## **July 2016**



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# UPCOMING EVENTS

JULY 16th

12N Org. Meeting LVBI, Morristown 9AM—12PM

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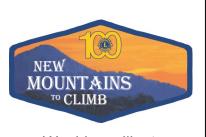
Guiding Lion Training LVBI, Morristown 1PM—3PM

SEPTEMBER 15-17th

USA/Canada Forum Omaha, Nebraska

**OCTOBER 8th** 

Fall Forum
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## **DG Paulette's Post**

#### **NEW MOUNTAINS TO CLIMB**

A great big THANKS to IPDG Fletcher for a great year. Ending the year with positive membership growth and a new club, the Downtown Knoxville Club is awesome! Now let's put these new lions to work in service.

Chuck and I had a great experience in Japan sharing knowledge and innovative ways to serve with over 30,000 lions from around the world. The highlight was the installation of our new International President, Chancellor Bob Corlew from TN. And, we helped elect, Gudrun Bjort Yngvadottir from Iceland as our Association's 2nd VP which means she will become the first female Lions Clubs International President at the 2018-2019 convention in Las Vegas.

It is truly my honor to serve the District and IP Bob this year with his theme "New Mountains to Climb"! Reaching a goal is not the end of a journey it is the beginning of the next. We need to "Lead through Service" assessing our service initiatives and making sure we are doing the service our community needs. Continuing our Centennial Challenge activities of Vision, Youth, Hunger and Environment will allow us to "Connect with our Communities" in meeting their needs. "Inviting for Impact" will help us build our teams with the shared goal of enhancing our service to others. Studies show that one new member can impact the lives of 30 others through service.

To reiterate my goals I am looking to improve net growth by 2% over this past year by chartering 1-2 new clubs and encouraging membership info meetings, Provide a variety of Learning opportunities at our Fall Forum and provide more community service opportunities through partnering with other organizations.

We have our work cut out for us with new mountains to climb, new challenges to meet, new goals to achieve, new people to serve, new members to welcome and new leaders to guide us. **I'm up for the challenge - are you?** Here's to a great year together climbing those new mountains in service!

Yours in Lionism,

-DG Paulette



#### DISTRICT GOVERNOR VISITS

July 18th Fountain City July 23rd Powell August 3rd **Knox North** August 8th Halls August 16th Rutledge August 22nd Inskip September 20th Maryville September 22nd Elizabethton October 1st

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CarShow
October 3rd
West Knox
October 18th

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#### **Campbell County Lions Club Turns 10-years-old**

On June 27th, the Campbell County Lions Club celebrated it's 10-year anniversary. Through lots of hard work, the club has risen to be one of the most successful in District 12-N. Producing two District Governors and screening hundreds of children annually, this club has proven to be a force for good.

10 years ago, PCC Dean and Nellie Harshbarger took this club under their wings. However, the area was no stranger to Lionism. The county had been home to two previous Lions Clubs—one in the 30s, and one in the 60s. The 1960s club sported over 100 members, and both had collapsed for unknown reasons. Aren't we lucky that the Harshbarger's were not bogged down by the favorite saying in Lionism—"we've tried that before and it didn't work."

The event hosted a number of community officials, including the local State Representative, County Mayor, and City Mayor. The celebration was headlined by PCC Diane Pitts

of South Carolina. Diane never fails to deliver an incredible speech, and leaves everyone she meets with a heart that is eager to serve. The club welcomed into it's ranks new Lion Travis Thompson.

Are you sad you missed such a great event? Well, make sure to attend the District's Fall Forum in October to hear PCC Diane!



PCC Diane Pitts of South Carolina

#### Adam's Archive

First, welcome to the Lion's new fiscal year in District 12N. Thanks for your confidence in District Governor Paulette and her VDGs Brandon and me. If you have concerns or suggestions please contact one or all of us. I propose that we in District 12N have some priorities that we as Lions need to address. DG Paulette will discuss these during her visits to each club and through *News and Views* articles. Through each Club's input, we can learn our level of energy committed to pursue these items. To be blunt, we will need your help.

Two subjects I would like to highlight for your consideration are:

1) 1<sup>st</sup> VDG annual trip to Leader Dogs for the Blind in Rochester Hills, MI, August 18-20, 2016. Carol and I will be traveling to Michigan to get first-hand knowledge of one of our recipients of District 12N's charities. If you have questions you need answered please get them to me and we'll do our best.



2) upcoming training at the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Omaha, NE, September 15-17, 2016. Again, Carol and I will be traveling to Nebraska during September to receive some personal training. We understand that these sessions hold some of the world's best training. We would love to see you there! Visit <a href="https://www.LionsForum.org">www.LionsForum.org</a> or pick up info and applications at the District 12N Cabinet meeting

## Lead Through Service

Lions around the world are impacting the lives 100+ million people during the Centennial Service Challenge. Strengthen your community and help us reach our Centennial Service Challenge goal by planning a youth, hunger, vision or environmental service project today!



# Connect with Community

Raise the visibility of your club and honor our legacy of service by planning a Centennial Legacy Project in your community. Legacy Projects commemorate our Centennial by making a lasting gift that will benefit your community for years to come. Start building your Lion legacy!



# Invite for Impact

Each Lion impacts the lives of 50 people a year. Just imagine how many more lives we can change by chartering new clubs and inviting family, friends and neighbors to join us as Lions. Strengthen your club and community today!





### **International Convention Success**

The 99th Lions International Convention in Fukuoka, Japan, was one for the books! The convention was a roaring success. Over 30,000 Lions from around the world gathered and marched in the exciting Parade of Nations; discussed new ways to make an impact in our local and global communities; enjoyed spectacular shows and Japanese culture; and more. Visit the <a href="LCICon Facebook page">LCICon Facebook page</a> for photos and videos, and search #LCICon on Facebook and Twitter for posts from attendees. You can also see video highlights on the <a href="LCICon YouTube channel">LCICon YouTube channel</a>.

The next convention will be our Chicago Centennial Celebration in June of 2017! Do you plan on attending?



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### SightFirst is Hard at Work in Africa

SightFirst's mission is to build comprehensive eye care systems to fight the major causes of

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### **Guiding Lion Training Scheduled**

One way to accomplish DG Paulette's goals is to Charter 1 to 2 new clubs and to strengthen weaker clubs. Both new clubs and weaker clubs will need some nurturing and mentoring. In this regard, the District is planning on conducting Certified Guiding Lion Training following the July 16th Organizational meeting. Certified Guiding Lions provide assistance to clubs by:

- Helping the club determine their mission and purpose
- Developing/implementing a club officer training program
- Mentoring the club officers and members
- Providing tools and available resources for club management

I would appreciate if anyone interested in becoming a Certified Guiding Lion or seeking recertification please contact me at <a href="mailto:ladipee@aol.com">ladipee@aol.com</a> so we can be sure to have enough hand-out materials and food for lunch. Together, through growth, we can make our District even stronger and provide more service to people in our communities and the world.

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