

Tennessee Lions ~ District 12-I



We Serve

Lions Tales

October-November-December-2012



From the Governor's Desk



District Governor
Mark Cook

The holiday season is upon us. Lion Sabrina and I want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and wonderful new year. As of the last report, we are maintaining positive growth for the year and everyone is to be congratulated on doing a fantastic job promoting Lionism and serving your communities. I continue to be amazed at the different ways Lions serve and the difference you make in peoples lives.

I want to encourage everyone to attend this years District Convention. I think Past District Governor Ralph Brewer summed it up best during his District Convention Report at our October Fall Conference with the following questions.

How would you like to visit the area where the "Iron Master of Middle Tennessee" lived?

How would you like to visit the area where cannonballs were produced for Andrew Jackson's forces for the Battle of New Orleans?

How would you like to stay in a facility that the Nashville Business Journal 2006 Book of Lists ranks as 18th on Banquet Facilities and 233d on Convention Facilities?

How would you like to see and hear a full-time professional Comedian Magician, Mentalist, and Hypnotist who was voted Best Entertainer of the Year by the readers of Nashville Parent Magazine!

How would you like to hear a young Deaf/Blind lady speak about her struggles to become a useful and productive citizen in society?

How would you like to hear the story of how a Leader Dog changed the life of an individual and helped her move from being dependent to independent?

How would you like to have the opportunity to visit and socialize with your fellow Lions for a weekend in a beautiful and relaxed setting in rural Middle TN?

Folks, every bit of this is possible and very much within your grasp, if you will join us at Montgomery Bell State Park on Feb. 8 & 9 for the District 12-I Convention.

Registration forms are available at <http://www.12ilions.com/Forms>

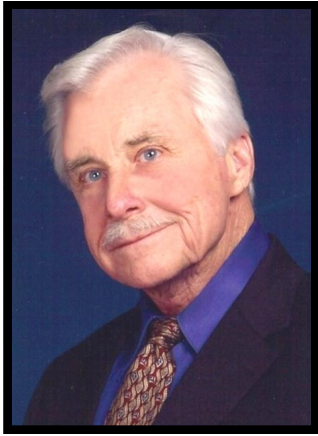
Please make plans to attend as I promise you will leave inspired for Lionism!!

Send Newsletter Articles to:
Jim Milom
1125 Leo Baker Rd.
Ashland City, TN 37015
jmilom@charter.net



Important Web Addresses:

District 12-I www.12ilions.com
LCI www.lionsclubs.org
MD12 www.tn-lions.org



First Vice District Governor
Chuck Sheriff

The “Buying” season is now upon us. We see all those great gadgets on television, the guy that sold us our brand new used car three years ago is calling to tell us about what a deal he can give us on a newer three year old newer used car; Religious groups are gathering up their once a year alms for the poor and needy; Animal rescue groups are reminding you that their charges need your help. After we drop our pocket change into the red kettle and enter the grocery we see food has seen a price increase of over 33% in the last year....and we stop and ask our selves....what value am I getting for the cost of these things. As Lions we need to ask our selves,” What is my cost of being a Lion and what value do I receive for it?
International and District Dues \$4.76 per month, club dues voted by each club-
Time: 2 Meetings per month average, some clubs do 4.....5 hours per month.
Volunteering on projects.....its up to You!!

What have we accomplished in the past year?

Although all clubs are not reporting their activities on Lions Clubs International website monthly we know in 12-I that:

Many cataract surgeries have been performed through Middle Tennessee Lions Sight Services.....

Thousands of pairs of eyeglasses were collected by Lions for recycling.....

Many clubs volunteered in nursing homes.....

Many clubs worked with Scouts.....

Clubsbrought Lionistic concepts to young teens through the Peace Poster Contest.....

Clubs helped bring a program of service to young students through Leo clubs in High Schools.....

Some clubs are distributing free books to grade school students.....

Over 4000 preschool eye screenings resulted in over 300 children being referred to Vanderbilt Lions Eye Center for further eye exam and Lions paid operation if necessary.....

Through our donations to Lions Clubs International Foundation we are working on eradicating measles world wide, just as we have river blindness.....

Weighing the cost against the value received, I'd say it is a pretty good return.

Dates To Remember

Lions Day at TN. School for the Blind—December 14, 2012

Lunch and Open House at Ed Lindsey Industries for the Blind-December 14, 2012

Lions Learning Retreat—January 11-13, 2012-Manchester, TN

District 12-I Convention-Feb. 8-9, 2013-Montgomery Bell State Park-Burns, TN

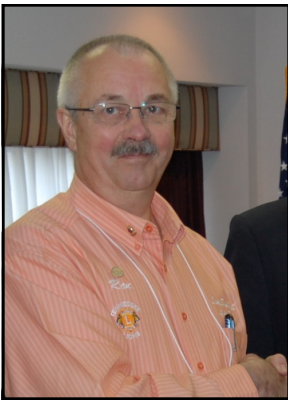
Friday Night –Gary Flegal, Comedy Magician—Saturday– ID Joe Picone

2013-2014 Club Officer Information—March 15, 2013 (Due to District Governor for Directory)

State Convention-May 3-5, 2013—Double Tree Hotel - Murfreesboro, TN

New Officer Training—North—June 1, 2013—Lions State Office Building

South—June 8, 2013—United Methodist Church, Chapel Hill, TN



Second Vice District Governor
Ron Anderson

Fellow Lions,

As I travel around the district, I am amazed and delighted with the dedication of our Lions in their respective communities. We all want to help the cause on a broader scale but never forgetting the local community. Our local communities depend on our help and in turn, help us to help others on that larger scale.

Without exception, each club I visited has provided me with more insight and more resolve to do everything I can to make "us" even better. As I have learned from each club, I hope I was able to help the club in some way as well.

I started this journey with some hesitant anticipation but as it turns out, my hesitant anticipation is quickly turning into positive anticipation and I am looking forward to continuing my service to the district.

Sincerely, 2nd VDG Ron Anderson

Start making plans to attend the tenth annual Lions Learning Retreat. This has always been one of the most enjoyable Lions events of the year. You can enjoy a great time with other Lions, learn a lot from the seminars, and just have a wonderful time being a Lion...Also District 12-I Lions that attend the Fall Conference (October 20-21) will have one half of their registration fee paid by the district



Tenth Annual LIONS LEARNING RETREAT

A world of Service.

**January 11-13, 2013
Manchester-Coffee County
Conference Center**



What is Lions Quest?

Lions Quest is a life skills and preventive program. It is owned by Lions Clubs International Foundation and is implemented in 75 countries throughout the world. For more than 25 years, Lions Quest has provided educators with training and curriculum materials that support positive youth development and school to work competencies.

Skills taught include:

- Learning to accept responsibility
- Communicating effectively
- Setting goals
- Making healthy decisions
- Resisting pressure to use alcohol and drugs.

If you would be interested in participating in a Lions Quest workshop, contact PDG Patsy Milom State Lions Quest Chair or Deryl Bauman, District 12-I Lions Quest Chair. Our next workshop is January 28-29, 2013 in Nashville. It is a K-8th grade workshop.



The Houston County Lions club has finished distributing dictionaries to all of our third grade students in the County. This is known as the dictionary project; our program to help reduce the huge numbers of people in the United States who are truly illiterate. This is our third year. So far we have given out a tad over 360 dictionaries. Lions Clubs nationwide have provided just short of 286,000 dictionaries since 2002. Some critics question the need for dictionaries in the hands of students nowadays. We think that since almost one in ten children do not have access to a computer at home they need a paperback dictionary that can be easily carried to and from school. Not all students can access the internet where on-line dictionaries are found and the student's dictionaries are matched by a dictionary that we have given to the teachers and librarians. Also, our dictionaries will never run out of battery power. We have thoroughly enjoyed running with this vital project as reading and understanding words provides each student the ability and power to create his or her adult life to the best of their abilities.

Correspondent, Frank Young
Club Secretary



"We Serve"

LIONS DAY AT Tennessee School for the Blind
2835 Blue Brick Drive, Nashville, TN 37215
Phone: (615) 871-4849
November 18, 2012



"We Serve"

Fellow Lions:

Since 1957 Lions like you have been gathering at the Tennessee School for the Blind to say "Merry Christmas" to the children before they leave to go home for the Holidays. It is almost that time again and I want to take this opportunity to invite you and *all the Lions* in your district to be a part of this long-standing tradition

This year *Lions Day* will be held on Friday, December 14. As usual, we will begin with registration and light refreshments in the Dining Room at around 9:00 a.m. At about 9:30 a.m., we will move to the Auditorium where the Chorus will sing a few songs of the season to get everyone in the holiday spirit. Then Lions by district will have the opportunity to personally present every child with a Christmas Gift – a check in the amount of \$50.00!

I hope to see you on the December 14th. In the meantime, please know that I greatly appreciate *all* the good works you do on behalf of individuals who are blind, especially the students at the Tennessee School for the Blind!

Yours in Lionism,

PDG Ralph Brewer, State Chair
Lions TSB Fund

DISTRICT 12-I CONVENTION

REGISTRATION FORM

MONTGOMERY BELL STATE PARK
1000 HOTEL AVENUE
BURNS, TN 37029

FEBRUARY 8 – 9, 2013

REGISTRATION CUT OFF DATE 1-25-13

Lion's Name: _____ Partner's Name: _____ Lion (Y/N) _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Club: _____ District: _____

Email: _____ Delegate: _____ Alternate: _____ Special Dietary Needs: _____

Registration for ALL attendees: # _____ @ \$10.00 = \$ _____

Friday Night Meal: # _____ @ \$14.00 = \$ _____

Saturday Lunch: # _____ @ \$21.00 = \$ _____

Hospitality Books: (Includes all above) # _____ @ \$45.00 = \$ _____

MAIL REGISTRATION FORMS AND CHECK OR MONEY ORDER

MADE PAYABLE TO DISTRICT 12-I LIONS. Deadline for registration 1/25/13.

To: PDG Patsy Milom
1125 Leo Baker Road
Ashland City, TN 37015
(615) 307-3679

Room Reservations

Room reservations at MONTGOMERY BELL STATE RESORT INN may be made by calling (615) 797-3101.

Please tell them you want a reservation with the Lions Club District 12-I Convention. Room rate is \$57.32.

Room reservations should be made by January 8, 2013. After that they are available of first come first serve basis.



Pictured left to right: Benny Birdsong, 1st VDG Chuck Sheriff, Lion Marjorie Crowell, 2nd VDG Ron Anderson, and Lion Nolan Bailey. and PDG Frank Young, (PDG Hazel Bailey is taking photo)

Pictured above are Lions that attended Benny Birdsong's meeting this morning in Pulaski at the UT Extension office community room from 9 A.M. to 12 noon

The meeting included discussion on fundraising events in 12-I zones, community help events in zones, how to access fund raising needs and community help needs in our zones and how to select events to get new members and keep old members.

Those attending shared many ideas for both community service projects and fund raising events and how to make the public aware of the Lions work in our communities. Fundraising ideas shared included lawnmower racing, turtle racing, fishing tournament. Service projects included carrying groceries to car for the disabled, batteries and smoke detectors for rural areas, random acts of kindness, reading to persons in nursing home and giving dictionaries to school kids.

Special thanks to Benny Birdsong for bringing Lions together to share ideas for keeping the motto "We Serve" alive in District 12-I.

Submitted by
PDG Hazel Bailey



On Thursday November 1, 2012 the Cheatham County Lions Club conducted a diabetes/eye screening at the Ashland City Senior Citizens Center. Approximately fifty persons were screened. Participating in the screening were. (shown at left) PDG Patsy Milom checking eyesight on one of the two Titmus instruments that the Club had purchased for the Cheatham County School system and RN Kim Milom checking blood sugar levels. We are working hard to make Kim a member of the Cheatham County Lions Club. Also, participating were Lions Jere Moore, Shirley Honicker and Lion Jim Milom.

WAVERLY LIONS PAUL HAASE MEMORIAL RUN
5K WALK / 5K RUN——5K/25K BIATHLON

Saturday, May 25, 2013

Waverly Junior High School, 520 E. Main St., Waverly, TN

Directions: From the North or South, take Hwy 13 to Waverly city square, then go East on Main Street one mile to Waverly Junior High School.

From the East or West, take Hwy 70 to Waverly. From the West, turn right onto Powers Blvd. (the fifth traffic signal); then turn right on Main Street. From the East, turn left onto Powers Blvd. (the first traffic signal); then turn right on Main Street. Watch for signs.

Start and Finish: In front of Waverly Junior High School. Both races start of 8:00 a.m. Central Daylight Savings Time. 5K Walk begins five minutes after race start.

Awards: First place cash awards for overall best time, male and female (not eligible for age group awards). Age group awards for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place for male and female: 19-Under; 20-29; 30-39; 40-49; 50-59; 60-69; 70-Over. Awards will not be mailed.

Pre-Registration Deadline: **April 30, 2013**. Race day registration is from 6:45-7:45 a.m.

Commemorative Race T-Shirt: Available only to all pre-registered entrants.

Entry Fee: 5K Walk or 5K Run Only Pre-Registration \$15.00 / Race Day \$20.00

5K/25K Biathlon Pre-Registration \$20.00 / Race Day \$25.00

Make checks payable to **Waverly Lions Run, 790 Wisteria Lane, Waverly, TN 37185**

Proceeds of the event will go toward Lions Sight Conservation Projects, local community sight assistance, and community youth support. The event is sponsored by local merchants and industries.

Certification: The 5K course is certified by the USATF/RRTC – Certification Code TN09019MS. ANSI or SNELL approved helmets required for bikers.

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Waverly Lions Paul Haase Memorial Run Registration

Entry Event (Check One): ___ 5K Walk ___ 5K Run ___ 5K/25K Biathlon

Name _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____

E-Mail Address _____

Gender _____ Age on race day 5/12/2013 _____

T-Shirt Size (circle one) S M L XL XXL

Entry fee is non-refundable. Awards and shirts will not be mailed.

WAIVER & RELEASE. I know that participating in a biathlon or road race is a potentially hazardous activity; therefore, I assume all risks associated with participating in this event including, but not limited to, falls, contact with other participants, the effects of the weather, traffic and the conditions of the road, all such risks being known and appreciated by me. I, individually, (and/or as parent and/or guardian of the named minor) for and in consideration of acceptance of this entry in the aforementioned racing event, do hereby release, remise, waive and forever discharge the Waverly Lions Club and its sponsors and, any and all other supporting groups of this said racing event, from any and all liability, claims, demands, actions, or causes or action whatsoever, related to participation in this event. I further state that I am in proper physical condition to participate in this event.

Signature _____ Date _____

(Parent or Guardian if under 18 years of age)