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Lion Tales

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Governor's Corner

As we look at this time of the year, we are thankful for our friendship by giving of our time and resources to help others. When times look bleak and troublesome, that is when Lions shine the brightest.

A lot of times you may not hear a thank you or get a pat on the back for the wonderful deeds you do as Lions, but I appreciate all that you do to make this world a better place for all to live in.

We had a wonderful cabinet meeting in Unionville on October the 18th. I want to thank the Community club for sponsoring the meeting. Those ladies sure can cook. The food was great. With a lot of hard work by all the clubs and members in the district, our membership is headed in the right direction. Our drops are decreasing and we are getting new quality members. Our extension workshop held recently in Lafayette was a huge success. We will have a new club in Westmoreland and Gainesboro. At the time of this printing Westmoreland had 37 paid members and Gainesboro had 23 paid members. We also have a new club branch in Woodbury.

With all of these new members, orientation will be a high priority. It is great news when the Zones and Regions are informing me of more clubs conducting orientation. This will have a direct bearing on our membership. I feel that orientation and extension will play a key roll in the increase in membership in this district.

On the Leadership front, I want to encourage all Lions to look into the Sr. Lions leadership Institute, the Lions Learning Retreat in Manchester, TN. For any Lion interested, there will be some scholarship money for the retreat available. If interested, send a letter to the District Governor listing what you plan to learn and how you plan to use the knowledge gained to help your club and the district.

I want to encourage all clubs to get involved in Operation Kid Sight. By screening the youth in your community or joining forces with other clubs, we can all make a difference in the fight against preventable blindness. We need to continue to contribute money to Tennessee Lions Charities to help with Operation Kid Sight. You club can do this by applying for a grant from your local Wal-Mart for Tennessee Lions Charities.

I want to let members of the district know that there will be a strides walk in Woodbury on November 22nd. For further information contact Lion Cliff Swoape. This will be a great opportunity for your club to do something for Diabetes awareness.

This past weekend at the MD-12 Cabinet meeting, I was asked to make a wager that by the end of June, District 12-S will have more members than 12-N. The winning Governor will buy the other Governor dinner. So please help me out with this.

D.G. Billy Blankenship

BULLETIN BOARD

In Memory

On October 6th Past District Governor Sam Muse was called home to be with our Lord. Sam was the District governor for 12-S last year and had served as the Leo Chairman for the District as well as the State for several years. His love for his family, Lions and the Leo program will be greatly missed.

The family has requested that all memorials be made as donations to the Middle Tennessee Lions Sight Service. 911 Westside Court Murfreesboro, TN. 37130



D.G. Billy Blankenship and wife Carolyn want to wish everyone a wonderful and safe holiday season. Thank you for being a part of the greatest service organization in the world.

Happy
Thanksgiving

And a very

Merry
Christmas



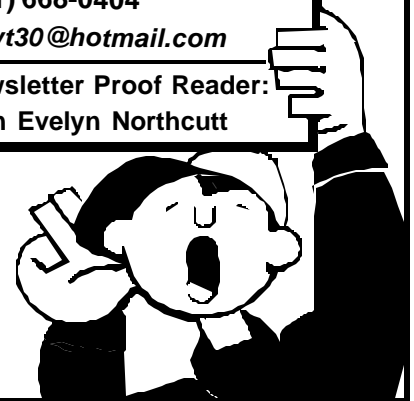
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**THERE'S A LOT OF BEAR
IN THIS MID-SIZED ATV**



The Big Bear 2WD features a compact chassis, torque, powerful engine, 5-speed automatic, clutch gearbox with reverse, solid rear axle, large diameter ventilated hydraulic front disc brakes and fully sealed rear drum, ingrated floorboards, large comfortable seat and more!

Tickets \$5.00

Middle Tennessee Lions Sight Service is serving throughout Middle Tennessee from the Kentucky border down to the Alabama border, from the Tennessee River to White County. The purpose of Middle Tennessee Lions Sight Service is to provide financial assistance to middle Tennessee citizens who are without sources for vision-related medical treatment and who do not qualify for public or any other non-public resources and would otherwise have to do without the necessary treatment.

The Woodbury Lions Club will be sponsoring a pancake breakfast and a Christmas Parade on December 6th. The Big Bear TWD will be given away after the parade.

Eye Surgery

Low Vision ”

Lions Help Patient Needing Eye Surgery



The Tullahoma Lions Club and the Tullahoma Downtown Club joined forces along with Dr. Ben Mahan and Dr. Robert Ridley to help a patient receive eye surgery. Accepting the donations towards the surgery are Deb Bryant, executive director of Partners for Healing, and Carolyn Niemiller, clinic administrator.

Handing out the checks are Ray Joellenbeck, past president, Russ Gier, President, both from the Tullahoma Lions Club, and Monty Hatcher, President, Tullahoma Downtown Lions Club.

Resolution

The late Past District Governor Sam Muse, served as Chairperson of the Md-12 Leo Club Committee for several years. Under his leadership and guidance, the Leo program throughout our state developed and grew into a strong component of the Lions efforts to promote the participation of youth in community service.

It is with great pride therefore that the Tennessee Multi-District 12 Council for 2008-2009 proposes to honor PDG Muse with the following resolution:

Be it resolved hereafter that the MD-12 Leo of the year award be named the "Sam Muse MD-12 Leo of the Year Award."

We respectfully submit this resolution for consideration at the MD-12 Convention to be held in May, 2009.

Petersburg Lions Train Future Leaders



Club President, Gene Roberson, discusses results of Pre-Retreat Survey.

The Petersburg Lions Club conducted a workshop for future leaders from Lincoln County on September 27th. The training was conducted under a contract with Motlow State Community College and was principally for the 2008-9 class of Leadership Lincoln. Leadership Lincoln is the countywide leadership development organization. The Petersburg Club has been providing leadership skills training for Leadership Lincoln for the past two years, but this training represented a couple of important 'firsts.' It was the first time we have had a full 4 hours for training. Previous training was conducted in 45 minute segments at

monthly meetings. This was also the first time we have performed the training under contract, and the first time we've been paid for this service. The photo above shows President Roberson reviewing the lesson plan at the beginning of the session. The lesson plan was based on a survey the trainers conducted to identify the needs of the students.

In the weeks leading up to the Leadership Lincoln retreat, which was held at Henry Horton State Park, the trainers conducted a survey of the students to identify the types of training that would be most valuable to them. The survey questionnaire was prepared by Lion Green and former Lion, Larry Payne. The result indicated that the most relevant training would be Time Management, Goal Setting, and Motivating & Empowering People. President Roberson taught the modules on Time Management and Goal Setting. Lion Troy Green taught Motivating and Empowering People. The photo below was taken during Lion Green's presentation.



Lion Troy Green Describes How to Motivate & Empower People.

Following the training, Lion Green helped the participants to create *personal action* plans. Those plans were based on the information presented and help the participants come away from the retreat with several specific actions that they plan to take in order to become more effective leaders.

The workshop ended with participants completing an evaluation. The evaluation form was developed by former Lion Larry Payne and he tabulated the results. We received 25 evaluations. Eighteen of them were from the class of Leadership Lincoln and seven were from Lions and guests from the Petersburg area. We received an overall score in excess of 4 on a scale of 1-5 for the workshop.

Leadership Training is one of the services that the Petersburg Club provides to the community. President Roberson says, "We began this type of training in 2004 as an internal project to help our members prepare for leadership roles in the club. We quickly realized that other organizations needed the training, so we conducted seminars involving 12 hours of training in Petersburg. Now, we have an arrangement with Leadership Lincoln whereby we provide the training at their locations but we are allowed to bring several people from our community to the training sessions. This has been one of our most successful projects."

Submitted by Petersburg Lions Club President Gene Roberson

Dottie West Musical Festival in McMinnville

The Warren County Lions Club held a fundraiser during The Dottie West Musical Festival held on Saturday, October 11, 2008 on the Court Square in McMinnville, Tennessee. The Warren County Club served beans and cornbread, cheese and chips, and its speciality - strawberry shortcake. The strawberry shortcake proved to be a crowd favorite. The club signed up two new members during the festival.



Lion Louree Walker gets ready to start serving customers.



Lions Faye Cunningham and Louree Walker preparing strawberry shortcake for a customer.



Lion June Prater decides to try some beans and cornbread.



Lions Faye and Louree wait on a customer .

On October 31, 2008, the **Tullahoma Lions Club** served its last regular game customer at the Lions Club concession stand at the Tullahoma High School Wilkins Stadium. The stadium is scheduled for demolition immediately following the football season and will be replaced by a larger and more up-to-date facility. The Tullahoma Lions Club has been running the concession stand for over 50 years. It was a sad moment for the club as many of the Lions had served concessions there for over a quarter century.



DISTRICT 12-S CONVENTION

Doubletree Hotel, Murfreesboro

February 20-21, 2009

Come join your District Governor B.J. and your fellow Lions for our District Convention in Murfreesboro, February 20 & 21, 2009. Exciting plans are being made so mark your calendar now and get your reservations in. Deadline for hotel reservations is January 20, 2009.

Doubletree Hotel 615-895-5555 1850 Old Fort Parkway \$92.00 + tax.

Friday Night Hospitality will open at 7 p.m. for those coming in early and staying overnight. Registration will open 8 – 9 a.m. with business session starting promptly at 9:00 a.m. Saturday. Drug Essay and Peace Poster winners will be announced at lunch with election of your District Governor and Vice District Governor following the luncheon.

Our International Director visiting and speaking to us is Debra Wasserman from Minnesota. Director Wasserman was elected to serve a two-year term at our 91st International Convention held in Bangkok, Thailand, June 23-27, 2008..

This meeting is one you won't want to miss!

Make plans now to attend!

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\$5 REGISTRATION FOR ALL ATTENDEES

\$20 REGISTRATION FOR CONVENTION AND LUNCH \$20

February 20th & 21st, 2009

Name: _____ Guest _____

Club: _____ Amount enclosed _____

Delegate _____ Alternate _____

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