



# The Untwisted Tale

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### District Governor Comments



Greetings!

#### **April Comments:**

Lions of 12L, I would like to share a few encouraging words. While having the privileged honor of serving as your District Governor, I have experienced many great events. As I have watched new clubs form and existing clubs thrive and grow it makes me PROUD to be a Lion.

PLEASE remember that all PU101s are past due and need to be turned as soon as possible!

All District Conventions are complete and each was a great success and evidence of what it means to celebrate Lionism.

Also, I trust that Lions of 12L will show a great representation at the State Convention.

International Convention will be held in Seattle, WA, July 3-10.

#### **May Comments:**

It has been a soggy few months in our district and the mighty Mississippi has overflowed and caused major flooding in several areas. Counties along the river in our district have been affected greatly including, Dyer, Obion, Lake, Tipton, Lauderdale and Shelby counties. I pray that you all are safe. If you, or other Lions in your area have been displaced due to flooding, please contact me as soon as possible so that I may be of assistance. I am pleased to tell you that we will be receiving a \$10,000 disaster relief grant from LCIF. This will help tremendously with our efforts to serve our communities.

On a brighter note, our 93<sup>rd</sup> Annual Tennessee State Convention was a great success! So proud that our district was represented well. Trimble Lions Club and its members were honored with several awards. Receiving the district Lion of the Year award, Lion Anita Taylor; district Virginia Lindsey award, Lion Jeremy Hinson; Tennessee 2012 International Convention Trading Pin Design, Lion Kelly Campbell. Trimble Lions Club was also awarded the "Club of the Year" for Large Club division. I also honored several of our club and district members with District Governor appreciation awards. Also, Germantown Club received the "Club of the Year" for small club.

Updates on PU101s, submissions have been placed to publisher for final proofing. Thank you for your cooperation in assisting DGE Carmion Fuhrman.

International Convention is quickly approaching. This year's convention will be held in Seattle, WA. Please finalize plans as soon as possible if you plan on attending.

Remember, our state has endorsed Council Chair Bob Corlew to run in the election for International Director. Please support him in this endeavor!

Continue to serve your communities with diligence as we help those in need. Remember, it takes several Lions to accomplish meeting the needs in our communities. Also, make it a personal goal to invite new people to your meetings. Encourage your newer members by giving them responsibilities that help your club grow and flourish.

District Governor  
David Butler

### **UnTwisted Tale Editor Comments**

I would like to apologize for the delay in getting the April Edition of the UnTwisted Tale Newsletter to you. I have had computer problems with two different computers for the last month. The desktop computer that I normally put the newsletter together on had a virus and lots of malware and eventually had to be reformatted completely, which I am still in the process of completing. I was unable to transfer any files to the laptop. When I finally did get some files transferred I started having problems with the laptop. The picky laptop did not want to recognize the charter internet I was unable to send any emails that contained attachments until a couple days ago. Hopefully, the problems with the laptop are over and I won't have to delay another issue of this newsletter. But, as we all know, that is one problem with today's technology.

Please enjoy the combined April/May issue of the UnTwisted Tale.

### **DGE Comments**

DGE Carmion's busy Lion's life!

Before the computer problems there were several photos and a nice article of everything she has been involved in with Lions across the district.

I will include all her travels, photos and events of DGE Carmion in the June newsletter. She has been on the road across our fine district and involved in numerous fundraisers and events. One that deserves mention now is the formation and induction of officers of the District's newest Leo Club in Bradford!

Welcome Bradford Leos!

## UPDATED INFORMATION

### Classified Ads

### Help Wanted

Lions District 12L currently still has the following positions available for the upcoming year (7/1/11 – 6/30/12): **Kids Sight Outreach – Area 1 Coordinator** (Gibson and Madison Counties), **Area 5 Coordinator** (Dyer, Lauderdale, Crockett and Haywood Counties) and **Area 6 Coordinator** (Shelby and Tipton 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 Tom Palmer of the Camden Lions Club.

**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”.

**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.

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.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 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