



The Untwisted Tale

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DG Comments



Greetings Fellow Lions of West Tennessee!

I am honored to serve you as District Governor in the coming year and looking forward to meeting the members of our West Tennessee Lions family!

Bill and I had a great time meeting people from all over the world at the 94th Lions International Convention in Seattle. I sure wish more of you could have been there with us. We got to know our new Lions International President Tam. He is an amazing Lion! If you have the opportunity, please look at his story on lionsclubs.org. He has devised a worldwide project for all Lions. He wants everyone to plant trees. By involving all of the Lions throughout the world he hopes to have 1 Million trees planted. We started this project out by having the incoming District Governors and their spouses pot 750 trees that will be planted in a Seattle area park in October. What a great start!

There are a couple of new things this year that I want to make sure everyone knows about. The information was sent out to all of the Club Presidents and Secretaries, as well as being e-mailed to everyone I have an e-mail address for, but I want to make sure that I get it out there at every opportunity.

The first is that there is a new “contest” geared toward membership. 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. I’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 12L. 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 me. 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 I know they’ll be doing a lot of traveling this year.) I don’t know exactly what the prizes will be, but I’ll be working on some good ones.

Newsletter Editor extraordinaire, Lion Robin Butler, and I have come up with another idea for some fun. She’ll be hiding a tree (we’re not saying what kind) in the newsletter every month. The first person to send her an e-mail telling her what page it’s on, and exactly where it is on the page, will win \$10. Woohoo!

If you are not already a “friend” of mine on Facebook, please look me up! I will be dedicating the next year to promoting the Lions of West Tennessee through my Facebook page.

I hope to see you all at the Organizational Meeting on Saturday, July 30, 2011 at the Star Center. Breakfast will be served from 8:00 a.m. until the meetings start at 9:00 a.m.

Final Comments



Greetings Fellow Lions of District 12L,

As this administrative year comes to a close, I would like to say a big THANK YOU to each and every one of you that have made my year a great success. This year we have all learned that being a Lion is more than just a membership. It is a way of life. Lions, if you ever have felt like throwing in the towel, please remember; it is not the date you signed a dotted line to join a club, it is the day you were convicted to serve your fellow man. A time in which you watched a person; be it man, woman, or child, see clearly for the first time through the lenses of a new pair of glasses that you and your club afforded them.

On the contrary, it saddens my heart to inform you that we are now down to 43 clubs in our District. The Oakland and Dyersburg Clubs have decided to dissolve. Therefore, Lions of 12L let us work diligently in the remaining clubs by using a slogan of “Each One, Bring One”, to your next club meeting.

Busy, busy, busy...that’s how this past month has been while working on the paperwork for the LCIF Emergency Grant. Within a few days planning, the Disaster Relief Committee enabled 80 families to purchase necessities as they start to rebuild their lives after the flood devastation. The Memphis area coordinator, PDG Floyd Schriber, used the remainder and purchased \$2000 worth of food, water, and cleaning supplies. Thank you to everyone that is working to complete this task.

Once again, thank you for allowing me to serve as your District Governor 2010-2011. I will continue to serve alongside you throughout our District and world. Please support your incoming District Governor, Carmion Fuhman. She has great ideas that will enhance and enlighten District 12L and take it to heights unknown.

“We SeRvE”
IPDG David Butler

UnTwisted Tale Editor Comments

I just want you all to know how happy and honored I am to serve as editor of the 12-L UnTwisted Tale Newsletter. I have a couple of changes to my contact info that I would like to get to you. I have a new mailing address and phone numbers.

(See Below)

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Also, DG Carmion and I have started a new contest to encourage everyone to read the newsletter. There will now be a small tree placed somewhere within the newsletter each month. The first person to email me the exact location will receive a \$10 prize. I am not saying what kind of tree, as it is subject to be changed each month or so. What I will need to know is the page it is found on and where exactly it is located on that page.

Dear Lions of District 12L,

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Electon of 1st Vice District Governor – Lions 12-L

Due to a technical flaw in the manner in which our friend, Lion Anthony Goodman (from the Lexington Lions Club), was elected to serve as our District 12L 1st Vice District Governor during the MD12 Convention in Chattanooga, I will be holding a Special Election to fill the vacancy of 1st Vice District Governor in our district.

Please take note that a special meeting to fill the position of 1st Vice District Governor for District 12L for the Lionistic year 2011-2012 will be held prior to the Organizational Meeting. The Organizational Meeting has been announced throughout our district, but the special election portion was not. This is all scheduled for **Saturday, July 30, 2011 at The Star Center, 1119 Old Humboldt Road, Jackson, Tennessee with breakfast to be served at 8:00 a.m., the Special Election will begin at 9:00 a.m., with the Organizational Meeting directly after.**

At this time, Lion Anthony Goodman is the only candidate to step forward to serve in this position. In accordance with the Lions Clubs International Constitution and By-laws and LCI Policy Manual, other qualified candidates may be duly nominated from the floor. Voting members of the District include the District Governor, 2nd Vice District Governor, Cabinet Secretary, Cabinet Treasurer, Zone Chairpersons and Past District Governors. Voting will be done via "blind ballot".

PDG Lion Floyd Schriber has graciously agreed to step in for PDG Lion Wayne Walker as Parliamentarian for these meetings.

Thank you so much for your time. I look forward to seeing all of you there.

Carmion Fuhrman
 District Governor
 Lions District 12L, West Tennessee

12-L Directory Corrections

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

District 12L Treasurer – remove Jamie Arnett and replace with:
 William “Bill” Fuhrman
 333 Eagle Hill Lane
 Paris, TN 38242
 (731) 358-9953

Zone B Chairman – Scott Duesterhaus – remove work phone # here and in detailed directory

Newsletter Editor – Robin Butler – new phone numbers are (731) 478-7799(C) & (731) 286-4935(H)

Any reference to Mid-South Sight and Hearing Service should be **Mid-South Lions Sight & Hearing Service**

Carolyn Schriber’s e-mail address in the Detailed Directory should be schribercat4@yahoo.com

Bartlett Lions Club:

President’s name is: James Tracy Barnett

Secretary’s name is: April Wright Ruleman, her e-mail address is: april@msebtn.org

For reference, the Vice President’s information is:

Scott Shelhamer
scott@shelhamer.com
 (C) 901-493-9300

The Club’s e-mail address is: bartlettlions@gmail.com

The Club’s phone number is: 901-451-9393

Camden Lions Club:

The President’s information is:

John Phillips
 5015 Highway 69A
 Camden, TN 38320

Covington Lions Club:

The President’s information is:

Charles Yoakum (Doris)
 142 Janet Road
 Covington, TN 38019
 (H) 901-476-3733
 (E) mukaoy@aol.com

Dyersburg Lions Club:

This club needs to be removed from the directory, they have disbanded.

Jackson Downtown Lions Club:

Remove Mary Hopper as secretary, Mary Cannon is acting until a replacement can be found.

Lakeland Lions Club:

President's information is:

Calvin Sammons
9010 Gandy Cove
Bartlett, TN 38133-4184
(H) 901-213-1955
(E) calvinsammons@bellsouth.net

Middleton Lions Club:

Membership Chairman's e-mail should be: Vernon.henderson@comcast.net

Milan Lions Club:

Membership Chairman John Moore lives in Milan, TN 38358

**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

TO THE LIONS CLUBS DISTRICT 12L

Organizational Meeting

Where: Star Center, 1119 Old Humboldt Road, Jackson, TN

When: Saturday, July 30, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.

A light breakfast will be provided by the Bruceton Lions Club beginning at 8:00 a.m. Training for Zone Chairs, Club Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers will immediately follow the meeting.

We look forward to seeing you!

Bring laptops! 📶 WIFI is available and there will be specialized hands on training. Also for those of you with an LCI password bring it also!

Please help us to plan this event by filling in the form below and mailing it to:

District 12L Secretary Kelly Campbell, 623 Nora Ave., Newbern, TN 38059, or e-mail the information to her at: kcampbell222@bellsouth.net.

Club Name: _____

President: _____(Check here if attending) Treasurer: _____(Check here if attending)

Secretary: _____(Check here if attending) # of Members planning to attend: _____

Lions District 12L 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 Past International

Director Bill Watkins.

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 mail (and our newsletter) for registration forms and cost details in September.

DISTRICT 12L 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!