

The Lion's Tale



Newsletter for and about the
Lions of District 43-C

[www.e-district.org/sites/43c/.](http://www.e-district.org/sites/43c/)



Events Around the District!

- ↪ The 43-C Convention is April 5 & 6 at Cumberland Falls. **Things to bring to our Convention** -- A Big Fat Lions Smile, your club banner, a raffle gift for our Silent Auction, and many club members.
- ↪ Have your club buy some **KLEF raffle** tickets and sell some to your members. More information on page
- ↪ Get your election of officers for 2013-2014 and your **PU 101 forms** in by April 15th.
- ↪ Richmond Club 82nd Anniversary Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, April 20th.
- ↪ Livingston Club 1st Annual Poker Run is May 11
- ↪ The District 43 State Convention will be held May 17-19. Download your Convention Packet on page 6.

A Message from DG Simon

Dear Lions,

I am writing this on Easter Sunday. It's also my wedding anniversary, so this newsletter article will be shorter this month! March was a busy month, with a couple of club visits (one club had to cancel because of several Lions were ill), a District GLT/ GMT meeting in Berea, two District Conventions in Bowling Green and Hebron, and a State Council meeting in Elizabethtown.

It would be remiss of me to forget to mention my visit to Lexington Northside Lions on February 28, 2013 (which missed the March newsletter publication deadline). I had a great time with everyone, and I learned a lot about the club's rich history and traditions. I am impressed with the way these Lions have partnered with Lexington South Lions on a joint project. I think other clubs should look into doing this,

especially those smaller clubs with fewer resources.

I also enjoyed visiting with the Somerset Lions club on a snowy night early in March. This club has lost members, but has some ideas for bringing in new members and is working on a fundraiser. I was very happy to hear several Lions plan to attend the District Convention. The club also agreed to purchase a KLEF raffle ticket. These Lions sure do enjoy themselves at their clubs meetings! I recently visited Wilmore Lions. It is such a nice drive to Wilmore. I encourage everyone to visit the town. There was a lot of good discussion, and the club was planning their first Yard Sale. I hope it will be a big success. It was also the second visit



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GMT/GLT Meeting at the Smokehouse Grill in Berea

attended by a visually impaired Lion and her leader dog. Rocky took center stage in our group photo! I am making plans to visit Brodhead on April 4, Somerset Community College on April 10, and Albany on April 18.

We are less than a week away from our District Convention at Cumberland Falls State Resort Park, Corbin. We have a fun and informative weekend planned. We have something for everyone who will attend. We have comedy and music on Friday night, we will have our annual Memorial Service conducted by the Berea Lions, followed by our District Cabinet Meeting and election of new District Officers. After lunch (either barbecue prepared by Mount Vernon Lions or lunch on your own), we will hear from our international guests, I.D. Marvin and Lion Lynne Chambers from Saskatchewan, Canada. We have a choice of two sessions from KLEF, KidSight and Spot camera overview from PDG Noel Hardwick (1st VP of KLEF), and organ donation from Lion Susan Nall from KLEF. PDG John Picklesimer will present an update on KY Lion Camp Crescendo. We will have good food (roast beef carved at the table) and great speakers planned

for the Banquet. The Hospitality room will be open on Friday and Saturday evenings for socializing. Please bring your club banner for the Parade of Banners (always a highlight of any District Convention) and a silent auction gift. Lions of District 43-C, I hope you will attend, if not for both days, then just for Saturday. You will learn a lot about Lions, and you will have fun and fellowship. This is YOUR Convention.

My special thanks to PDG Bob Swett, PDG Jan Swett, PDG John Picklesimer, PDG Bea Chapin, Lion Mike Debord, Lion Stanley Cox, Zone Chair Gerald Moss and the Berea Lions for all your help with this Convention. I truly appreciate all your efforts to make this weekend special. My biggest thanks go to my wife, Dawn, for all the planning, and time and effort to make this Convention a reality. She is the true architect of this Convention, and I can't thank her enough.

Lions, I wish you all a Happy Easter. He is Risen! God Bless.

DG Simon, In A World Of Service

Laurel Community Lions Establish "We Serve Scholarship"

The Laurel Community Lions Club is excited to announce the establishment of the first "We Serve Scholarship" for this year's Laurel County graduating seniors. This scholarship will provide \$250 to seniors at both North Laurel High School and South Laurel High School who have demonstrated a true desire to serve others and who have maintained a noteworthy academic history.

The competing students are asked to submit an application along with an essay of 500 words or less describing "How I Plan to Use My Abilities to Serve Others." Each student recipient of the Laurel Community Lions Club "We Serve Scholarship" will receive the prize money during their respective high school's Senior Awards Ceremony.

Fellow Lions,

The new MD-43 website is now live and can be accessed at www.kentuckylions.org. Please pass on this information to the Lions in your district. Of course, there are additions and modifications that will be introduced on an on-going basis. Please e-mail me your suggestions, changes and additions and I will convey them to our website developer. I will be out of country with no access to internet between April 5th and 15th. Any correspondence received during this period will be addressed after April 15th.

Yours in Service,

Lion Kew kewt@insightbb.com

Do you want to see your clubs activates in The Lions Tale? Have your club PR chair email the clubs activities and pictures to district43newsletter@gmail.com. Don't have a Club PR Chair ? Ask your secretary or club president. Just a brief note on what your club has been doing be great.

Stories do not have to be in any special format. Really, it's easier to edit and then layout if it is a word document. Pictures are best in a .jpeg format. Please tell us what is happening in the pictures, who is in the picture, when and where the event happened.

WONDERFUL FEATS ARE DONE BY BLIND MAN

Builds Himself Home That Is Marvel of Good Workmanship.

HEARING ABNORMAL - Only Object in Life Is to Encourage Others Similarly Afflicted.

From the Lexington (KY) Herald, Wednesday, 23 June 1909, Volume 39; Issue 175, Page 7.

GLASGOW, Ky., June 22. - The assembling of the helpers of the blind at Columbus, OH, recently calls to mind the fact that Glasgow has, without a doubt one of the most remarkable, if not the most remarkable, blind man in the United States in the person of Willie F. Settle, who attended the convention as a delegate from this county and whose self-reliance and work, coupled with his efforts, have acted as an incentive to other unfortunates and caused them to become independent breadwinners instead of dependents.

Blind from early boyhood, Settle was educated at the school for the blind in Louisville. After completing his education he took up broom making and for several years he managed the business very well until competition cut the prices and there was hardly a living for him. He was forced to cast about for something more remunerative.

Builds a House. It was at this time that he gained public prominence here by offering to build himself a home, doing all the cabinet work, if the town of Glasgow would donate him a lot. The matter was looked on as a joke for a time, for the idea of a blind man doing carpenter work seemed simply out of the question.

At a public meeting called for the purpose, Mr. Settle demonstrated to a good-sized audience that he was physically able to carry out his part of the contract. A lot on Front street was selected and today there stands as a monument to his energy and skill a neat little three-room cottage which on the closest inspection

bears no trace of the misuse of tools.

Manufactures Mottoes. Something like a year ago he began the manufacture of mottoes for residences, schools, churches and business houses. These mottoes are made by the sawing of strips the size he desires his letters, cutting and joining them on a board.

To get a sufficient amount of these strips was a problem. To saw them by hand would make the manufacture of the mottoes unprofitable, so he conceived the idea of sawing them at a band saw at one of the mills here. If the people were astonished when he agreed to build a house the proprietor of the mill was dumbfounded when Settle asked permission to use the band saw. A band saw is considered one of the most hazardous pieces of machinery used in a planing mill, and only the most skilled and painstaking men are allowed to run them.

Had Mr. Settle requested the manager of the mill to saw his head off he would not have been more astonished. After explaining his methods he was allowed a trial, and did the work successfully which allowed him to manufacture his mottoes and realize three times as much on the same amount of labor as it required to make brooms.

Acute Sense of Hearing. Mr. Settle has so trained his sense of hearing that he can tell most any article by hearing if dropped on the ground. (line missing) ...of letting a person drop a number on the floor. Recently he underwent the test of bits, such as used by a carpenter in

a brace and bit, and so acute was his hearing that he almost invariably told the size of the bit by the sound.

He is unusually fond of children and has an acquaintance of from one to two hundred of them, whom he meets and calls by name, from hearing them speak, another test of his wonderful power of memory and hearing.

Mr. Settle has invented a machine to be used by carpenters and expects to place it on the market at an early date. While the exact nature of his invention is known only to him, it is destined to become popular, according to reports.

Recently Mr. Settle surprised his neighbors by climbing to the highest point on his roof and placing a sign. To convince skeptics that he performed this feat he had a photo made while standing erect on the comb of the house.

When asked why he took such seeming unnecessary risks he summed it up in one short sentence, «To encourage other blind people to try.» His whole being seems centered on helping afflicted ones like himself and should any of his inventions bring large returns, or he come into possession of a large sum through other channels, it will be used to further the interests of the blind.»

Posted by Sandi Gorin, Glasgow, Ky

(Sandi has macular degeneration)

Submitted by Lion Gerald Moss, Berea Club

RICHMOND LIONS CLUB

Celebrating **82** Years

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82ND ANNIVERSARY
PANCAKE BREAKFAST

SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2013
8:00 – 11:30 a.m.

1st Baptist Church
425 Eastern Bypass

Admission \$5.00
Children Under 6 Eat Free



Is It The Fuller Brush Man?



Nope ! The Berea Club is Selling The World's Best Brooms

When I was in the Somerset Lions Club in the late 1980s, we went door to door selling brooms. Many people became very fond of these high quality brooms and would even call us to order one. My wife really loves them and helped to convince our club to order some. These brooms are sturdy with strong wooden handles. We are currently selling them for \$10.00 for the inside brooms and \$12.00 for the larger outside ones. We probably will have to raise the prices due to shipping costs, but will not do this until after the Convention. We are certainly not wanting to invade another club's fundraiser, but if do not have access to them and want one, please email me at jane!!@roadrunner.com and I will bring one to the convention.

James H. Anderson
President, Berea Lions Club



DG Simon's visit to the Wilmore Club



DG Simon's visit to the Somerset Club



The 37th Annual USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum will be held in Overland Park, Kansas
September 19th - 21st , 2013.

Hotel Reservations – First Come; First Served Registration forms and brochures will be available at the District 43-C Convention or you may register online at: <http://usacanadalionsforum.org/onlineregistration.html>. To receive the “Early Bird” discount of \$25, please register before June 15th.

The forum provides an excellent opportunity for training: There will be topics of interest for EVERYONE. Club and District Officers will find sessions geared to help them in their respective offices. Our Mission Statement says it all: To develop leaders, motivate and educate attendees, provide an open exchange of ideas, and support the programs and goals of Lions Clubs International.

Overland Park is in a central location, a good driving distance for many. A good vacation area, with lots of things to see and do! So, why don't we find ourselves a bus, put on our “Red Slippers” and climb onto the “Golden Road” to “The Emerald City” , THEN: “Follow the Leadership Road to Your Dreams”!!!

PLEASE NOTE: Cost of the seminars includes four designated meals, including the Saturday Night banquet.

For additional information, please contact Ve Ron Moore, Forum Promotion Chairperson at 859-986-4426, or by E Mail rosemoore214@windstream.net



Livingston Community Lions Club's First Annual Lions Pride Poker Run May 11, 2013



Riders will register at corner of Main and School Street in Livingston, KY at 9:00 AM.

Preregistration forms are available.

Registration is \$25 per bike; fee includes Hospitality Table with food and refreshments for participants, following the ride.

Riders will leave at 10:00 AM sharp. The ride will last approximately 2 hours.

Prizes are \$100 for best hand, \$50 for second

(In the case of a tie, riders will split the winnings)

Call 606-453-2218 or 606-308-1971 for details

Livingston Homecoming Committee will host a Pancake Breakfast at the Livingston Community Room beginning at 7:00 AM

Alternate date: June 1st



MD43 STATE CONVENTION

May 17 – 19, 2013

Crowne Plaza Lexington – The Campbell House
1375 S. Broadway
Lexington, KY 40504

The weekend will include:

- Silent Auction
- Training Seminars
- Friday Night Dinner & Entertainment
- Saturday Evening Banquet
- Worship Service
- Special Programs
- Council Meeting
- PDG Meeting
- KLEF Luncheon & Trustee Meeting
- And most important - Fun & Fellowship

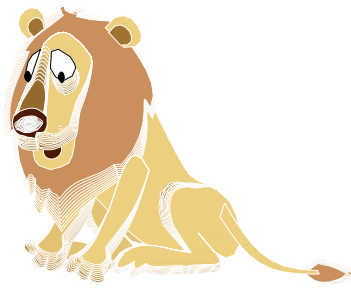
Your attendance would make it perfect.
An informational package is attached.



**HOPE TO SEE Y'ALL
AT THE CAMPBELL HOUSE**



[Download your MD 43 State Convention Registration information here](#)



PLACE YOUR AD IN THE STATE CONVENTION PROGRAM

MD43 State Convention - May 17-19, 2013
Crowne Plaza - Lexington – The Campbell House

Attention All

PDGs, VDGs, District Governors, Clubs, Districts and Businesses

Place an add in the State Convention Program!

Full page \$100.00 – Half page \$50.00 – Quarter page \$25.00

Send your ad copy and check to:

State Secretary PDG Bea Chapin

149 Old Towne Walk, Apt#8208, Lexington, KY 40511

bea@insightbb.com

Make checks payable to - MD43 KY Lions

Deadline is May 1st

Please help us offset the cost of the State Convention!

Purchase program ads.

Bring items for the Silent Auction

LIONS OF DISTRICT 43C

WIN \$28,000.00

**Louisville Downtown Lions, Kentucky Lions Eye Foundation
And MD 43, and the PDG Association**

Have teamed up to bring to you one of the biggest and best raffles this Lions Multiple District has ever held!

1000 tickets @ \$100.00 each

With \$70,000.00 going to KLEF and the rest broken up as follows:

1st Prize 20% of tickets sold \$20,000.00

2nd Prize 4% of tickets sold \$ 4,000.00

5 prizes 3% of tickets sold \$ 600.00

10 prizes 1% of tickets sold \$ 100.00

\$2000.00 for state taxes and administrative expenses

Your Club needs to buy tickets, at least one; All PDG's need to buy and sell tickets at least one; all members are asked to buy tickets, and tickets are for sale to the General Public....

There are only 1000 tickets available for this Raffle.

Drawing date will be October 21st, 2013

Lion Jan and I will be at every Cabinet Meeting and Convention selling these tickets to you and your clubs; if you prefer you can mail a check made out to:

Louisville Downtown Lions Charities Inc.

And send to: PDG Jan Swett, 401 Dogwood Drive, Stanford, Ky. 40484

Please send ___ tickets and enclosed is my check for \$____.____

TO: Name _____

Address: _____

PLEASE BUY OR SELL A TICKET TO HELP KENTUCKY LIONS EYE FOUNDATION PROVIDE EYE SURGERIES FOR THOSE IN NEED.



*DG Simon visits with
Lexington Northside
Lions*