



Again this month, I elected to give coverage about PID Bob's campaign for 2nd Vice-President of Lions Clubs International.

Dianne and I continue to be very excited about the opportunity we have to serve the Lions of Tennessee and the Lions of the World as an International Officer for the Lions Clubs. As we move closer to the election at the International Convention this summer in Toronto, we are continuing to meet Lions across the country and around the world. Our efforts appear to be paying off. The Officers and the Board of Directors of Lions International unanimously endorsed my candidacy, as have the Lions in 37 states in the US and more than 100 multiple districts around the world. Only 6 multiple districts have voted to endorse a different candidate. Endorsements do not always translate into votes, however. For that reason, it is very important to our campaign that we have as many loyal Tennessee Lions at the Convention as we can. Each club is entitled to one delegate who has the opportunity to vote. Clubs with 38 or more members have two votes and those clubs with 63 or more members have three votes. In order to be a delegate, LCI must be satisfied that the Lion is properly credentialed. The best way for this to happen is for delegates to be certain they are registered to attend the convention and the club should vote as to whether the person would be authorized to cast a vote as the delegate (or delegates) for that club. The club secretary should then inform LCI of the name of the delegate. LCI will be sending information to club secretaries soon about this

process. Clubs should be certain their dues and other financial obligations to LCI are current.

I am so sincerely thankful to the Lions of District 12-S and to the Lions of the State of Tennessee for endorsing my candidacy. If I am so fortunate to be elected in Toronto, I will immediately become the Second Vice-President of Lions Clubs International. Absent unforeseen circumstances, this will give me the opportunity to become the First Vice-President at the 2015 Convention in Honolulu, and to become President at the 2016 Convention scheduled to be held in Japan, and then to become Chair of Lions Clubs International Foundation in 2017 at the International Convention in 2017 in Chicago. Lions Clubs International is planning a major Celebration during the years 2016-2018 in order to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the birth of Lions in 1917. This will be a major opportunity for us as Lions to renew our commitments to service to others.

It is a very humbling experience for me to envision that as we Follow our Dreams to provide more and better service to the people of our communities both here at home and around the world, that I might be elected to be the leader of this organization that we all love so much. I ask you to continue to work together so that we can better achieve the goals that we have set and to examine new and better ways that we can serve others. I look forward to the opportunity to continue to work with you so that we can make the world an even better place to live.

PID Bob Corlew
Candidate for 2nd Vice-President
Lions Club International

DATES TO REMEMBER

February 14-15, 2014	District 12S Convention, Cumberland University, Lebanon, TN
February 15, 2014	State Leo Convention, Cumberland University, Lebanon, TN
March 28-30, 2014	Southeastern Lions Leadership Institute, Manchester, TN
April 25-26, 2014	TN Lions State Convention, Memphis, TN

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

*Great people talk about ideas.
Average people talk about things.
Small people talk about other people*

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

*Everything in life gets better
when you get better
and nothing in life gets better
until you get better.*

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World Services for the Blind was founded in 1947 by Roy Kumpe to serve people who are blind and visually impaired who needed to learn independent living skills or job training skills that considered the special requirements of their individual visual impairments. The goal of the rehabilitation center then, and today, is to prepare the individual who is blind or visually impaired to function independently in our "sighted" society.

Blindness is not a pick and choose disease. It could happen to any of us at any time, whether by genetics or by accident. Over 25 million Americans are blind or have severe visual impairment. Some might have been prevented but many times, it cannot. But life goes on and World Services for the Blind helps life go on. How? By assisting those individuals at WSB to function as close to one with sight as possible. WSB can help students cook for themselves, to become more mobile and even dressing in the morning. For a sighted person, choosing a navy sock and a black sock is a chore. At WSB, they are taught how to store clothing so they know what colors they are choosing to wear.

There are nine vocational courses, vision rehabilitation clinic and even college placement courses. Over 12,000 individuals have gone through the WSB center from all 50 states and 58 countries. It has become difficult for someone in Tennessee to be sent to WSB due to state requirements for rehabilitation, but we should not forget that it is there and continue our support. It is a very much needed facility that has given many visually impaired individuals their life back. Please remember WSB when you have a few extra dollars in your budget. You could play a part in the life of a visually impaired person.

Chris Phillips
District 12-S World Services for the Blind Chairperson

I am taking a moment to reflect on 2013. Where did it go? PID Bob and I started the year with traveling almost every weekend the first six months to various district and state conventions about the United States. We traveled to Marbella, Spain in April for the Board of Directors Meeting. What a beautiful place! In May we were interviewed in Oakbrook by the Executive Board of Lions Clubs International. Then in July we traveled to Hamburg, Germany for the last Board of Directors Meeting and the International Convention. There Bob became a PID. But what wonderful memories we have of all the Lions friends we have made! What a privilege you gave us to represent you!

But our year was only beginning there. PID Bob received the endorsement to run for Second Vice President of Lions Clubs International. We have been busy with organizing planning committees, working to receive endorsements, attending forums to campaign, working with fundraising, starting Bob on Facebook, starting a website, and on and on the work goes. We have been to Bali, Indonesia; Overton Park, Kansas; Virginia Beach, Virginia; Istanbul, Turkey; Singapore; Kathmandu, Nepal; Pasadena, California; Indianapolis, Indiana; and Cali, Columbia. We are grateful for all the support from all of the Lions we have met.

As I have reflected I want to take a moment to thank you the Lions of 12S. You have all been so supportive during Bob's International Director years and even more supportive as we campaign for Second Vice President. We are blessed to have you as friends!

Lion Dianne Corlew
Wife of Candidate for 2nd Vice President LCI PID Bob Corlew.

As I prepared to write this article my thoughts immediately turned to the Christmas Program at the Tennessee School for the Blind (TSB). What an honor and privilege it was to attend this amazing program with my fellow Lions from 12-S and the other Districts in Tennessee. One cannot attend this event without two things happening. The first is that it will change your life and how you look at life from that point forward; the second is that if you have never had that experience that tells you why you became a Lion, this program will do it. To see the courage, motivation, and love for life I witnessed in these young people is truly indescribable. For those Lions who have never attended let me describe the program. First, the school's Director makes opening remarks then the TSB jazz band, concert band and choral group present a musical program. These performances are awe inspiring. When you consider the challenges each of these students overcome—wow! Next each student is presented a gift check. The checks are presented either by a District officer or Lion or Leo from the home District of the student. (I must interject—what a joy it was to see so many Leos in attendance this year.) When the students receive their gifts they in return give either a card or personal note they have written to the Lion or Leo presenting their gift. Last year I received a handmade Christmas card from a young lady who wrote the touching message inside which was also stamped into the card in Braille, HER language. This year, I had the privilege of giving a Christmas gift to a young man in the school band. In return I received a personal note that I just had to share with others sitting around me. This young man, a TSB student for 4 years, had undergone 22 brain surgeries during his short life, but I would never have known based on his attitude and actions. All I can say is if you have never attended the TSB Christmas program, go next year. You will never forget the blessing you receive.

As if that was not enough to make a great day, the next stop was the Ed Lindsey Industries for the Blind (ELIB) Christmas luncheon. It was so great to see the ELIB workers honored for their dedication and hard work, as well as to have the chance to visit with ELIB Board Members and Officers and the other Lions in attendance. I am always amazed when I see the meticulous, detailed work that is accomplished by these sight-impaired workers; and I always feel honored and blessed to be a Lion and part of the organization that makes it possible.

It's hard to believe it is almost time for our 2014 District Convention, and by the time the Newsletter is published another Lions Learning Retreat (LLR) will have come and gone. Where do the years go? The LLR is such a great opportunity to learn about all aspects of Lionism and to have great fun at the same time. The District Convention, also a lot of fun, is where you can learn about all the things going on in the District and have a chance to participate in the decision-making process. If you have not attended one or both of these events, it's not too late for the District Convention this year; and while you're at it, try to fit LLR into your calendar for next year. You will be glad you did.

As we approach the International Convention in Toronto, the excitement for Tennessee Lions, especially District 12-S Lions, continues to grow as we have the unique honor and opportunity to elect one of our own, PID Bob Corlew, as 2nd Vice President of Lions Clubs International. Let's do all we can to support PID Bob, along with his lovely wife Lion Dianne, and if you can at all, join us at the Toronto convention. It promises to be a great time to be a District 12-S and a Tennessee Lion. Come and share the excitement!

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CLUB CONTEST STANDINGS

Through December 31, 2013

SMALL

1. Red Boiling Springs	88,671
2. Lafayette Lioness	77,142
3. Hendersonville	73,668
4. Manchester	56,675
5. Decherd	44,786*
6. Lebanon	42,502
7. Community	33,816
8. McMinnville	31,298
9. Rock Island	18,405
10. Westmoreland	15,830
11. Mount Juliet	15,000

MEDIUM

1. Warren County	116,466
2. Murfreesboro	101,406
3. Shelbyville	72,002
4. Southside	47,255
5. Tullahoma	41,962
6. Fayetteville	39,353*
7. Petersburg	39,204
8. Tullahoma Downtown	18,859**

LARGE

1. Lafayette	118,656
2. Murfreesboro Noon	105,762
3. Woodbury	49,105
4. Gallatin	40,083

PRESIDENTS CONTEST STANDINGS

SMALL

1. Red Boiling Springs	8,500
2. Hendersonville	8,000
Manchester	8,000
4. Rock Island	6,000
5. Lebanon	4,500
Community	4,500
Westmoreland	4,500
8. Lafayette Lioness	3,450
9. Decherd	3,250*
McMinnville	3,250
11. Petersburg	3,000
12. Mt. Juliet	1,500

MEDIUM

1. Warren County	10,000
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2. Murfreesboro	8,500
3. Tullahoma	8,250
4. Southside	6,450
5. Fayetteville	5,750*
6. Shelbyville	5,250
7. Petersburg	3,000
8. Tullahoma Downtown	2,000**

LARGE

1. Murfreesboro Noon	10,000
2. Lafayette	7,750
3. Gallatin	6,750
4. Woodbury	3,000

SECRETARYS CONTEST STANDINGS

SMALL

1. Manchester	14,000
2. Red Boiling Springs	8,500
3. Lebanon	6,500
4. Rock Island	5,000
5. Hendersonville	4,750
6. Community	4,500
Westmoreland	4,500
8. Lafayette Lioness	4,250
9. Decherd	3,250*
10. Mount Juliet	2,500
McMinnville	2,500

MEDIUM

1. Shelbyville	12,500
2. Warren County	10,500
3. Southside	7,750
4. Murfreesboro	6,500
5. Fayetteville	6,250*
6. Tullahoma	5,500
7. Tullahoma Downtown	5,000**
8. Petersburg	3,000

LARGE

1. Lafayette	9,000
2. Murfreesboro Noon	8,000
3. Gallatin	4,500
4. Woodbury	2,000***

*Missing Dec

**Missing Aug thru Dec

***Missing Apr-Jun & Nov, Dec