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IN MEMORIUM

It is with great sadness that I tell you Past International President Ed Lindsey passed away. Funeral arrangements are incomplete at this time. Our thoughts, prayers and condolences go out to the family and friends of PIP Lindsey.

Past International President (PIP) Ed Lindsey was a giant among giants of Lions. I have met no one in my thirty-three years as a Lion who can approach his innate abilities to serve others. He will be missed immensely.

PDG Robert Ell Hurt

District Governor Comments



Hello Lions of 12-L!

I trust that each of you had a wonderful Christmas and starting your New Year off right!

District membership numbers are down, however, I am excited to announce that I will be inducting approximately **100** new members in the upcoming month. Details of the inductees will be in the next issue of the Untwisted Tale. So, please be sure to watch for it.

One way that the Lions of 12-L can work together in improving our membership numbers is for ALL active Lions to participate in the exciting and upcoming District Convention to be held in Dyersburg. Not only is your participation important but to also inviting a prospective member. My hope is that by allowing prospective members to see what being a Lion is all about they will be eager to join us in our service efforts.

It is, in fact, time for the 12-L District Convention! Please mark your calendars for February 4-5. There will be lots of activities for not only Lions of 12-L but also children of Lions. I am very excited about the entertainment and meals planned as well as our guest speaker, International Director, Dr. Sonja "Sunny" Pulley from Portland, Oregon. This year's convention will be held at the Lannom Center in conjunction with Holiday Inn Express. Rooms have been blocked off for this event, so please make your reservations as soon as possible.

When making your plans to attend the District Convention, please remember to bring eyeglasses for donation purposes as well as silent auction items. This auction is important in funding such events as Lions Leadership Seminars. Not only funding for events that benefit all Lions, but the club that helps raise the most amount of money receives a portion of that to help improve their individual clubs' service efforts.

12-L has always shined in the past and continues to shine! Let us each go daily into our communities so that our Beacon of Hope will be a guiding light to others around us.

THANK YOU for the privilege of allowing me to serve alongside each of you during this exciting year of 2010-2011!

David Butler, 12-L District Governor

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

The bylaws require nominations to be in 60 days before the District Convention which is December 4th. I have only received 1 nomination for DG from Carmion. No nominations from 1st or 2nd VDG. Any nominations received after December 4th will have to be nominated from the floor. The requirements for VDG are 1. have served as president of their club, 2.served on the board of directors for 2 years, 3. have served as zone or Region chairman 4. Be in good standing with their club and club be in good standing. 5. Voted by majority of their club to serve. I have contacted LCI and we can accept nominations for 1st VDG in the event the 2nd VDG does not want to or cannot serve provided the candidate meets all requirements.

Thank You Note

Tony & Nettie Martin want to thank all of you for everything you have done for us and our family during Nettie's illness. Your thoughts, prayers, phone calls, visits, words of comfort, and acts of kindness helped pull me through some long hard weeks.

Thank you for the beautiful flower arrangement. It brightened my days and I knew it was sent with lots of love. You are all very special friends and we love you. So many prayers were lifted up for me. Our God is an awesome God. He answers prayers and performs miracles every day. I felt him holding me all the way through and I give him all the glory for his healing power. He isn't finished with me yet. Keep praying I will recover and finish the work God has left for me to do.

After 2 1/2 months in the hospital and Nursing home I am at home and getting stronger every day.
 Hope to see all of you soon.
 May God bless you!
 In Lions Friendships
 Nettie & Tony

This will be the third and final month that this Proposed Amendment change will be published. This was published November, December and now January.

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.

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. \$85 + tax Suites \$95 + 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.

DG Butler had the wrong room rate that he passed on to us. He apologizes for the confusion, as do I.

District Convention Registration

RESERVATIONS MUST BE IN BY JAN 28

Anita Taylor 731-377-6493
altaylor1948@yahoo.com

or

Robin Butler 731-695-8244 or email
robinbutler_39@yahoo.com
105 Parks Street
Trimble, TN 38259

Convention Registration Fee @ \$10 each x _____ = _____

Friday night buffet @ \$13.00 each X _____ = _____

Saturday Luncheon @\$17.00 each X _____ = _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Paris Lions Club
90th Anniversary
Saturday, May 21, 2011
5:30 p.m.
Convention Center
Hampton Inn
1510 E. Wood St.
Paris , TN

Speaker for the banquet will be Lions Past International President
J. Frank Moore, III

If you plan to stay overnight you can make reservations at Hampton Inn,
731-642-2838, Paris Landing State Park, 1-800-250-6614 or Super 8 Motel,
731-642-7008.

The meal will consist of a steak dinner with all the trimmings, drink &
dessert and will cost \$25 each.

Number of persons attending --- _____
Number of meals at \$25.00 each -- _____

All reservations should be mailed to:
PCC B.J. Gallamore
1020 N. Market St.
Paris, TN 38242
Phone 731-642-1145 or cell 731-333-1145

Reservations must be received by May 10, 2011

Tentative Agenda

February 4th

- 3:00-4:00-----Hotel Check In and Informal Meeting
- 3:00-5:30-----Hospitality Room
- 7:00 until----- Children’s Activities - Inside Hotel Area
- 6:00-8:30-----Silent Auction/Lannom Ctr
- Invocation-----District Chaplain Dr. Bill Oakley
- 6:00-9:00-----Intro of ID & Dinner and Entertainment/Lannom Ctr
- 9:00----- MD12 Cabinet Meeting/Lannom Ctr
- 9:00-----Hospitality Room

Saturday February 5th

Lannom Center

Hotel will have a Continental Breakfast for hotel guests.

For non- hotel guests coffee, juice, muffins and donuts will be available at the Lannom Center

- 8:00-8:45----- Registration/ Light Continental Breakfast
- 9:00-9:05 Call to Order-----DG David Butler
- 9:05-9:10 Posting of Colors-----DCHS Color Guard
- 9:10-9:12 Pledge of Allegiance-----1st VDG Carmion Furhman
- 9:12-9:15 National Anthem-----Nathan Herron
- 9:15-9:20 Welcome from City Mayor-----Mayor John Holden
- 9:20-9:25 Welcome from County Mayor-----Mayor Richard Hill
- 9:25-9:30 Welcome Ken Ketchum/District Retention Chair-----DG David Butler
- 9:30-10:00 Retention-----Lion Ken Ketchum
- 10:05-10:35-----Caleb Glozier/DG David with PPT
- 10:40-11:10-----Diabetes and Eye Problems-----Justin Schroeder, OD
- 11:15-11:30 Announcements-----DG David Butler
- 11:30-12:00 Break and prepare for lunch-----DG David Butler
- 12:00-1:00 -----Lunch

Pledge-----1st VDG Carmion Furham

Invocation-----District Chaplain Dr. Bill Oakley

Lunch

Guest Speaker-----Dr. Pulley

Presentations of Awards-----Dr. Pulley/DG David Butler

International Environmental Photo Contest Winner

Peace Poster Winner-----SCO President Amy Slama

1:30 12L Business/Cabinet Meeting

1:30-1:35 Roll Call and Minutes-----Cabinet Secretary Jan Gustafson

1:40-1:45 Financial Report-----Cabinet Treasurer Rita Park

1:45-1:50 State Convention Report-----12O DG Carol Rhines

1:50-1:55 International Convention Report-----MD 12 CC Bob Corlew

1:55-2:00 Zone Reports-----Zone Chairs

2:00-2:05 Mobile Sight Van-----PDG Ray Murphey/Kenny Perry

2:05-2:10 West TN Lions Foundation-----PDG Ron Foster

2:10-2:20 Mid South Sight and Hearing-----PDG Floyd Schriber

2:20-2:30 USA/CANADA Leadership Forum-----PDG Floyd Schriber

2:30-2:35 Virginia Lindsey-----PDG Floyd Schriber

2:35-2:40 MERLOW Report-----1st VDG Carmion Fuhman

2:40-2:45 White Cane Report-----Lion Kenny Perry

2:45-2:50 LCIF-----IPDG Tony Martin

2:50-2:55 LCIF Grant Closure-----IPDG Tony Martin/ DG David Butler

3:00-3:10 Constitution and Bylaws Changes-----PDG Floyd Schriber

3:10-3:15 Report of Foundation Boards-----DG David Butler

Election of 2nd VDG -----IPDG Tony Martin

Election of 1st VDG-----IPDG Tony Martin

Election of DG-----IPDG Tony Martin

Silent Auction Results & Reception for Incoming Officers