

The Lion's Tale



Newsletter for and about the
Lions of District 43-C



A WELCOME MESSAGE FROM DG SIMON

Dear Fellow Lions,

I have just completed my first three months as your District Governor. How time flies! We have lots of exciting events coming up, and I know everyone is working hard on Fall and Christmas fundraisers and service projects. I would like to thank all the clubs that participated in the Candy Days from September 22-29. Please let me know how much your club raised and how much your club is donating to KLEF. We would like to keep a running total for the District. If you have any photos from your Candy Days, please send to Lion Leslie Farris, our District Newsletter Editor.

I enjoyed three visits to clubs in September. All very different clubs, but each one makes a very valuable contribution to their community. Lexington South Lions are very well organized, and have several on-going service projects. I am especially impressed with their dedication and commitment to the Ronald McDonald House in Lexington, and God's Food Pantry. Lexington South Lions truly serve their community. Their President, Lion Doug Dance, is a lot of fun, and tells really terrible jokes! I made a visit to my home club, Corbin, and spent a very enjoyable evening. I admire Lion President Lee Campbell, who leads by example, a very important leadership quality. The club has a great Facebook page (special thanks to Lion Cody Campbell), and had two successful Candy Days outside one of two Kroger stores in town. This has led to 2-3 prospective members. We learned again that Lions are a best kept secret. We need

to ASK people to join! A last minute change of plans (due to the sad passing of Past President Judge Eddie Lovelace of the Albany Club) resulted in a visit to the Mount Vernon Lions Club. Lion President Mike Debord has boundless energy, and he and the Mount Vernon Lions are always busy with fundraisers and service projects. They have a car show coming up in November across from Renfro Valley. Lion Mike is a Certified Guiding Lion, and has been a huge help to the Livingston Community Lions Club. I miss our MERL meetings in Mount Vernon!

Watching the improbable and amazing comeback win by the European Ryder Cup Golf team over the US team today, I was reminded of an old adage: Never Give Up. My fellow Lions, we should remember this well. We have many challenges as Lions. Competition from other civic organizations, Lions members' abilities to pay dues, our ever increasingly busy schedules, finding time to schedule meetings, complete reports, plan and hold fundraisers and community service projects. It is easy to get down and consider giving up. Remember the people in our communities are counting on us, Lions, to help them. However great or small. WE SERVE.

The second State Council Meeting will be Saturday, October 20 at the Baymont Inn, Elizabethtown. All Lions are welcome to attend. We have shortened the Council Meeting so that Lions from all over the state



may attend and be informed of what is happening at the International and State level. District Governors also report on their District activities. I look forward to seeing some Lions from District 43-C attend. Can I hear a Lions Roar from District 43-C?!!

My thanks to the Campbellsville Lions Club for agreeing to host the 2nd District 43-C Cabinet Meeting on Saturday, November 3 from 9AM to 2PM. Please note that Campbellsville is on Eastern Standard Time. Campbellsville Lions will provide breakfast. We have a great agenda, including a very interesting guest speaker, and presentations by the Mayor and County Judge. Lunch will be catered (boneless, skinless grilled chicken breast, seasoned green beans, cheesy potatoes, salad, rolls, drink and dessert) for \$10. Please make checks payable to District 43-C and send to CS Jan Swett. (please see the registration form on page 5).

The Cabinet Meeting will follow after lunch. I hope it will be as lively and informative as our first Cabinet Meeting in Stanford! I hope we will have a great turnout, and good participation especially from Lions in the western part of our District. We're also having a cake sale to raise money for our District Convention in April 2013, so we will need you to bring a cake to support the sale.

Looking further ahead, make your plans now to attend the Mid-Year Conference in Louisville. The conference will be held at Holiday Inn, Hurstborne Parkway, Louisville on January 18-20, 2013. We are honored with the presence of 1st International Vice-President Barry Palmer from Australia. We are extremely lucky to have gotten the commitment from LCI for the incoming International President to attend one of our conventions in Kentucky. Let's give 1st VP Barry a great big Kentucky welcome. It should be a lot of fun. Those of you on Facebook know that 1st VP Barry is very engaging.

Finally, we have also received confirmation that I.D. Marvin J. Chambers from Saskatchewan, Canada will be our special guest at our District Convention April 5-7, 2013. Our District Convention will be held at Renfro Valley Entertainment Center, the home of Kentucky country and bluegrass music. We are looking forward to welcoming I.D. Marvin and his wife, Lynne.

Please check out our new District Facebook page. My thanks to Lion Leslie Farris for doing such a wonderful job creating the page and putting up some great information and photos. Please send in articles and photos from your clubs. We also got confirmation last week from LCI that Lion Leslie and I now have administrator rights to our District web page. We are very excited about this. We will have the ability to share information with almost all Lions in our District at the click of a mouse.

I have a busy first week in October. I am visiting Stanford Lions Club on October 1, Lexington Lions Club on October 3, and Richmond Lion Club on October 4 for picnic in the park. I don't know whether to bring shorts and flip flops, or a sweater and jacket. Wait five minutes and the weather changes here in the Bluegrass!

Please don't hesitate to contact me at any time: simonmortimer@me.com or 606-682-9948. My door is always open. I look forward to hearing from you.

DG Simon
In A World Of Service

SODUKA

A classic Sudoku puzzle is made up of a 9-by-9 grid with nine 3-by-3 sub-grids called boxes. There are 9 rows, 9 columns and 9 boxes in every puzzle.

The object of the game is to fill all squares in the grid with the correct number. The rules are:

Every row, column and box must contain all the digits 1 to 9; each number can only appear once in every row, column or box and every puzzle has only one correct solution!

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5	7	3	1		2			
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Fellow Lions - I would like to apologize for the late edition of the newsletter. My personal and professional circumstances have been somewhat overwhelming these past 6 weeks. I thank you for your prayers and support during my mother's recent hospitalization. They have meant a great deal to me. She is now home and seems to be doing well. Jim and I will soon have our lives back to its normal level of craziness.

Thank you so much! Lion Leslie Farris

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We're on Facebook!
You can find us at [Lions Club District 43C](#)

Cumberland Club Activities

September Events

“Swappin’ Meetin’”

The Cumberland Club had a very busy month in September. Lion Joe Carruba arranged the sale of excess fencing to a local businessman, resulting in much needed revenue for the Club’s treasury, which will be used in carrying out the work of the Club

The club donated mini golf equipment (mini golf clubs, golf balls, and indoor-outdoor carpet) to the Kingdom Come State Park, Cumberland, KY for use in their mini-golf course.

We also donated books, DVD’s and games to the historic Benham Schoolhouse Inn, Benham, KY, for use by their patrons when they are staying there

The annual cookout/picnic was held on September 21 at the Southeast Kentucky Community & Technical College Gazebo. We all enjoyed good food and fellowship. Our guest speaker Cleon Cornett, a retired veteran, spoke with club members about the plans for the construction of the Eastern Kentucky Veterans Memorial Park in Cumberland, KY. He provided a very enlightening explanation of the project, along with the architect’s rendition of the park when it is finished. Harlan County has a large number of people who serve or have served in the military, and this park will pay tribute to their service and sacrifice. The park will showcase all five branches of the military. People will be able to purchase a memorial plaque with the veteran’s name and information.

(The plaque can be “in memory of” or “in honor of”). The Lion’s Club members offered assistance in publicity and building up support for this worthwhile project.

The club continues to support Camp Cresendo this past month through the sale of raffle tickets.



Lions Erin Wilson and Elana Scopa are pictured making the funnel cakes that the Cumberland Lion’s Club sells each year at the “Swappin’ Meetin’”, an annual heritage festival held at the local College (Southeast Kentucky Community & Technical College—SKCTC). The money generated from the festival is used to support the Club, and to provide funding for services to members of the local community in the form of assistance with expenses of eye examinations/eye glasses, and sponsorship of a scholarship to the College to a deserving high school senior in the area. In addition to their career obligations (both of these Lions are teachers at the College), they are also presently enrolled in a doctorate program offered through Eastern Kentucky University---they are loyal and active Lions for our club.



Lion Michael Corriston (Zone 3 District 2 Chairman) heads up and organizes the Swappin’ Meetin’. This is a fairly large festival, with demonstrators demonstrating wood carving, weaving, broom making, corn shuck flower making, pottery, quilt display, in addition to many vendors, both local and from other areas. He does an excellent job of running the whole affair!

New Lion



Pat Baker was recently inducted into the Cumberland Lions Club on October 4, 2012. She is employed by Southeast Kentucky Community & Technical College (SKCTC) as a “Special Services” person, who assists under-prepared students who are enrolled in the College. Pictured are Pat Baker (new member), Pat Scopa (president of the Club), and Joe Carruba (our esteemed and respected 93-year old charter member since 1946 who never misses a meeting!!)

Pictured at left are: Pat Baker, new member; Pat Scopa, president; Joe Carruba, sponsor



Berea Lions Club hosted a booth at the Annual Spoonbread festival in Berea on September 21-23. The club had membership information available, held their Candy Day's and conducted a raffle for a new 22 inch LED TV.



Lion John Girvan (right) presenting D.G. Simon Mortimer with a Lions pen during his recent visit with Lexington Lions Club on October 3.

Laurel Club Continues Post Disaster Work

The Laurel Community Lions Club is working very hard to assist families who were affected by the March 2nd, tornados that devastated the lives of many members of our community. When Lions Clubs International gave us a grant to spend on the food boxes, one of the consequences of that grant was for us to make sure that we were finding the right families who had truly suffered some type of injury, property damage, or who had lost loved ones. The families filled out applications for the food boxes and we learned from our questions what some of the ongoing needs of the families were. One lady in particular said on her application that she could use assistance with school books for her autistic son. He was thriving on the Abeka Book homeschooling system and our applicant asked if there was any way that the Laurel Community Lions Club could her purchase those books for her son.

When we read her application, it was discovered that she had lost her home and all of their belongings. We verified the application through another local agency and through the local family resource center. Believe us, it was very hard to read these applications and to sit down with these families and listen to the devastation and injuries that some of them had endured without just wanting to do everything possible to help them get back on their feet. The cost of the books, which turned out to be the Alpha Omega system was approximately \$400.00, and our club right away voted to supply the books from

money we raised from a very successful golf scramble last spring.

This week we found out that our young autistic student is thriving on the computer home based system and his mother is so very grateful that the Laurel Community Lions helped her purchase those books with the on line program. Our club was very glad we could do this one thing for this family to make a difference.

Doris Callebs, Laurel Community Lions Club



Laurel Community Lions Doris Callebs and Shawn Andrew in front of Big Lots in London for Candy Days.

USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum

The mission of the USA/Canada Leadership Forum is to develop leaders, motivate and educate attendees, provide an open exchange of ideas, and support programs and goals of Lions Clubs International.

PDG Bob and I recently attended the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Tampa, Florida. It was a Lions Reunion for us as there were 22 Lions from across the State of Kentucky and 21 Lions from our former Lions District in Maine. We had a great time visiting with our "old" and "new" Lions Family....now we are all "one" Lions Family!

But, the most important part of the Forum is the quality of the training that is offered. If you have never attended a Leadership Forum you should try to do so. We attended several different seminars and they were all very interesting and informative. We also heard some wonderful Motivational Speakers. It is such a great experience to meet and talk with the Presidents and Directors, both past and present. You can always find a suggestion or idea to bring back to share with your Club. There is so much that Lions do around the world and we only see a small part of the difference we make, worldwide, here in KY. The possibilities to offer "SERVICE" to our fellowman are endless....

Last, we had the privilege of sitting with ID Marvin Chambers and his family, from Canada, at the Saturday evening Banquet. ID Marvin will be the guest of DG Simon and District 43 C for our Convention next year. They are truly looking forward to coming to coming to Renfro Valley.

It is a great experience and I would encourage you all to attend the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Kansas next year.

PDG Jan Swett

Make your plans to attend the

37th Annual USA/Canada Lions
Leadership Forum
September 19-21, 2013
Overland Park, Kansas

<http://usacanadalionsforum.org/index.html>

DISTRICT 43-C CABINET MEETING TAYLOR COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE

1143 SOUTH COLUMBIA AVENUE, CABELLSVILLE, KENTUCKY 42718

NOVEMBER 3, 2012

Menu: Boneless, skinless grilled Chicken Breast, seasoned green beans, cheesy potatoes, salad (with ranch, french or italian dressing) rolls, dessert and drink \$10.00 per person

Lunch will be provided by Sisters Catering Service

Please make checks payable to District 43 C and send to

CS Jan Swett

401 Dogwood Drive

Stanford, KY 40484

NAME OF CLUB or MEMBER _____

NUMBER ATTENDING x \$10.00 _____ Total enclosed _____

Please sign up before October 26, 2012

The Host Campbellsville Lions Club will be providing biscuits and gravy, donuts, cookies, melon assortment, and coffee in the morning.

Garrard Club Charter Night



Congratulations to the new Garrard Lions Club. Their charter night was held on September 8th.

New LCIF Disaster Relief Video

In this [new video](#), learn how LCIF supports Lions in disaster relief efforts around the world in places like Haiti, Japan and Missouri, USA. Lions and LCIF provide for basic needs such as water, food, shelter and medicine. After immediate needs are met, victims of disasters are not forgotten. LCIF remains committed to the important rebuilding of homes and lives that must happen, often long after a disaster occurs. View it on You Tube at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MsKO1VpQ2RQ>

Lions Quest

Lions Quest programs are comprehensive, positive youth development and prevention curricula that unite the home, school and community to cultivate capable and healthy young people of strong character. Lions Quest K-12 programs teach essential life skills that support character development, social and emotional learning, civic values, substance and violence prevention, and service-learning.

Our programs enhance the academic mission of K-12 schools through exceptional professional development, which is an essential component of implementation. Sponsored by Lions Clubs International Foundation, Lions Quest Skills for Adolescence and Skills for Action programs are rated as "Select SEL" by the Collaborative for Academic, Social and Emotional Learning (CASEL). Skills for Adolescence is rated a "Model" program by the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Interested in this program? Find out more at: <http://www.lions-quest.org/mission.php>

Introducing Lion Gift Cards



- ☺ Let your friends family, co-workers, and local businesses know that you support the Youth Programs, Vision Care, and other programs that make your community better through the Lions Clubs.
 - ☺ Invite others to join you in your support by contributing their time or by purchasing a Lions Clubs Gift Card.
 - ☺ Give Lions Clubs Gift Cards as gifts and let your family friends and business contacts know you support your community.
 - ☺ Supporters who purchase the Lions Clubs Gift Card are supporting you, while also having their choice of a premium product, including: cookie dough, baked goods and candies, specialty honey products, and popular magazine subscriptions.
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