



# The Untwisted Tale

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### Welcome New Lions

<u>Name</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
BRANDON V NELMS	GERMANTOWN	CAROLYN SCHRIBER
MARY H BARNES	JACKSON DOWNTOWN	MARY CANNON
RICKY D. BELL	LAKELAND	E. W. GOLDEN
CECIL R. TOMPKINS	LAKELAND	EDGAR CURRIER
NONYELU A CHUKWUOGO	MCKENZIE	HERMAN CARTER
WILLIAM THOMAS CANTRELL	TIPTONVILLE	EDMOND J SUMARA
MAYBELLINE HURT	UNION CITY – CASEY JOHNSON	CAROLYN MATHIS
WILLIE HURT	UNION CITY-CASEY JOHNSON	CAROLYN MATHIS
SAMELLA WILKINS	UNION CITY – CASEY JOHNSON	JOE JOHNSON

### District Governor Comments



Greetings from 12L District Governor David Butler,

Thank you for allowing the privilege and opportunity to serve alongside of the Great Lions of District 12-L.

We held the Fall Conference at the Double Tree Hotel in Jackson, Tennessee on October the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Those in attendance can tell you that we definitely had a great time. We had a nice breakfast snack and a delicious lunch. I finished the first session of the morning with great time to spare. I had to do some quick thinking of how to fill the next bit of time. I elected to “unleash the beast” in my wonderful 12-L Tail-Twister Bert Faller. All the while Bert was doing his thing I was still thinking of the precious time frame at hand. After Bert had concluded his antics I decided to open the floor for every club that were present to just share some of their “calendar of events” it started off with very few people sharing but then it seemed that all of a sudden everyone wanted to shared. I think that should continue to happen. I received many compliments on the impromptu sharing session.

I would like to say as of this article I have not received any updates as far as our district numbers. Lions of 12-L continue your quest to be the best in Tennessee.

Remember that November is Diabetes Awareness month. Lions please continue to “SHINE YOUR BEACON OF HOPE”.



## **Your Prayers are Needed!!!!**

Lion Nettie Martin is back in the hospital in Jackson and just had her second emergency surgery since October 3. She is in serious condition and is very weak. IPDG Tony is asking everyone to keep Nettie and him in your prayers.

## **Environmental Photo Contest**

**All club winners must be in to the District Governor by Dec. 15.**

**This year's theme is: Beacon of Hope for the Environment**

**Animal life**

**Plant life**

**Urban or Natural landscape**

**Weather phenomenon**

**Special Theme: Beacon of Hope for the Environment:** Photos of Lions in action implementing an environmental project.

The impartial judging of photos should focus on originality, artistic merit, and portrayal of the environmental theme.

LIONS CLUBS select and submit one winning photo to the district.

LIONS DISTRICTS select and submit one winning photo to the Multiple District. January 15, 2011 is the suggested deadline for districts to submit one 8" x 10" (20.3 x 25.4 cm) printed photo to the multiple district.

LIONS MULTIPLE DISTRICTS select and submit one winning photo to the international contest. March 1, 2011 is the deadline for multiple districts to submit one 8" x 10" (20.3 x 25.4 cm) printed photograph and an official entry form (available on the Lions Web site) signed by the council chairperson to Lions Headquarters.

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL will display multiple district-level entries at the annual Lions international convention. Registered convention attendees will vote for their favorite photos. An award will be presented to the winning photographers. The six (the five category winners and the Best of Show) winning photos will appear on the Lions Web site.

**Photos on 8" x 10" (20.3 x 25.4 cm) paper with a smaller image will not be eligible for the contest.**

Photographs depicting people will be disqualified (unless they are in accordance with the Special Theme).

Lion photographers accept responsibility for the cost of taking and processing all photos.

Contest photos become the property of Lions Clubs International.

Lions Clubs International reserves the right to disqualify entries that do not meet contest criteria or that may be viewed as inappropriate or objectionable.

E-mail contest questions to: [programs@lionsclubs.org](mailto:programs@lionsclubs.org)

## The Amazing Adventures of Being First Vice District Governor

By Carmion Fuhrman

"Amazing" is truly the best way to describe my year so far as District 12L First Vice District Governor.

Lionism has been a part of my life since the early 80's, but the reach we have when we join the world's largest service organization impresses me more and more every year.

Shortly before I took office on July 1, 2010, my husband Bill and I traveled to Memphis, TN to attend the annual meeting of the Mid-South Lions Sight and Hearing Service. ([www.midsouthlions.org](http://www.midsouthlions.org)) While there, we learned how Lions from Tennessee, Arkansas, Mississippi and Missouri help provide sight and hearing services, at NO cost, to people in the Mid-South area who could not otherwise afford them.

There are a wide variety of ways that we can help them continue providing the services they have had in place for almost 70 years. My favorite, (shhh...) is the "President's Secret Service". For a one-time \$100 donation, a current club president can become a member of this "Secret Service" club. Membership includes a really cool, and official looking, Secret Service pin, plus some nifty sunglasses. The pin is manufactured by the same people who make the U.S. Secret Service.

At the end of June I had the honor of installing the officers of the McKenzie Lions Club. What a great group of people! Their Christmas celebration and parade is coming up soon and will be held in downtown McKenzie. Last year Zone Chairman Lion Dennis Blackwell and I took on the challenge of grading the floats in the parade. I've heard a rumor that our very own District Governor David Butler and his wife Robin will be participating as judges this year!

On July 31, my husband and I provided breakfast for almost 50 Lions attending the District 12L Organizational Meeting at The Star Center in Jackson. We had a great time reacquainting ourselves with our fellow District 12L Lions. District Governor David showed informative videos and a slideshow from his trip to the International Convention in Sydney, Australia.

August was a very busy month for me. I was sad to miss the "Casino Night" to benefit Mid-South Sight and Hearing on August 6, but my duties as 1st VDG took me to Nashville where I attended the Council of Governor's meeting and got more training for my job as 1st VDG at the Tennessee School of the Blind.

On August 12 I traveled to Rochester, Michigan to visit the campus of Leader Dogs for the Blind. ([www.leaderdog.org](http://www.leaderdog.org)) This is an organization that is also near and dear to my heart. I, along with other Lions from around the U.S., were moved to tears and laughter throughout the weekend as we listened to the CEO, Greg Grabowski, PDG Len Quinn, and others tell us about the wonderful work they do there. We toured the facility where the dogs are bred and trained. I even got to walk blindfolded with a Leader Dog.



(1VDG Carmion walking with a Leader Dog)



(1VDG Carmion with PDG Len and his Leader Dog)

On August 27, Bill and I traveled to Little Rock, AR to meet up with other Lions from around the U.S. to tour the facility of Lions World Services for the Blind (LWSB). ([www.lwsb.org](http://www.lwsb.org)) LWSB is a wonderful resource for visually impaired people. They teach independent living skills and help them by providing job training and placement. I was particularly struck by the counseling they make available for their students who may be struggling with adapting to being away from their families in an unfamiliar setting and who may also be dealing with a life of unforeseen blindness.



(Kevin: Showing how he has learned to repair small motors)

The USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum was held in September in Milwaukee, WI. While I figured I would know a few people there, it seemed like I was surrounded by 2500 friends. Lions had traveled from around the U.S., Canada and the Bahamas to participate in seminars and other learning opportunities. In addition to Lions from other parts of Tennessee, I also visited with my Lion friends from Alaska (host for the 2011 Forum), Puerto Rico (host for the 2014 Forum) and many others from around North America. The highlight for me was seeing fellow Tennessean, award-winning singer/songwriter Karen Taylor Good. Karen is a member of the Franklin Lions Club and has written many songs about the service we provide. ([karentaylorgood.com/lions/index.html](http://karentaylorgood.com/lions/index.html)).



While I have always been proud to be associated with Lions at the local, club

level, the extent of our reach at the International level leaves me humbled, awestruck, and just plain amazed.

### **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

### **NOTICE**

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PRINT YOUR CLUB NAME SOMEPLACE ON THE BOX, BUT NOT AS THE RETURN ADDRESS, SHIP VIA UPS AND WE PROVIDE YOU A QUARTERLY REPORT.

THE MONEY RECEIVED WILL BE CREDITED AS A DONATION TO TLC BY YOUR CLUB.

FOR QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL LYNN WILHOITE 615.690.8644 XT 223

### **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](mailto:pjbjg_58@yahoo.com)

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**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.

## **LEO CLUBS**

By PDG Robert Hurt

LEO Clubs in our area are the middle school and high school arms of Lions Clubs. These two age groups which encompass ages 12-18 are the Alpha LEO Clubs. They make up 100% of the LEO Clubs in District 12L. The Omega LEO Clubs are for young people age 18-30. Very few of this track LEO clubs exist in our area of the USA.

The LEO program was begun in Abington, PA in 1957. It began as a local high school program and was formed by the baseball coach at the high school, Jim Graver. He was a member of the Glenside Lions Club and was assisted by a fellow Lion, William Ernst.

As the world's first LEO Club, the Abington LEO Club created the LEO acronym---Leadership, Equality, Opportunity---and they chose their school colors, maroon and gold, as the LEO Club colors. Later the word Equality was changed to Experience.

By 1967 many schools in PA and other states had developed LEO Clubs and the Lions Club International Board of Directors voted to officially adopt the LEO club program as an official program of the International Association.

The LEO Club program has been growing strong now for over 50 years. There are now over 140,000 LEOs in over 5500 clubs in 137 countries worldwide. Community service remains the cornerstone of the program. Like their Lion counterparts, LEO club members enjoy serving their neighbors and watching the positive results unfold.

The objective of LEO Clubs is to provide the youth of the world with an opportunity for development and contribution, both individually and collectively, as responsible members of the local, national and international communities.

Their motto is:

LEADERSHIP---Develop skills as manager, organizer and team leader;

EXPERIENCE---Learn how teamwork and cooperation bring exciting changes to the community world;

OPPORTUNITY---Make friends and feel the rewards of community service.

In District 12L there are nine Alpha LEO Clubs. Six of the clubs are in high schools and three are in middle schools. There are programs in Arlington High School sponsored by the Lakeland Lions Club; Big Sandy High School sponsored by Camden Lions Club; Camden High School sponsored by Camden Lions Club; Dyer County High School sponsored by Trimble Lions Club; McKenzie High School sponsored by McKenzie Lions Club; Henry County High School sponsored by Cottage Grove, Paris and Puryear Lions Clubs; Lakewood Middle school sponsored by Puryear Lions Club; Harrelson Middle School sponsored by Puryear Lions club; and Henry Middle School sponsored by Cottage Grove Lions Clubs.

Of our 44 Lions Clubs in District 12L only seven clubs sponsor LEO Clubs in their local middle schools or high school. Please consider approaching your local school administrators about the possibility of organizing a local LEO Club in your area. Ask any sponsoring club, and they will assure you that it is one of the best tools for club growth that is available to Lions. Not only do local LEO Clubs assist with Lions projects; but they also provide a source of new members from their parents and families and adult friends.

After a young person has served throughout his school career as a LEO, he will be much more likely to join a local Lions Club upon his settling into a community as a productive citizen.

For a wealth of additional information and resources look under youth programs on the international web site. Your District LEO Chair is Robert Hurt. Please contact him at [bhurt@thoroughbredfinancial.com](mailto:bhurt@thoroughbredfinancial.com) with questions.

### District Governor’s November Visitation Schedule

8-Nov-10	Camden
8-Nov-10	Middleton
9-Nov-10	Millington
15-Nov-10	McKenzie
18-Nov-10	Bolivar
22-Nov-10	Scotts Hill

If your club name is in **bold** with \* at the end, this date needs to be confirmed.

### Lions Learning Retreat

The Tennessee Lions Learning Retreat will be January 14-16, 2011 in Manchester, TN. Here are several reasons why you should consider going:

- (1) It's a lot of fun.
- (2) It makes a great mini-vacation
- (3) You meet a lot of really interesting people who happen to also be Lions.
- (4) Several great speakers are scheduled.
- (5) The seminars are interesting and useful in Lionism and life.
- (6) It only costs \$95 for 4 meals, all the seminars and speakers.
- (7) Rooms and transportation are not covered in the \$95 but you could "car pool" over with other Lions and by staying at the convention hotel you add a free breakfast.

A registration form and a brochure giving more details can be found on the District website - think about it.

**Reminder: The deadline for the early bird registration fee of \$95 is November 15. After that the fee increases to \$105!! Do it now!!**

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

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**LIONS LEARNING RETREAT 2011**  
**JANUARY 14-16**  
**Manchester–Coffee County Conference Center, Manchester, TN**  
**Beacon of Hope Through Leadership and Service**

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 up until December 15, 2010--\$65.00

Includes Saturday seminars, lunch and banquet.

Does not include any Friday or Sunday activities

Full registration: \$95.00

Early Regular : \$105.00

On-site: \$120.00

(Post marked by 11/15/10)

(After 11/15/10)

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/ Dean Harshbarger, P.O. Box 282, Norris, TN 37828

**\*Note:** As an added incentive, for attendance, two flat screen TVs have been donated by PID Bill Watkins. One will be given away in conjunction with the games 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, 2010. 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.