

SUPPORT LION BOB CORLEW'S CAMPAIGN  
FOR 2ND VICE-PRESIDENT OF LIONS CLUB  
INTERNATIONAL!!!!



## GAME OF SKILL

**Tickets \$5 a Piece  
or 5 for \$20**

The quilt will be given away at the Tennessee  
State Lions Convention on April 26, 2013, in  
Memphis, TN.

This beautiful quilt was hand  
stitched by Lion Judy Cherry's  
mother from the Southside  
Lions. Lion Judy donated this  
quilt in honor of her mother as  
a contribution to Lion Bob  
Corlew's Campaign.

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To compete in a Game of Skill

This king size+ quilt and two  
throw pillows will be given  
away at the Tennessee State  
Lions Convention on April 26,  
2014 in Memphis, TN

This Spider Web design Quilt  
was hand pieced by Mickie  
Justice, late wife of Lion Darryl  
Justice, and quilted by Brenda  
Curtis. Lion Darryl and his wife  
PDG Linda Justice have  
donated it to District 12-S to  
raise funds for PID Bob  
Corlew's bid to become the 2nd  
Vice-President of Lions Club  
International.

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**"In a World of Service"**



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Let me wish each of you Seasons Greetings.  
Take time out of your busy schedules to  
enjoy the Holidays with your families.

The first five months of the Lions year has  
been very busy and our district has had great  
success. Without the dedication of District  
12-S's cabinet and chairperson, we could not  
be where we are today. We have surpassed  
the membership level from the beginning of

the Lions year. We have chartered one new club, one new Leo Club  
and have strong possibilities for more new clubs and Leos in the  
future. Today we are the largest district in the State of Tennessee  
and with your help we can continue to grow. I challenge each club  
to increase their membership by one new member.

One of the exciting thing for this year is the campaign of 2nd Vice  
President of LCI by PID Bob Corlew. Bob and Dianne have been  
working full time campaigning thru out the world. It is a high honor  
for District 12-S to have members from this district representing us  
on the International level. Each Lion and Lions Club has a way they  
can make contributions to help fund their campaign. Check the  
articles you find in this issue to see what can be done. We want to  
storm Toronto and show they what Tennessee Lions are all about.  
I know each of you wish Bob and Dianne the best of luck.

Mark your calendar for February 14-15, 2014. Our District 12-S  
convention will be at Cumberland University, Lebanon, Tn. The  
speaker will be ID Harvey Whitley from North Carolina. Also, the  
state Leo Club convention will be on February 15th at Cumberland  
University. You will find your registration form for the convention  
in this newsletter.

If you have a desire to develop yourself into a strong Lion let me  
bring to your attention two very good programs that we assist you  
to do so. First, the Lions learning Retreat 2014 will be conducted  
on January 10-12,2014 at the Manchester-Coffee County  
Conference Center, Manchester, Tn. The Retreat's mission is to  
offer programs to provide Lions with tools to enhance and improve  
your opportunities to serve. Second is the Southeastern Lions  
Leadership Institute to be held March 28-30, 2014 in Manchester.  
What a honor for Tennessee and District 12S to host this event. For  
more information contact me.

*DG Tom*

***They say time passes fast when you are having fun.***  
Well I must be having a lot of fun because this year is going by so  
fast. It is hard to believe that half the lion year is about gone. I  
am enjoying getting to know more of the lions in district 12-S and  
have been so impressed with clubs that I have visited. Please keep  
up the good work.

Thanks to every club and every individual for donating to white  
cane. We could not continue in all the necessary projects without  
your donations. I certainly hope we can reach our goal of \$65,000.  
We still have a long way to go. So the Lion and Lioness clubs  
that have not donated yet please make plans to do so. If you  
have already donated and you can spare some more, that would  
be greatly appreciated too. If you sponsor a Leo club please  
encourage them to participate. Even a small amount will make  
them feel proud to help with the hearing and visually impaired  
projects.

I am excited to have a candidate for 2nd vice president of our great  
association. I know PID Bob and Dianne Corlew will do a wonderful  
job. However we need to do what we can to get them there and to  
support them however we can. I encourage you to participate in  
fund raisers for them. I also encourage you to go to International  
Convention in Toronto in July. Every club gets at least one vote. If  
you are interested in going please contact Lion Joanne Birdwell at  
jabirdwell@nctc.com.....It will be a great time.  
When I think about being a lion along beside you hard working  
lions my heart just swells with pride. Thanks again for all you do.

1st VDG Carolyn Blankenship  
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***Congratulations to Joseph Hillard, Rockvale, for  
winning the 2013 John Deere Gator from the  
Middle Tennessee Lions Sight Service Game of  
Skill. The winning ticket was purchased at the  
Chapel Hill Tractor Pull. Thanks to everyone  
that purchased tickets and to Chapel Hill Lions  
Club for making this fundraiser a huge success.***

### ***DATES TO REMEMBER***

Friday, December 13, 2013 at 9:00 am  
**Lions Day at TN School for the Blind**

Friday, December 13,2013  
**Ed Lindsey Industries for the Blind Luncheon**

Manchester, TN January 10-12,2014  
**TN Lions Learning Retreat**

February 14-15, 2014 Cumberland University, Lebanon, TN  
**District 12-S Convention**

For any information about this newsletter or the District 12-S website,  
please contact Colby McKinney  
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CALLING ALL LIONS

You are urged to attend the January 2014 Tennessee Lions Learning Retreat (LLR) to be held as usual in Manchester, Tennessee. Plan on January 10, 11 and 12 for a great experience.

Our theme for this year parallels that of IP Barry Palmer of Australia. We have chosen to tie in with his using: "Catch and Follow Your Dream." During this LLR we hope you will learn from the speakers, seminars and fellow Lions and, with any luck, Catch your Dream, then determine your course towards the idea of Following that Dream until it becomes a reality.

We have had a tremendous response from our Pride of Lions, both from Tennessee and out of state, including PIP Sid Scruggs, and our own PID Bob Corlew, who will be both presenters and speakers. Some are repeat performers, some are entirely new to us as presenters or speakers, but all are exceptionally good orators and educators. We know you will come away highly motivated to provide more service to your communities and a beacon of hope to the world.

The LLR is the most reasonably priced leadership weekend available to get valuable training and motivation, so we again urge you to attend. If you have never been before, ask an alumnus for the pros and cons (if any exist). We are sure the LLR will fulfill all your expectations. Give yourself a chance to grow, to find your passion, to catch your dream and follow it.

Welcome to Lions Learning and a fun filled weekend.

Frank and Ann Young

Tennessee has been awarded the Southeastern Lions Leadership Institute March 28-30, 2014. We will be hosting it at the Manchester Coffee County Conference Center. Information will be going out shortly with all the details. I have rooms booked for the Holiday Inn Express which is attached to the conference center.

We want to have a good crowd from Tennessee to show our support. Any Lion that has not attended the Southeastern Lions Leadership Institute can attend since this is being put on by the Southeastern Region no matter what title they hold. I had never went so I went in November 2012. It was great. I did not know if I would be bored or not but believe me I was not bored. You always learn new things with everything you attend. Please encourage Lions in your districts to attend. This is a chance for some good Lions knowledge, fun and fellowship with Lions from other states. Hopefully this is one way that we might get some Lions to move into Leadership that have not thought about it yet. They can't help but enjoy this fine institution.

I do plan to attend, not as a participant, but to help out and make sure that everything is ready for the instructors.

Thanks for all you are doing,  
Patsy Milom

PUTTING THE FUN BACK IN FUNDRAISING

By: Lion Tawnya Buster

Come on... we've all had to do it at some point in our lives. For me, fundraising memories include selling Girl Scout cookies, peddling chocolate bars for school, and the yearly cheese and sausage fundraising project to help fund my school's marching band trips. The year we purchased new uniforms, we sold beach towels as a fundraiser even though I grew up hours away from a beach!

Fundraising is very important for Lions clubs because it allows us to help those in our community. When you really sit down and think about it, fundraising can be as simple and easy as you need it to be. Just order a product of your club's choosing, sell it to the public for a little higher price than what you paid for it, and the funds you clear after your product is paid for is profit for your club to use! Simple indeed!!! This is a fantastic way for any club to help pay for eye and hearing exams, glasses, eye surgeries and hearing aids.

But we're Lions and sometimes simple and easy just doesn't do it for us! This is where a lot of the clubs in our district start getting creative and having FUN with their FUNDraisers. As part of being the largest district in the state, we have some of the hardest working clubs out there. You name it: horse shows, tractor pulls, golf scrambles, fair booths, spaghetti dinners, pancake breakfasts, gator give-a-ways and so much more! These kinds of fundraisers involve a little more time and effort than the above mentioned fundraising example but are so worth it not only to your club but to the communities we serve.

Most communities look forward to coming out and enjoying annual Lions events all the while helping raise needed funds that go right back into their community. It is crucial that each club find that special fundraiser to host each year. If your club and community are large enough, have a few events peppered throughout the year to keep the community involved and the Lions club name out there for everyone to see.

It's said that the Lions club is the best kept secret going. Let's get out there and spread the word that we are here in our communities and we want to help where help is needed!!! Fundraising is a beautiful way for Lions clubs to get involved in their community and for the community to help support the Lions club.

I'll end as I began... on a personal note. While working my club's concession stand during the last night of the 2012 Wilson County Fair, a young girl came to my window holding a drink she had just purchased from the other window of the concession stand. The little girl's mother asked, "What do you say?" The little girl looked up at me and said, "Thank you!" I thought she was simply thanking me for the drink and so I told her she was more than welcome. Her mother asks, "What are you thanking the lady for?" The little girl replied, "Thank you for my glasses! I can see everything now!!!" My heart broke and all I could do in that moment was smile. Her mother continued by saying the little girl was legally blind and with the help of my Lions club she was able to receive an eye exam and be fitted for glasses that now enabled the little girl to see the world around her. There I was: tired feet, smelling of fried fair food, hot, sweaty and ready to go home. That little girl's smiling face, glowing eyes through her small framed glasses and that genuine thank you made all my work during the fair 100% worth it. That little girl represents why we as Lions spend the time and effort to fundraise.

So get together with your club, come up with some fun fundraising ideas and get going! And remember... it's not fundraising without the FUN!!!



Lions of Tennessee:

We have a unique opportunity to continue our leadership legacy, as the Lions of Tennessee assist in the financing of the campaign to elect PID Bob Corlew as the 2nd Vice President of the International Association of Lions Clubs in Toronto, Canada July 2014. This is a financially expensive endeavor with estimates ranging between \$150 to \$200 thousand dollars.

If we are successful in our endeavor, we the Lions of Tennessee can proudly say we had a Club (Memphis Downtown) in Dallas at the beginning of Lionism, proudly provided the 50th International President (Ed Lindsey), and the 100th International President (Bob Corlew) and also two other International Presidents (Clifford Pierce and Austin Jennings) who served as part of our Lionistic international leadership legacy.

Individually, I ask that each Tennessee Lion consider donating the amount necessary to acquire one of the Century Team pins.

They will be available in 4 designs: 1. Brass pin for \$100 =+ donations, 2. Silver pin for \$500 =+ donations, 3. Gold pin for \$1,000 =+ donations, 4. Gold pin with stone in end of handle for \$5,000 =+ donations (depicted). These Century Team pins will be available at the MD-12 Fall Rally November 1-2, 2013. They will be available in each district through a District Campaign Pin Coordinator.

Collectively, I ask that every Club/ District consider having a Campaign fundraising event and donate those proceeds to the Campaign. Each district Campaign Events Coordinator will assist in planning Campaign fundraising events. Many Clubs have unique situations and are knowledgeable about the type of event that would be successful for them. One such possible event is: BURGERS FOR BOB: Clubs with their own meeting facilities could easily put on a burgers and sides, with refreshment type meal. Then sell tickets for \$50 each aiming for a minimum of 50 tickets sold. All event proceeds turned in to the Campaign will be eligible for the Century Team pins in the, combination suitable to the method the Club or District cares to award them.

All Campaign donations should be by check made out to: MD-12 Campaign Fund and sent to PDG Jim McFarland, 8030 Whitestone Road, Knoxville, TN 37938.

Once again, let's show the world 'We are Tennessee Lions'. PID Bill Watkins, MD-12 Campaign Fundraising Coordinator

CALLING ALL LIONS

Tennessee School For The Blind

"TSB"

By PDG Linda Justice

Have you ever visited the Tennessee School for the Blind? If not, you have missed a very impressive place.

The school is located at 115 Stewarts Ferry Pike in Nashville, Tennessee.

TSB is a state special school established in 1844 to meet the unique needs of visually impaired students living in the state of Tennessee. The school provides academic and professional services tailored to benefit students placed in its care through the Local Education Agencies across the state. Beyond a tradition of academics, TSB specializes in the instruction of expanded core-curricular areas such as Braille, mobility, technology, career education and independent living skills. Students at the school also enjoy the opportunity to participate in team sports, campus clubs, organizations and many leisure-time activities. In addition, the school provides outreach services to visually challenged students, their parents, teachers, schools and other agencies assisting the visually challenged.

Here are a few interesting facts that I read in the TSB newsletters.

- 1 Eight new staff members have joined the team of TSB this year.
- 2 TSB recognized 16 members of the faculty and staff for their years of service by the state (State Service Awards Program)
- 3 Persons of Character Awards are given to students who demonstrate behavior that exemplifies following the school rules: Being safe, Respectful and Responsible.
- 4 The Life Skills classes organize and participate in Life Skills Olympics.
- 5 You may notice a new face lift in the halls, class rooms, cafeteria and parking lots.
- 6 Parental Involvement-The staff at TSB works diligently using various methods to keep parents informed about their child's life and activities at school. When parents and families are involved at home and at school, the children seem to perform and cope better in school activities.
- 7 There is a website: www.tsbtigers.org. This has ongoing information about the new staff, new students, activities, update on sporting events and newsletter.
- 8 Lions Day at TSB is on Friday, December 13, 2013. Hope you are making your plans to attend.



12-S District Convention

February 14 – 15 at Cumberland University in Lebanon, TN.

Name of Lion A: \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_ Delegate: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Alternate: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Name of Lion or guest B: \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Delegate: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Alternate: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Friday night meal only: \$15.00 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday meal only: \$15.00 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Friday and Saturday: \$30.00 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Registration with no meal: \$5.00 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Room rates are: Comfort Suites (30 rooms blocked till January 14, 2014)

904 Murfreesboro Road \$64.95 room rate  
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Cut off for meals is Feb. 6, 2014