



The Untwisted Tale

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District Governor Comments



Greetings Lions of 12L!

“Wow what a year it’s been so far. Not only did our own district have a very successful convention, but also the other district conventions that I’ve attended so far have been fantastic! I have learned so much from the experiences of other Lions across this great state. The chance to sit and talk with International Directors has also been a great learning experience for me. We as veteran Lions should use our knowledge to encourage novice Lions. Our experiences along with their innovative ideas can sometimes be the “breath of fresh air” our clubs so desperately need.

One more District Convention and then time to prepare for State Convention! This years State Convention will be held at the historic Chattanooga Choo Choo, **April 15-17**. Three days and two nights of opportunities to celebrate why we are Lions. Please make convention and hotel reservations as soon as possible. Lions will be able to watch a power point presentation that will display a collage of pictures that represent all districts. Guest speaker will be Past International President, James T. Coffey. This is one event that you don’t want to miss!

The district membership is on the decline. Despite the induction of new members at the Southern School of Optometry, our numbers are down to 1061. This is a number that needs to rise quickly because we are at –6 from the beginning of this year. Our cumulative report can be read at www.lionsclubs.org. We need to work diligently as a group to invite prospective members to our meetings. District 12-L needs to be a strong and outstanding representation of Lions, in that Lions Club International will be proud of the work we are doing here in West Tennessee. Continue to reach out to those around you, in hopes that they too will join the world’s greatest service organization.

Just another reminder, PU101’s need to be turned into me in no later than March 15. Please be sure and send correct information so that our directory will accurate.

Thank you Lions of 12L Continue to SHINE and be a Beacon of Hope to others around you”!!!!

“We SeRvE”
12-L District Governor
David Butler

DGE Comments

By Carmion Fuhrman



"Thank you to everyone who has been so supportive during my time as 1st Vice District Governor, and thank you again for offering your support as I move toward the position of District Governor for the West Tennessee Lions. I am looking forward to spending the next year and a half getting to know the great Lions of District 12L even better!"

Classified Ads

Help Wanted

Lions District 12L currently has the following positions available for the upcoming year (7/1/11 – 6/30/12):

Campus Club Chair – this person has the honor of promoting Lionism on college campuses. This involves organizing a college student club and mentoring students wanting to help their communities. They would assist students in identifying community needs and implementing projects to meet those needs. PDG Robert Hurt currently holds this position and would be happy to help anyone wanting to do this job.

Contest and Awards Chair – this person would help to promote District contests, such as the existing "Club of the Year", "Lion of the Year" and "Lion of the Decade" contest. They would also help to organize and monitor any new contests the District Governor chooses to initiate. PDG Bill Boughton currently holds this position and would be happy to assist a new chair.

Kids Sight Outreach – Area 1 Coordinator (Gibson and Madison Counties) and **Area 5 Coordinator** (Dyer, Lauderdale, Crockett and Haywood Counties). The Kids Sight Outreach program reaches out to do vision screening in communities in Tennessee, using instruments designed for that purpose. Coordinators need to be familiar with the equipment and usage. (Training is available.) They will work with the clubs to do vision screening on children throughout their areas and will need to make sure that the equipment is in working order and available when needed. These positions are under the care and direction of the District Kids Sight Outreach District Coordinator Kenny Perry.

LCIF (Lions Clubs International Foundation) Chair – the LCIF Chair promotes our International non-profit foundation by publicizing where our funds are being put to use around the world. They will also advise our clubs about "Melvin Jones Fellowship" awards and the benefits of becoming a "Melvin Jones Fellow".

Global Membership Team Coordinator – This is a relatively new position within the District. This is a 3-year term. The candidate for this position must have knowledge of LCI, be able to identify and mentor future leaders in our District, have knowledge of MERL programs and be able to coordinate and train Lions. The District Coordinator works with our Multi-District Coordinator and other leaders within our District. This position requires travel within our District. Lions Leadership Institute training is a plus. An application outlining leadership positions held and training completed will be submitted to LCI upon selection at the District level.

Peace Poster Contest Chair – the person selected for this position will promote the International Peace Poster Contest to clubs within our District. They must be familiar with the rules, deadlines and forms used for submission of winning entries to the Multi-District and International. They must ensure that the District Governor has properly completed the entry form and that it is submitted with the poster. They will help the submitting club (if needed) to put together a local press release and will provide the District newsletter editor and webmaster with information about the winning poster and contestant for publication.

Leader Dogs for the Blind Chair – This chairperson is familiar with the workings of Leader Dogs for the Blind in Rochester, MI and helps to coordinate with clubs wanting to know more about this organization. This

position requires some coordination with the Multi-District chair for their annual trip to Rochester to tour the Leader Dogs facility (usually in the fall).

Lions Quest – This program brings positive youth development and helps provide drug prevention to young persons in our schools. The chair for this position would promote and help establish the program within our schools through our clubs. They would help to track the program throughout West Tennessee and report activities to the District Governor.

Zone Chairpersons – Zone C (Dyersburg, Union City Casey Johnson, Trimble, Tiptonville, Troy and Newbern), **Zone D** (Puryear, Cottage Grove, Paris, Dresden and Martin), **Zone E** (Huntingdon, McKenzie, Bruceton, Camden and Milan), **Zone G** (Dyer, Bradford, Rutherford and Greenfield). Zone Chairs must have previously served as a Club President. The zone chair works with the clubs within their district to promote leadership and to help resolve any problems that may arise (as requested). Zone chairs may either visit each club twice a year or invite the Club President, Secretary and other members to a meeting at least twice a year. The zone chair then submits a report to the District Governor outlining the health of the club, any changes in their leadership or meeting information and advising of projects that they are involved with. The zone chair helps to promote interaction between the clubs in their zone.

The pay for the above listed position is all the same – nothing you can put in the bank, but plenty to fill your heart! The benefits we offer are a smile on your face and a warm feeling all over as you help your District by helping our clubs to serve their communities!

To submit your name for consideration, please contact District Governor Elect Carmion Fuhrman at (731) 415-3979.

2nd VDGE Comments

By Anita Taylor

"I would like to thank everyone that supported me in my bid for 2nd VDGE. I will work hard and do my best to support our district. Thanks again." Anita Taylor, 2nd VDGE

KidSight

If you or your club has any of the **MTI Screeners or SureShot Instruments** would you please contact DGE Carmion Fuhrman at 731-415-3979. There are some of these that are unaccounted for and they are being needed.

Silent Auction Results

WOW!!!! The silent auction that was held during the District 12 L Spring Convention raised a total of \$541!

This money will be used to send Lions for leadership training!

We want to thank each of you that donated items, bid on items and purchased the items.

Following is a breakdown of money raised by the participating clubs:

Newbern \$52

(Newbern also had the highest selling item at \$30. They will receive \$15 back from this sale.)

Scotts Hill \$48

Puryear \$22

Campbell County \$3

Trimble \$318

Unknown Club: \$10

(Someone did not put the club name on the form)

\$88 came from the books and extra donations

District 12 L Club Events



Lakeland Lions Club



PRESENTS

SSST. PATRICK'S DAY- IRISH EYES OPEN

Annual 4-Man Golf Scramble at Stonebridge G.C.

THURSDAY MARCH 17, 2011 SHOTGUN 1 PM (DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME) EAT @ 11:30 AM

Only the Lion's would give you this many ways to have fun!

Come Early: Victory Lane BBQ Team Will Be Smoking, Range Balls, Carts with GPS, Gift Bags, Long Drive
Demo by Richard "YUK" Smith, and Contests Qualifying. 3 Flights of Prizes
3 Day 2 Night Vacation to one of 37 Locations for Everyone (**NOT A TIMESHARE**)

Shoot-Out; Hole-in-One's Prizes

\$1,000,000.00 Hole-in-One Shoot-Out

Porsche 911 Carrera S Cabriolet + \$90,000.00 = (Max. \$200K)

Gossett Motors 388-8989

Custom Chopper + \$25K (Max. \$50,000.00)

Rolex or Custom Fine Jewelry (Max. \$50,000.00)

Nubar Yacoubian 682-7072

Masters Trip for 2 Full Week + \$30K (Max. \$50,000.00)

Amerprise Financial 312-5089

Golf Trip for Two to Ireland + \$30K (Max. \$50,000.00)

\$ 5,000 - 50' Putting Shootout & \$5,000 - 50' CHIP SHOT Shootout

Hole-In-One Prizes of \$1,000.00

on each of 5 par 3's (Max 2 winners per hole)

Some prizes or contests may be subject to change (values will stay same or increase) until sponsors are secured.

→Hole and contests sponsorships available ←

\$65.00 per

player. Rain date 3/24/11

Company _____

Contact _____ Email & Phone _____

Players _____

Entry form - Pay early (team names or players can be submitted or changed later)

Please bring old pairs of eyeglasses so Lakeland Lions Club can distribute them to the needy - WORLDWIDE!
Lions Club A 501-3C Organization. Goal is helping blind. We do school vision checks, provide \$ for glasses, operations & more.

→ **For Full Tournament Details Go to- lakelandnlionsclub.com** ←

Direct Questions to: E W Golden, 901-335-GOLF (4653); Fax 384-3720; ew@quickinspector.com

Send Entries & Payments to: Lakeland Lions Club, 9712 Green Spruce, Lakeland, TN 38002

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 \$20 each.**

Number of persons attending --- _____
Number of meals at \$20.00 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

District 12 L Club Events RECAP

Paris Lions Chili Day

They served over 500 people for the lunch crowd, and were expecting about the same for dinner.

Conventions

Tennessee Lions State Convention
 April 14 – 17, 2011 Chattanooga, TN
 Chattanooga Choo Choo

Lions International Convention
 July 4 – 8, 2011
 Seattle, WA

PARADE SHIRT AND SOUTHEAST BREAKFAST INFORMATION

PARADE SHIRT AND SOUTHEAST BREAKFAST REQUEST – DEADLINE 10 MAY 2011

“The International Parade is Tuesday July, 5: Southeast Breakfast is Thursday, July, 7”

NAME: _____ DISTRICT: _____
PLEASE PRINT

Male Shirt Size - (circle the size) S M L XL XXL XXXL

Add \$2.00 for XXL or XXXL

Address: Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

NAME : _____ DISTRICT: _____
PLEASE PRINT

Female Shirt Size - (circle the size) S M L XL XXL XXXL

Add \$2.00 for XXL or XXXL

Address: Street _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Parade Shirt(s) _____ @ \$20.00 Per Shirt Total \$ _____

SE Breakfast Ticket(s) _____ @ \$15.00 Per Ticket Total \$ _____

Total Amount\$

ADD \$2.00 FOR EACH XX OR XXX SHIRT.

ONLY TWO PERSONS PER FORM; PLEASE USE ADDITIONAL FORMS AS NECESSARY.

Return completed form(s) with a check payable to International Convention Fund to:

Lynn Wilhoite
505 Fesslers Lane
Nashville, TN 37210-2814

No later than 10 May 2011

Alaska Cruise Tour Information

Explore Alaska with your fellow Lions from MD12.

The cruise tour starts on July 9, from Vancouver. Limited space, call today at 615-804-5379. Email:
kltravel@comcast.net

More info can be found on the 12 L website <http://www.wtnlions.org>.

International President Sid Scruggs' 4 Service areas:

August: Focus on Youth

October: Focus on Vision

December/January: Focus on Relieving Hunger

April: Focus on Environment

Global Service Action Campaigns
Protecting our Environment

The **Protecting our Environment** campaign is scheduled for April to coincide with **Earth Day** on April 22. Clubs that plan tie-in events for that day can increase the reach and impact of their projects.

One of the aims of Earth Day is to "inform and energize populations so they will act to secure a healthy future for themselves and their children."

Some projects that align especially well with those goals are:

Develop an awareness campaign around environmental issues.

Host seminars regarding simple practices that "Protect our Environment."

Raise awareness about the benefits of "going green."

Work with a local school to organize a contest that will challenge students to offer creative solutions to solving environmental issues.