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DG Comments



Greetings Fellow Lions of West Tennessee!

To quote Rutherford Lions Club President Tim Griggs,

"The tornados of 2006 came on Sunday night, April 2. There were actually 2 that evening, coming within an hour apart and just miles between the two. Little did we know that April 2, 2006 would be an evening that would literally shake the foundation of so many lives, homes, and businesses. I can attest to the fact that I have never seen a community pull together in so many ways to help one another. It wasn't just our community, it was help from all parts of Tennessee and many other states as well. A total of 24 lives were lost in the surrounding area that evening and for all of us who seemed to think "it happens somewhere else", suddenly realized, it can happen to you. The Rutherford Lions Club housed our banner, flag, and other paraphernalia at the Woodmen Building at the city park. This park, along with Rescue Station #9 took a direct hit from the first tornado. A month or two later at our lions club meeting, we utilized some available Lions disaster funds to present the Flowers family, east of Rutherford, some gift cards to Wal-Mart to assist in some way to help in their re-building process. Writing this brief account to share with you takes me back to that night and subsequent days with a vivid reminder that every day is a gift, and we, like all Lions, have a responsibility to give back."

Though the Rutherford Lions Club received a grant from LCIF, that money was used to help those in need, not to replace their lost club paraphernalia. So, at our Organizational Meeting on July 30, we collected monies to try to help out the Rutherford Lions Club. Everyone there contributed and we raised \$155.00 toward purchasing a wall plaque to help them to replace what they had lost in the tornado of 2006. It also left us exactly \$50.00 for them to add to their administrative fund. In addition to what was given at the meeting, the Lakeland Lions Club stepped forward to give a bell and gavel, the Humboldt Lions Club passed along an International Flag Set and the Trimble Lions Club purchased a full-sized Lions Club flag. Thank you Lions of District 12L for jumping in to help out a part of our family!



We gathered together on October 18 to surprise the Rutherford Lions Club with new club paraphernalia. Boy, were they shocked!

On September 3, 2011 Ellen Owen, President of the Southern College of Optometry received an e-mail from a gentleman who was looking for assistance for his sister-in-law. She lives near Hohenwald and suffers from macular degeneration. He was asking if there was any way that the Lions could help get a machine to help her to be able to read. Ms. Owen came to me looking for help locating a Lions Club in the area, so I provided her with the contact information for a nearby club. On September 12, 2011 when I visited the Puryear Lions Club, PDG Mackie Gallamore came to me and said that a friend of his likes to go to yard sales and auctions to buy things and she came across a piece of equipment that maybe the Puryear Lions could use. They didn't have any use for it, but maybe as I traveled I would find a use for it. This particular machine is used to help people with macular degeneration to be able to read. Wow! I didn't know at this point whether Ms. Owen had found help for the man she had received the e-mail from or not. I left the meeting intending to e-mail her, but then thought to myself, "No, I'm going to call her right now", and I did. She had not heard back from the club I had referred her to, and had just e-mailed the gentleman the contact information so that he could follow up with them. I told her what I had in my hands and asked if that was what he was looking for. It was exactly what he was looking for! We made plans to get the machine to her so that she could make sure it worked. She contacted the man and found out that they were going to be in Nashville at the same time. Turns out he is from the Chicago area! She checked out the machine, it works perfectly. She and her husband took it with them to Nashville and met with this man and his wife. They have now delivered it to his sister-in-law. It still gives me chills when I think about how all the parts and pieces came together through our work as Lions.

On October 1, 2011 I had the honor of speaking at the celebration of the placement of the Doe Creek Schoolhouse on the National Registry of Historic Places. This schoolhouse was restored in large part through the efforts of the Scotts Hill Lions Club. After the celebration I got to ride in the Scotts Hill Parade with Lions Club President Freddie Kennedy!



Scotts Hill Lions President Freddie Kennedy, PDG Tony Martin, Lion Nettie Martin, 1st VDG Anthony Goodman and DG Carmion Fuhrman



Riding in the Scotts Hill parade!

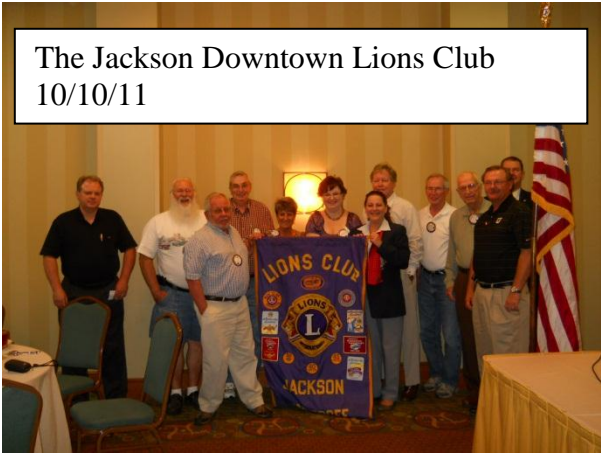
October visits to the District 12L Lions Clubs



The Covington Lions Club 10/3/11



The Collierville Lions Club



The Jackson Downtown Lions Club
10/10/11



The Germantown Lions (& Cubs) Club
10/10/11



The Millington Lions Club 10/11/11



Memphis Bluff City Lions Club
10/13/11



The Lakeland Lions Club 10/18/11



The Camden Lions Club 10/24/11

Projects of the District 12L Lions Clubs



Registering riders at the Cottage Grove Lions Fun Run 10/8/11



Getting ready to take off for the Fun Run



Waving goodbye to the riders... see you in Cottage Grove for lunch and prizes!



Presenting Bradford Lions President Joe Taylor with pins 10/30/11



Conducting member and officer training in Bradford



Working to rebuild the Dyersburg Lions Club 10/27/11

Congratulations to newly elected President Robin Butler and Secretary Whitney Welch! Glad to see Lion Francene Epley back in Dyersburg!

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

Tennessee School for the Blind

Lions Day & Annual Christmas Party at the Tennessee School for the Blind and Ed Lindsey Industries for the Blind Annual Christmas Luncheon on December 9, at 9 a.m., with luncheon following around noon.

TN School for the Blind
115 Stewarts Ferry Pike
Nashville, TN 37214
615-231-7300

UnTwisted Tale Editor Comments

Due to technology difficulties with Yahoo email I must apologize for the late delivery of the November newsletter. I am working with att.net to get a working email address that will not block me for spamming every time I try to email something out to the District. So next month please check your junk mail/spam folder if you do not receive a newsletter in a timely manner.

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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!

Visitation and Project Schedule for District 12L Lions Clubs

November – Lions Diabetes Awareness Month

November 1, 2011 – Memphis Whitehaven Lions Club @ 6pm

November 4-5, 2011 – MD12 Meeting in Nashville and Honors Banquet

November 5, 2011 – Jackson Downtown Lions “Dark Dinner” at The Star Center

November 7, 2011 – Jackson Downtown Lions “Veteran’s Day Celebration” at the Double Tree Hotel, Jackson

November 7, 2011 – Troy Lions Club @ 6:30pm

November 8, 2011 – Bolivar Lions Club @ 7pm

November 10, 2011 – Southern College of Optometry Lions Club – induction of new members

November 12, 2011 – Mid-South Lions Sight & Hearing Quarterly Meeting in Memphis

November 12-13, 2011 – Paducah Telethon of the Stars

November 14, 2011 – World Diabetes Day

November 14, 2011 – Middleton Lions Club @ 6:30pm

November 15, 2011 – Postmark deadline for a club to send one winning poster (per contest sponsored) to the district governor (Peace Poster Contest)

November 16, 2011 – Bartlett Lions Club @ 6:30pm

November 18, 2011 – Paris Lioness Luncheon @ Noon

December 1, 2011 – Postmark deadline for a district governor to send one winning Peace Poster entry to the multiple district council chairperson

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 5, 2011 – International 🐾Leo Day

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.)	=	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 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

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.





Lions Environmental

PHOTO CONTEST

Lions Environmental Photo Contest Rules

Lions from clubs in good standing can enter an original, unaltered, black-and-white or color photo (without people) of the environment of their Lions club in the following 2011-12 Lions Environmental Photo Contest categories:

- Animal Life
- Landscape (Urban or natural)
- Plant Life
- Weather Phenomenon
- Protecting our future with trees: Photos of trees and the vital role they play in our communities

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. Please get your club entry to DG Carmion no later than December 15, 2011.
- LIONS DISTRICTS select and **submit one** winning photo to the multiple district. January 15, 2012 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, 2012 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.

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

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