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**MAY 2012**

## DG Ritter Message

I am noticing the signs of the fast approaching summer, fewer blossoming plants and more tornados. That means an end to my year as your governor. I thank you all for the honor of serving with you in this position.

I still need your help and support as we strive to meet our goals for the year. Membership is respectable, but below the goal on real growth. We are at a net loss of nine to date, according to the report. But that is taking into consideration the 16 deaths, and loss of a whole club of eleven, with its closing. This includes typical losses from emigration, with few gains from immigration into this district. Nine of our clubs are below 14 in membership. I get a report from LCI, listing these, implying they need help in getting back to health with 14 members present.

Kudos to Mena Lioness for their growth of 41% this year! Also, to Camden for their 38% growth! I have attended their meeting and the enthusiasm is contagious. I encourage the other clubs to catch that enthusiasm and grow, as well. Make your activities and meetings fun, so you can offer the fun and sense of service to prospective members, as you are recruiting willing workers to share the good feelings, not just to meet a membership goal. I also commend Texarkana Evening for their herculean effort, although its success has not yet been realized. Seeds were planted for more community recognition and future success.

I encourage you to wear your Lion pin, cap, or whatever you have that calls attention to your association with Lions. Because I do, I have had two encounters recently. Once, just because of my lapel pin. The lady recognized it and explained how grateful she was and has been since her youth, when the local club purchased glasses for her so her grades and life could improve. The time that I

was wearing a Mid-South monogrammed shirt, a fellow asked what it meant. He said "Great I need your help. I have only one eye. I'm poor, could you help me get a prosthesis (Glass eye)? We will proceed to get him in contact with Mid-South. It really feels good to be helpful, and have Lions recognized for what they do.

I hope all clubs are getting ready for our state convention: electing delegates and reviewing the resolutions. (I know Bryant has, so I know I will not be voting, because I am not a delegate). They include:

# 1 – from Fayetteville, to make Leader Dogs for the Blind a state project. We encourage all clubs to send clients and funds to this worthy project. Making it a state project will just reinforce this commitment, and heighten awareness.

A mutual sister to both Libby White, Vice President of Hot Springs Village Evening and Corky Egendoefer, Bryant Lions Secretary; recently received her second Leader Dog, and is a spokesperson for them. Council Chair Darleen is raising a second puppy for them.

# 2 – from Clinton, concerning how state dues are spent. This takes out the word "events" that allowed this fund to be available to the Mid-Winter Forum for the last two years. It is of little consequence, at this time, as our leadership is able to budget for small profits, but having the reserve available, if needed for Mid-Winter is a comforting thought; so please vote against this resolution.

# 7 revised – from Hot Springs Village Evening, to redistrict from L-I-O-N to A & R (representing also #s 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, & 10) as noted, this resolution has the endorsement of many clubs, including my own – Bryant This is a change that is

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over-due, so please vote for this resolution to change to a two district multiple.

# 12 – from Camden , to redistrict down to a single district (representing also #11 from Gravel Ridge). It took twenty year evolutions for Arkansas to grow from one to two, another twenty from two to four, and finally another twenty to peak out at five districts. It is extremely pessimistic to think we should revert to a single district in the near future or now in preparation for minimal membership. Therefore, I request that you vote against this resolution.

# 13 – from NLR, to change the way the MD-7 CC is elected using a rotation system. Rotation takes the selection of the Council chair away from the state and requires individual districts to find the willing and able candidate from the few in that small geographical area. With the redistricting that may have just passed, it would be mute if only one <#12> passed and awkward if <#11> passed. Therefore I recommend voting against this resolution.

# 14 – from the MD-7 Council, opening the MD-7 CC election to PDGs of the previous five years. I encourage you to vote in favor of this resolution, as it increases the ‘pool’ of eligible past district governors, who may be willing and able to serve in this capacity.

# 15 revised – from the MD-7 Council, expanding the work of the MD-7 C&BL committee to keep our C&BL in alignment with LCI’s. This is a “clean-up” in the wording to allow this important committee to make small decisions under the supervision of the Council of Governors, keeping the multiple-district in compliance and informed.

# 16 – from Nettleton, to establish the Dr. James M. Fowler Humanitarian award. Similar to the Edward G. Barry award, so a second outstanding Lion may be honored and honoring the contributions of PIP Fowler. Vote in favor, please.

# 17 – from Lonoke, to establish the John H. Barnett Leadership award. Similar to #16, except Leadership instead of Humanitarian.

I think it is “over-kill” to add two awards at the same time. We still have international awards to present. Lions do not serve for recognition, but it is an extra ‘pay’ to be recognized.

Note in this newsletter the agenda for this week-end meeting. These resolutions will be presented and voted-on as “new business” at the end of the 2:30 pm business meeting. Note the meetings, activities and entertainment Friday night, making it worth your while to come early.

## DGE Claude Jamerson

My time as 1st Vice District Governor of District 7-L is slowly drawing to a close. In 7 weeks I will close this chapter in my life and open a new one on June 16th, when I board a plane headed for Busan, South Korea to attend the International Convention and become Governor of District 7-L and I can only pray that I would be one not only to represent the District and the State but each one of you that believed. Now we all can come together, IN A WORLD OF SERVICE!

Thank you all, DGE Claude Jamerson.

## HSV Residents Give \$4,100 to Lions White Cane Day

Friday, April 13 was a good day for HSV Lions' White Cane Day, a fund-raising effort on behalf of sight-impaired adults seeking vocational training at World Services for the Blind in Little Rock.



Lions Libby White & Jim Carter

In fact, it was a record-setting day, as residents and visitors contributed \$4,100 to the combined effort of members of the Evening and Breakfast Lions clubs.

Some 80 Lions participated in the event, with collection baskets at 15 locations in and near the Village.

## Your District Governor & Newsletter Editor Need Help

This newsletter is a good way to let other clubs know what you are doing. What has your club done that should be passed on to other clubs? Maybe your club has done a project or fundraiser that did not work to your expectations, help other clubs by letting them know.

Is also important to let other clubs know what you have done very successfully.

Please email your information to DG Art Ritter, [motorman44@yahoo.com](mailto:motorman44@yahoo.com) or Jim Hamilton, [jim.hamilton@hsvlions.org](mailto:jim.hamilton@hsvlions.org)



96<sup>th</sup> Arkansas Lions  
State Convention  
Central Baptist College,  
Conway, AR

Arkansas Lions MD-7  
Business Meeting

Agenda  
**Friday, May 18**

Central Baptist College  
Conway, Arkansas  
May 19, 2012

- 3:00 PM Registration Begins, Hilton Inn
- 4:00 PM Council of Governors Meeting
- 7:00 PM Dinner hosted by Conway Lions Club
- 7:45 PM World Service for the Blind Program
- 8:30 PM Entertainment by "Karen Taylor-Good"

**Saturday, May 19**

- 7:30 AM Breakfast & Mid-South Lions Program
- 8:00 AM Registration Continues
- 9:00 AM Morning Session Begins – Central Baptist College  
  - Call to Order – CC Darleen Wheelington
  - Posting of Colors
  - Pledge of Allegiance
  - Invocation
  - Welcome – CC Darleen Wheelington
  - Welcome to Conway – Hon. Mayor
- 9:40 AM Signing Dolls –
- 9:55 AM Break
- 10:15 AM Wheel of Projects
- 11:10 AM Memorial Service – PDG Donald Flentroy
- 12:00 Noon Lunch with Lion Karen Taylor-Good
- 1:20 PM Auction – 50/50
- 1:35 PM District Cabinet Meetings  
  - District 7-L
  - District 7-I
  - District 7-O
  - District 7-N
- 2:15 PM Break
- 2:30 PM Business Session

**A G E N D A**

- CALL TO ORDER CC Darleen Wheelington
- PRAYER PCC Jeff Boone
- PLEDGE DG Eric Edwards
- WELCOME CC Darleen Wheelington

**INTRODUCTIONS OF COMMITTEES:**

- CC Darleen Wheelington
- Rules Committee
- Resolution Committee
- Constitution and By-Laws Committee
- Sergeant-at-Arms Committee

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS: Committee Reports:**

- Credential Report
- Rules Committee PDG Thomas Epperson
- Resolution Committee PDG Bruce Davis
- Two (2) Resolutions submitted:
- Constitution and By-Laws PCC David Moose
- Fifteen (15) Resolutions:

**CONVENTION SITE:** CC Darleen Wheelington  
Host Club: Camden Noon

**MID WINTER FORUM:**  
Host Club: Clarksville Lions Club

**ADJOURN**

**The convention will take place at the Central Baptist College in Conway. Directions from Hilton Garden Inn (805 Amity Road) to Central Baptist College (1501 College Avenue), Cooper Educational Complex (Convention Meeting Site). Turn Left on Amity Road 0.2 Mi - Turn Left onto Oak Street 1.2 Mi - Turn Left onto Harkrider Street 0.4 Mi - Turn Right onto College Avenue 0.5 Mi - Turn Left into Central Baptist College parking lot .**



**ARKANSAS LIONS STATE CONVENTION**

**MAY 18-19, 2012**

**Central Baptist College, 1501 College Avenue, Conway, AR**



**(Please PRINT the following information)**

<b>(A) Your Data</b>	Name:		Badge Name: (If Different)
	I am a (circle one): Lion    Lioness    Leo    Non-Member		
	# of Years in Lionism:	Highest Office Held:	
<b>(B) Spouse's Data</b>	Name:		Badge Name: (If Different)
	I am a (circle one): Lion    Lioness    Leo    Non-Member		
	# of Years in Lionism:	Highest Office Held:	
<b>Mailing Address</b>	Street, Apt. #		
	City, State ZIP		
<b>e-Mail</b>			

**Convention Fees**

**REGISTRATION FEE** covers the cost of the convention, lunch, and breaks. All attendees must pay full registration fee to participate in the meals and seminars. Individual meal or seminar tickets will NOT be available.

**{ } FRIDAY EVENING--\$5** Join us for a fun evening of entertainment & motivation with our guest Lion Karen Taylor Good from Nashville, TN at the Hilton Garden Inn. Finger Foods and Fun. Hosted by Conway Noon Lions Club and World Services for the Blind. 7P.M.TILL 10P.M.

**{ } SATURDAY BREAKFAST--\$5** Join us for breakfast at the Hilton Garden Inn hosted by Mid-South Sight & Hearing. 7:30 A.M. till 8:30A.M.

**ROOM RATES** at the Hilton Garden Inn in Conway are \$99.00/night (not including taxes) through April 27. Please mention Arkansas Lions State Convention when making reservations. Call the hotel direct at 1-501-329-1444, toll-free at 1-877-STAY-HGI (7829-444), or on-line at [www.conway.hgi.com](http://www.conway.hgi.com).

Postmarked by:	May 4, 2012	May 5, 2012 or later	First-Timers
(A) Your Fees	\$40	\$50	\$30
(B) Spouse's Fees	\$40	\$50	\$30
Friday Night \$5 per person	\$5	\$5	\$5
Saturday Breakfast \$5 per person	\$5	\$5	\$5
<b>Total Due:</b>		<b>Amount Enclosed:</b>	<b>Check Number:</b>

Make checks payable to Arkansas Lions State Convention and mail to:  
Lions State Convention, c/o Lion Bill Bounds, 118 Shamrock Drive, Conway AR 72034

**Please complete and attach your delegate certificate(s)**

**To reserve rooms at Hilton Garden Inn in Conway, call 1-501-329-1444 (Direct), 1-877-STAY-HGI (7829-444) (Toll-Free), or on-line at [www.conway.hgi.com](http://www.conway.hgi.com)  
Mention Arkansas Lions State Convention when making your reservation  
King Rooms \$99.00 (Plus Tax) Queen/Queen Rooms \$99.00 (Plus Tax)**

## “ROARING TO BELIEVE”

MD-7 ARKANSAS LIONS STATE CONVENTION  
MAY 18 & 19 2012  
HILTON GARDEN INN IN CONWAY ARKANSAS



## Karen Taylor-Good

### Songs for the Lions

A specially designed program for Lions Clubs

- ◆ [Lions Songs by Karen Taylor-Good](#)
- ◆ [Lions CD Available Now](#)
- ◆ [Great Fundraiser for Your Club](#)
- ◆ [Keynote Speaker for our MD-7 AR Lions Convention](#)

**Original Lions songs  
help us share the pride!**

**Karen Taylor-Good is a  
Grammy Nominated Lion!**

“Two original songs for the Lions - written and recorded by Karen Taylor-Good. She created a CD for her Lions family too.

**“Because You Serve”** --- *“This is my love song for the Lions. I actually wrote this song before I became a Lion --- but it means more to me each day. You all do so much --- thank you.”*

**“We Serve”** --- *“An anthem to let people know Lions rock --- and they should join us!”*

**(“We Serve” was selected as background music for the Lions International 2011 Convention. Call 870-836-7297 or 870-818-7588 for information)**

**Join us for a full evening of fun and laughter on Friday May 18, 7p.m. till 10p.m.  
Hosting by Conway Noon Lions & World Services for the Blind. Finger Foods and drinks  
will be served. \$5 per person**



# FREEDOM FROM BLINDNESS DAY

Dear Fellow Lions,

At the March Quarterly Meeting of Mid-South Lions Sight and Hearing Service, Lions from four states came to a single conclusion — something must be done to help the 200 people we have on our current waiting list. With the unanimous approval of all who attended the meeting, we are asking that each club served by Mid-South schedule a special one-day fundraiser, on or around the Fourth of July. We're calling this campaign: "Freedom From Blindness Day".

To be effective, this must be an event and contribution that is above and beyond your Club's budgeted contribution to Mid-South. Every dollar raised from this program will be spent on patient care.

Recently I saw a video on YouTube that gave me an idea about how we can make this event an even greater success. The video showed a blind man sitting on a sidewalk and holding out a tin cup. He had a cardboard sign that said "Blind. Please help." Almost everyone passed by without stopping. Then came a young woman who turned back, took out a pen, and wrote something on the other side of his sign. People started noticing the blind fellow, and the coins multiplied. At the end of the video, the same young woman came back, and the blind man asked her what she had written. The camera focused on the sign, which now read, "It's a beautiful day, and I can't see it." If you'd like to watch the whole thing, it is titled "the Power of Words" and is available at:

[http://www.youtube.com/watch\\_popup?v=Hzgzim5m7oU&vq=medium](http://www.youtube.com/watch_popup?v=Hzgzim5m7oU&vq=medium)

Maybe we can learn a lesson from this. Are you tired of standing in front of Kroger's and reciting "Help the Lions help the blind," or "Would you like to donate?" or "Would you like to buy a . . ." Why not change your words and touch a life?

My own club is planning a fishing rodeo for the morning of July 4<sup>th</sup>. There's no entry fee, but we'll be asking parents for donations. They're always willing to kick in a couple of dollars. This year, however, we'll not be saying "We accept donations." This year we'll have signs that read: "My son just caught his first fish, and I couldn't see it." Or "My granddaughter just learned to put a

worm on a hook, and I couldn't watch her face."

What is your club going to do? And what heartstrings can you pull by changing your words? Try one of these:

- "There are American flags all along Main Street, and I can't see them"
- "Our booth has Italian Ice cones in 24 flavors and colors, but I can't see them."
- "Fireworks are bursting overhead, and I can only hear the noise. I can't see the beauty."
- "Here comes the tricycle parade, and I can't see my child's costume."
- "Traffic sounds heavy on this road I have to cross, but I can't see it."
- "I think my grandson is in that marching band, but I can't see him."
- "I heard someone say the hot dogs look delicious, but I can't tell."
- "I think some of my neighbors are here, but I can't find them."

What will you do? Please let us know your plans. Call the office at 901-544-5443 and give us the name of your Freedom from Blindness Day Event.

Lion Carolyn Schriber

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## Hamburger Day – May 12

Hot Springs Village Evening Lions Hamburger Day, May 12 from 11 am - 3 pm at Coronado Center Hot Springs Village, is one of our club's four major fund-raisers for our designated charities.



Hamburger Day chair person Tom Brink shares plans with past president Linda Piette and his co-chair Bill Evans.

Leaders Tom Brink, Bill Evans, and Nola Lauber are making preparations for our Lion volunteers, some 50 club members, to serve hundreds of burgers and trimmings.

Their work will nearly wrap up our fundraising activity for this program year. Two Bingo nights in June

will close out the year.



**The**  
**Little Rock South**  
**Lions Club**  
 with  
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 Other Participating Sponsors Present:  
**The First Annual**  
**Little Rock South Lions Club**  
**Benefit Bass Tournament**




Benefiting:  
**Community Connections'**  
**"I Can! Arts & Resource Center"**  
**Saturday July 21, 2012, 6:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**  
**Arkansas River – Tar Camp Park, Redfield**  
 70% of All Collected Entry Fees  
 Will Be Paid To The Top Three Places!  
**Plus Big Bass Bonus**  
**(For Participating Fishermen)**

See any Little Rock South Lions Club member or any participating sponsor for entry forms and details.

## Little Rock South Lions Club Bass Tournament Entry Form

(Please Print Clearly)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Big Bass:  Yes  No

T Shirt Size:  S  M  L  XL  XXL  XXXL

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Big Bass:  Yes  No

T Shirt Size:  S  M  L  XL  XXL  XXXL

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### Your Inspiration: Never Forget

Your presence is a gift to the world,  
 You're unique and one of a kind.  
 Your life can be what you want it to be -  
 Take it one day at a time.  
 Count your blessings, not your troubles,  
 And you'll make it through what comes along.  
 Within you are so many answers,  
 Understand, have courage, be strong.  
 Don't put limits on yourself -  
 Your dreams are waiting to be realized.  
 Don't leave your important decisions to chance -  
 Reach for your peak, your goal, and your prize.  
 Nothing wastes more energy than worrying -  
 The longer a problem is carried, the heavier it gets.  
 Don't take things too seriously -  
 Live a life of serenity, not a life of regrets.  
 Remember that a little love goes a long way -  
 Remember that a lot goes forever.  
 Remember that friendship is a wise investment,  
 Life's treasures are people... together.  
 Have health and hope and happiness,  
 Take the time to wish on a star.  
 And don't ever forget for even a day...  
 How very special YOU are!

*Read by PCC Bob Bradford to the Lions of MD19 who spend their lives volunteering. He read it to close the Lions Appreciation Banquet on Saturday night at the MD19 Fall Annual Convention in Yakima.*

We have read and understand the rules of this tournament presented by the Little Rock South Lions Club and would like to enter the contest. In signing this application, we hereby waive and release all other contestants, the hosts, sponsors and tournament officials from any claims of injury and/or damages, which may be incurred in connection with this tournament. We further understand and agree that tournament officials reserve the right to refund this entry fee if for any reason they decide not to accept this application. We swear the above facts we have represented to be true and accurate to the best of our knowledge.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Check All That Apply

- \_\_\_\_\_ \$100 Entry Fee
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$10 Individual Big Bass Entry Fee (Optional)
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$10 Individual Big Bass Entry Fee (Optional)
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$20 Donation (if received after July 18 2012)

Total Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please Make Checks payable to:

Little Rock South Lions Club

Please mail this form with entry fee to:

Lions Club Bass Tournament

3022 E. Woodson Lateral Rd.

Hensley, AR 72065

You can also drop off entry forms and fees at many of our participating sponsors, for more information call **(501) 888-3946** if no answer call **(501) 993-3224**.



Diamondhead - Ken & Barbara Benck

## ZONE 2 LIONS SPONSOR HOT SPRINGS 'ADOPT-A- TREE' PROJECT

The city of Hot Springs had acquired a variety of trees in 2009 intended to help improve the tree canopy within the city. However, due to required cut backs, the city lost their Urban Forestry person.

With the loss of their Urban Forestry position, the city had no appropriate way of maintaining their tree nursery. Facing this situation, the city proposed giving away the trees to the residents of Hot Springs provided those taking the trees pledged to properly care for them. This event soon became known as the 'Adopt-a-Tree' project.



HS South - President Larry Loudon



Hot Springs - Gil Wooten, Pres. Morris Cash, Bill Cox, Sec/Treas Bob Grim



Oaklawn 1st VP Matthew Hamilton, Treas. Wanda Thorp



J D Hawkins - 1st VP Margie Perkins, Mae Robinson, Thomas Anderson, Mozella Anderson, Sec. Joanne Bloss, Pres. Nathan Robinson, DGE Claude Jamerson

The Zone 2 Lions were soon approached for our help in depositing of these trees to the community residents. The timing for the Zone 2 Lions to come along side of the city of Hot Springs in sponsoring the 'Adopt-a-Tree' event was excellent as a similar project had been discussed at an earlier Zone Meeting. Upon receiving word that the Zone 2 Lions had agreed to sponsor the event, the 'Adopt-a-Tree' was scheduled for March 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>.

The following clubs in Zone 2 came together to sponsor the Hot Springs community 'Adopt-a-Tree' project. These clubs supported the project by purchasing tree-container bags and providing volunteers to assist with the adoption of the trees: Hot Springs - Diamondhead - Hot Springs South - Jesse D. Hawkins - Oaklawn Lions Clubs

The city officials involved in this event proclaimed the 'Adopt-a-Tree' event as a big success and praised the Lions of Hot Springs for their community service. Each of the Lions Clubs participating in the event received a Certificate by Zone Chair, Lion Bob DeVinney at the third and final Zone 2 District Governor's Advisory Meeting held on April 17<sup>th</sup>. In addition, the Lions attending the Zone meeting were presented with a 'Rose Wood' key chain engraved with the Lions logo and the motto WE SERVE commemorating the zone's 2011-2012 signature event 'Adopt-a-Tree'.

Respectfully submitted by: Lion Bob DeVinney, Zone 2 Chair of District 7-L, Incoming 2nd Vice District Governor (Red Coat all photos)

**As of April 3, 2012, Lions around the world have now planted 7,453,153 trees! And the total is growing daily.**



Representatives of Hot Springs - Diamondhead - Hot Springs South - Jesse D. Hawkins - Oaklawn Lions Clubs - District 7-L Sec/Treas Bruce Davis - Zone 2 Chair Bob DeVinney & Hot Springs Parks & Recreation Dept. Superintendent Brian Fisher along with his associates.