club

We received the following e-mail from the family we helped that I told you about in the last newsletter:

"I wish there were words to describe my sister's experience when she got things lined up and could see the family picture I had placed on the CCTV unit. With amazement, she said "I can see!!" and continued through the family album of pictures I brought for her to go down memory lane.

Thank you so much for helping Ann recapture some independence she once knew. Whenever I call her now she says she uses her unit daily. Ann's husband of 64 years died a year and a half ago. Ann lives alone (with her son next door) and manages as well as possible. She is on oxygen full time ever since her heart surgery. As you can surmise, she has minimal outside stimulants. Being able to read her Bible and look over her own correspondence is such a joy for her.

Thank you again for caring for those who have vision challenges. We appreciate you and the Lions Club for your ongoing desire to help those who cannot help themselves."

## **CANDIDACY REQUIREMENTS**

### **DISTRICT GOVERNOR**

A candidate for the office of district governor shall:

- (a) Be an active member in good standing of a chartered Lions club in good standing in his/her single or sub-district.
- (b) Secure the endorsement of his/her club or a majority of the clubs in his/her single or sub-district.
- (c) Currently be serving as the first vice district governor within the district from which he/she is to be elected.
- (d) Only in the event the current first vice district governor does not stand for election as district governor, or if a vacancy in the position of first vice district governor exists at the time of the district convention, any club member who fulfills the qualifications for the office of second vice district governor as set forth in these by-laws or constitution and who is currently serving or who has served one (1) additional year as a member of the district cabinet, shall fulfill the requirements of subsection (c) of this section.

### **FIRST VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR**

A candidate for the office of first vice district governor shall:

- (1) Be an Active Member in good standing of a chartered Lions club in good standing in his/her single or sub-district.
- (2) Secure the endorsement of his/her club or a majority of the clubs in his/her single or sub-district.
- (3) Currently be serving as the second vice district governor within the district from which he/she is to be elected.
- (4) Only in the event the current second vice district governor does not stand for election as first vice district governor, or if a vacancy in the position of second vice district governor exists at the time of the district convention, any club member who fulfills the qualifications for the office of second vice district governor as set forth in these by-laws or constitution shall fulfill the requirements of subsection (3) of this section.

### **SECOND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR**

A candidate for the office of second vice district governor shall:

- (1) Be an Active Member in good standing of a chartered Lions club in good standing in his/her single or sub-district.
- (2) Secure the endorsement of his/her club or a majority of the clubs in his/her single or sub-district.
- (3) Have served or will have served at the time he/she takes office as second vice district governor:
  - (a) As president of a Lions club for a full term or major portion thereof, and a member of the board of directors of a Lions club for no less than two (2) additional years; and
  - (b) As zone chairperson or region chairperson or cabinet secretary and/or treasurer for a full term or major portion thereof.
  - (c) With none of the above being accomplished concurrently.

**Deadline for Nomination Letters is December 24, 2011.**

Please mail all nominating letters to:

PDG Tony Martin  
699 Olen Britt Road  
Decaturville, TN 38329

**UnTwisted Tale Editor Comments**

Due to technology difficulties with Yahoo email DG Carmion is emailing the December issue of the UnTwisted Tale Newsletter for me.

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**Find A Tree Monthly Contest**

Find a Tree Contest \$10 winner for the month of November was Regina Turner of the Union City Casey – Johnson Lions Club.

Please search for the tree in the December issue while you are reading over all the important information in this month's issue!

**District 12-L Announcements**

**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!

**Directory Changes**

Please change PDG Bill Boughton's email address to: [boughtonwj@yahoo.com](mailto:boughtonwj@yahoo.com)

DG Carmion has a new phone number: 1-731-336-2284

## **New Cabinet Secretary**

District 12-L has a new Cabinet Secretary effective November 17, 2011. Clarissa Davis of the Memphis White Haven Lions Club replaced former Cabinet Secretary Kelly Campbell, of the Trimble Lions Club, upon Lion Kelly's resignation.

Please make changes in your directories and information and update to Lion Clarissa's correct mailing address, phone numbers and email address.

Clarissa Davis  
 5406 Jordan Drive  
 Memphis, TN 38116  
 (h) 1(901)-346-4927  
 (c) 1(901) 494-4798  
 clarissa\_davis1@yahoo.com

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

December 2, 2011 – Puryear Community Christmas Party

December 2-3, 2011 – Martin Lions Club Christmas Festival, Martin

December 3, 2011 – McKenzie Lions Christmas Festival & Parade @ 4pm

December 3, 2011 – Bartlett Lions Club Christmas Parade

December 5, 2011 – International Leo Day

December 5, 2011 – Dyer Lions Chili Dinner 4:30-6:30pm at Dyer Elementary School

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 13, 2011 – Jackson Old Hickory Christmas Party @ 6pm

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

December 31, 2011 – Early discount on International 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

Club visits to be scheduled - 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

### **Tennessee Lions Charities**

TLC is looking for nominees for the board of trustees for TLC. This would involve attending quarterly meetings and working on committees to forward the goals of TLC. President Allen Broughton is reorganizing how the board works and asked us to look for people within our districts to serve on the board. Anyone who might be interested in serving on the Board of Trustees for the Tennessee Lions Charities should contact DG Carmion Fuhrman so she can get the information, in the right format, to the right people!

## Virginia Lindsey Leadership Award

### 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.)	=	<b>60 percent</b>
2) service in the church and community-explain in detail and give examples (boards and committees served on, classes taught, and awards, etc.)	=	<b>30 per cent</b>
3) overall conduct in everyday world (examples set by this person and reputation in the community)	=	<b>10 percent</b>

**Club nominations must be received by the District Chairperson by February 28th each year (29th for leap year). The District VLLA committee must select the district recipient and forward to the State Chairperson no later than March 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@earthlink.net](mailto:pjbjg_58@earthlink.net)**

**LIONS LEARNING RETREAT 2012**  
**JANUARY 13-15, 2012**  
**Manchester-Coffee County Conference Center, Manchester, TN**  
***I Believe***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Badge Name(if different) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Lion                     Leo                     Lioness                     Non-member  
 District: \_\_\_\_\_ Club name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Highest office held \_\_\_\_\_ Current Office(if any) \_\_\_\_\_  
 First time attendee at LLR  Yes  No  
 Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Business \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_  
 e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of registration: Saturday only(  ) Full(  ) Fees (see below) \_\_\_\_\_

**REGISTRATION FEES:**

*Saturday only\*: Available until December 15, 2011--\$65.00*

*Includes Saturday seminars, lunch and banquet.  
 Does not include any Friday or Sunday activities*

<u>Full registration</u>	Early (Post marked by 11/15/11)	Regular (After 11/15/11)	On-site
	\$95.00	\$105.00	\$120.00

Full registration fee covers the cost of all seminars, Friday dinner, Saturday lunch, Saturday banquet, Sunday brunch.

All reservations are on a first-come-first-served basis.  
 Individual seminar or meal tickets will NOT be available.

*Make checks payable to LIONS LEARNING RETREAT. Mail to :  
 LLR/ Thom Wilson, 5641 Lunns Store Road, Chapel Hill, TN 37034*

*\*Note: As an added incentive, for attendance, special prizes will be given. One will be given away in conjunction with the events on Friday evening and the other will be given as a door prize on Sunday morning. You must be registered and be present to win.*

**Special Conditions/participation: (Check all that apply)**

- I will not arrive for Friday dinner (7p.m.)     I will not stay for Sunday brunch  
 Diabetic diet                     Vegetarian diet                     Other  
 I will be bringing an entry for the Club Basket Contest  
 I would like to participate in the LLR chorus on Sunday morning

Rooms are on hold at the adjoining Holiday Inn Express, 111 Hospitality Blvd, Manchester Tennessee 37355 until December 31, 2011. Rates are \$85.99/night standard (not including taxes) based upon one or two people per room. Room reservation can be made at 1-931-728-9383. Be sure to mention that you are attending the Lions Learning Retreat.

