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Governor Message



I would like to thank everyone in giving me the opportunity to help make District 7-N prosperous for 2011 - 2012 fiscal Lion year.

We start off the year with a district membership of 868. We know we have challenges with membership and retention on a regular basis. As a district, lets make this an opportunity to try something different to attract new members and also serve each other in our clubs to make

our current members feel like family.

"I Believe" is this years theme for Lions International President Wing Kun Tam. President Tam says there are three keys to believing; **Courage, Commitment** and **Action**.

With these three components believing can be made a reality in what ever it is that we set out to accomplish.

The District Governor Team will be making club visits to share more about IP Tam's theme. We will also share some challenges that will be given to each club and goals for our district to reach and then surpass. If your club has been visited by a DG

Team member already, then don't hesitate to create your clubs plan and put it into action as soon as possible to help reach district goals and challenges.

I would also like to thank everyone again for their attendance at the first District 7-N Cabinet meeting on Saturday August 6th in Pine Bluff. With the number of attendees that were present, shows me that there are Lions in our district that want to make our district, state and the association better than it ever has before.

We Serve & We Believe,

DG Eric

District 7N First Cabinet Meeting

August 6, 2011

The District 7N Cabinet held their first meeting with the new District Governor, Eric Edwards and came together as a team to plan and prepare for the 2011—2012 year. At this meeting the 2011 –2012 cabinet members for District 7N were installed. The Lions motto is "**WE SERVE**" and that is exactly what this new cabinet is planning to do for the coming year. Members of the cabinet presented their goals for the year with much ambition and enthusiasm. The meeting was held from 10 a.m. to 12:00 at the Pine Bluff Simmons National Bank, 501 Main Street on the Mezzanine level in the Simmons Room. The Lions International President's motto this year is "**I Believe**". And the 7N cabinet proved that they as a Team "Believe" that the goals they have will bring a stronger unity in the Lions of Arkansas.

District 7N Club Spot Light



The Grady Lions Club



Grady Fish Fry

When: August 18, 2011

Where: Pecan Grove at Hardin Farms, Grady

Cost: Adults: \$12.00, Kids 3- 6: \$5.00 and kids age under 3 eat FREE

Menu: Fried catfish, fries, hush puppies, cole slaw, watermelon, tea and coffee. Entertainment is provided by the Cummings Prison Band.

Bo Harvey, Buck Hardin and Don Eifling have fond memories of the Grady Lion's Club Fish Fry because they were there 56 years ago for the very first one. As the Club's main fundraiser, it will continue this August 18th (Always the 3rd Thursday in August) from 4 to 8 PM in the original location, the pecan grove at Hardin Farms, Grady. All of the money raised goes to support international, national, and local needs. such as disaster relief, blindness prevention and treatment, local scholarships and eyeglasses.

In 1955, at the first Fish Fry, tickets were \$2.50. About 300 pounds of fish were cooked in black iron wash pots heated by flame cultivators on farm tractors and about 250 people were served. Hush puppies were dropped by the spoonful into hot oil and the French Fries were cut by hand. In 1960, club member, M.E.. Argo invented a hush puppy maker that with a little coaxing, is still in use today. Over the years improvements have been made. Propane gas now fuels the pots and much of the prep work is done by trustees from the Cummins/Varner prison, including the great music performed by the prison band. But some things never change. Still the same place, still hot !! Still great tasting food and wonderful camaraderie as old friends reunite. This year they will cook over 1000 pounds of fish and entertain 1200 to 1500 people.

For more information contact: Lion Jane at BGradyLady@aol.com

August Club Events

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Cost: Adults: \$12.00, Kids 3-6 \$5.00 and kids under 3 eat free.

Menu: fried catfish, fries, hush puppies, cole slaw, watermelon, tea and coffee. Entertainment provided by Cummings Prison Band.

See page 2 for details or contact the Grady Lions Club Lion Jane at BGrady@aol.com

September 12, 2011 (Mon)

Cabot Lions Club

"Charity" Golf Tournament

Rolling Hills Country Club

Cabot, Arkansas

For entry forms or Sponsor Information write to Cabot Lions Club P.O. Box 183 Cabot Ar 72023 or email at cabot-lions@yahoo.com

or call 501-920-2122

Details on all of these events can be found on our District Website. If your club has a special event happening please forward this onto the District IT Chairperson Lion Linda Nickell. Please send your events to Linda at:

lnickell@suddenlink.net

Tree Planting Campaign

Help reach International President Tam's goal to plant a million trees this year.

From an environmental perspective, trees are vital to many processes that make life on Earth possible.

People around the world depend on trees for their livelihood. Nearly three hundred million people live in forests and rely on trees for fuel wood,

medicine and food. Another 1.6 billion people depend on trees and forests for subsistence and income.

Forestry-related industries generated nearly US\$500 billion in 2006. An additional US\$189 billion was produced through the global trade of primary wood products.

To date around the world there have been 183,980 trees

planted by fellow Lions. We ask that you and your club please join these Lions in this remarkable challenge.

For more information please visit:
<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/membership-and-new-clubs/global-membership-team/presidents-theme/million-tree/index.php>

Kids Peace Poster Contest—2011—2012 "Children Know Peace"



Students ages 11, 12 or 13 on November 15, are eligible to participate. Learn more about the Lions International Peace Poster Contest, call 630-571-5466 or contact the Lions Clubs International Public Relations Department. You can order kits from the Club Supplies Sales Department at International Headquarters from January 15 to October 1. To order a kit, call Club Supplies Sales at (630) 571-5466 or 1-800-710-7822 (U.S., Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands and Canada only). To order online, go to Club Supplies (Item Search: Peace Poster Kit). You can also download the order form. The kits cost \$9.95 plus shipping.

USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum



Make your plans to attend the USA/Canada Leadership Forum in Anchorage, Alaska on September 22-24, 2011.

The theme for the Forum will be "***I Believe in Lions Leadership.***" The forum provides participants with the knowl-

edge and inspiration to return home better prepared to assume leadership positions in their clubs.

At the Lions Leadership Forum in Alaska, you will find seminars with information critical to your success. Choose over 63 seminars.

Anchorage offers larger-than-life experiences. Get up-close and personal with local wild-

life, step foot on a glacier, catch wild Alaska salmon or experience Alaska Native culture.

Please contact District Chairperson PDG Wanda Barnett @ (501) 961-1148 for more information or visit the forum website

www.usacandalionsforum.org.

Brandon's Playground Phase Two

We were approved a Lions Club International Foundation grant in the amount of \$20,000.00.

The electrical work has been completed. We are in the process of painting.

The children are in need of games for the playroom. They are in need of gift cer-

tificates or games for the gaming system they have. If your club would be interested in helping with this project in any way please contact the Chair PDG Wanda Barnett at Jwbarnett03@cs.com

This project has come so far and could not have without the support of many out-

standing Lions. We applaud your efforts to help with this project. And we **Thank You** for not only making us "**Believe**", but for the many children you have touched you have made each of them "**Believe**", and for that Thank you!

Sunshine Report

Most of us have had the opportunity to meet a wonderful, devoted Lion PDG Jack Ferguson. Lion PCC John has written an update for us all on Lion Jack's illness.

"I must say that, for the first time in some time, he seems to be on the road to improve-

ment. He has almost conquered the problem that he had with his skin. I think they have been able to pinpoint the problem that he has otherwise, and some treatment methods have been implemented.

He still has a way to go to be

completely well.

Please keep him in your prayers. I am sure he would enjoy an email from you.

His Email address is:

whitehorse20@comcast.net.

District 7N Convention

It is hard to believe that the time is fast approaching for us to have our Lions District 7N Convention.

Mark your Calendars!

This year District 7N will be holding your annual convention on October 28 & 29, 2011 at the Grand Lodge that is located in Pine Bluff Arkansas We will offer a

little different format packed with fun, good food, and fellowship.

Registration is on Saturday, 7:30 a.m.- 8:30 a.m., With the program kicking off at 9:00 a.m. and ending 3:30 p.m.

Don't miss out! The price will be right @ \$30.00.

And it's sure to be time well

spent!

ALL Lions are encouraged to attend.

Our special guest is ID Dave Hanjy of Montana.

We hope to see you there!

Convention Update

At the 2010-11 State Convention in Jonesboro, it was stated that if we do not redistrict then Lions Clubs International will force us to do so as they did a nearby state. This is not, nor has it even been, true.

Following is an Email from Mindy Marks, Manager of the District and Club Administration Department. Also please refer to the policy on Redistricting in the International Constitution and By-

laws and Board Policy manual. Both can be found on the International Lions website at www.lionsclubs.org.

The Quote from Mindy Marks

"At this point in time, to redistrict, a participating districts must submit a proposal that has received approval of the participating full districts and approval of the multiple district to our division for review by the District and Club Ser-

vice Committee and the International Board of Directors.

LCI can not initiate or require a small district to redistrict, it must come from the members of the district. Also, there is no minimum number of clubs or members required for a district to maintain."



By the Numbers

More than 120 million children worldwide have been helped by need-based Lions Eye Care Centers opened with the World Health Organization to deliver eye care services.

More than 14 million children have been screened by sight for kids - a joint initiative of LCIF and John-

son & Johnson Vision Care - that provides vision screenings, eye-glasses and other treatments.

The Lions - Measles Initiative pilot program vaccinated 41 million children in Ethiopia, Madagascar, Mali and Nigeria against measles - a leading cause of childhood blindness.

When I look at these numbers and I look at the work that our fellow Lions do, I can say I believe. What about you? When you look at the numbers, and look at the work of the Lions, can we join together this year and say I believe?

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SAVE THE DATES!
Mid Winter Forum
January 28th, 2012
University of the Ozarks
Clarksville, Arkansas

State Convention
Central Baptist College
May 18 - 19, 2012
Conway, Arkansas

New Officers Training

District 7N will be holding officer training on the following dates. Please see the 2011-2012 Officer Training flyer for signup and information located at the District 7N web site

<http://arkansaslionsdistrict7n.net/calendar.aspx> or Contact Lion 1st Vice District Governor Leanna Rich via email at Jazzy-Nanny5@aol.com

Aug 13 (7N Officer Training)

Aug 27 (7N Zone Chair Training)

Sept 10 (7N Officer Training)

Sept 24 (7N Zone Chair Training)

Hope to see you there!

