



Lions District 12-O
District Convention Supplement
 January 15, 2010

Calling all Lions! It's time to ROAR into our 54th Annual District 12-O Convention! Set aside March 5 and 6 and come to Cookeville to celebrate our Lions Year! All Lions are encouraged to attend!

We have a number of business items to take care of, including electing our 2010-2011 District Governor & Vice District Governors, celebrating our accomplishments, sharing new ideas, and sharing the status of our District.

The location for the Convention is the Willow Place Conference Center located at 225 North Willow Avenue, in Cookeville. Our Convention Hotel is the Country Inn and Suites located at 1131 South Jefferson Avenue, just south of Interstate 40.

The hospitality room will open at the Country Inn & Suites at 4:00 p.m. and then we have a fun evening of fellowship, magic, and BBQ planned for Friday night at the Conference Center beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Willow Place Conference Center. The hospitality room will be open at the hotel after the entertainment around 8:30 p.m. All are welcome!

Saturday will begin with a complimentary continental breakfast at the Country Inn and Suites for guests of the hotel and coffee and donuts at the Conference Center for those not spending the night. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. and our meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. Then we will break for lunch and our keynote speaker. At 1:15

p.m. we will present awards and at 1:30 p.m. reconvene our business meeting and hold the election our new District Governor and Vice District Governors. We will close around 2:30 p.m. with a reception for our newly elected leaders.

Our keynote speaker will be International Director Dan O'Reilly from the Chicago area. Lion Dan is in his first year on the International Board. He and his wife, Maryanne, will be joining us for the weekend, sharing valuable insights and ideas.

The **deadline to register** for the Convention is **Monday, February 22**. Please contact Cabinet Secretary, Eva Dingwall, to register for the Convention. Send checks payable to:

Lions District 12-O
 260 Hillview Drive
 Livingston, TN 38570.

You can also contact Eva at edingwall21@comcast.net or call with questions (931) 261-2056.

Hotel reservations can be made by calling the County Inn and Suites at (931) 520-3800. Let them know you are with the Lions—the Lion's rate is \$60/night, plus tax.

Please include this completed portion with your registration and payment. – Deadline to Register is February 22.

Name(s): _____

Guests(s): _____

Phone: _____ **Club Name:** _____

Will you be attending?

Registration Fees: Please indicate which day(s) you are registering. Circle one.

Friday and Saturday: \$55/person x Number _____ = Total Enclosed _____

Saturday Only: \$40/person x Number _____ = Total Enclosed _____

Important Business:

The following information is being published in accordance with Multi-District 12 Constitution and By-Laws regarding the election of officers for the District.

From the CONSTITUTION

Section 3. **Delegates and Alternates:** The delegates and alternates to the District Convention shall be as set out in Article VI, Section 9, of this constitution.

Section 4. **Voting and Quorum:** Only duly certified delegates to said convention, including delegates-at-large as provided in Article VI, Section 9, hereof, and alternates only to the extent of replacing any absent Club delegates and certified as such, shall vote on any question or election before said convention. No proxy shall be valid for any purpose. No delegate shall vote more than once on any vote taken. The delegates present and voting on any question shall constitute a quorum of the convention, and shall be the basis for determining adoption or rejection of the question. Unless otherwise provided in the respective District Constitution and By-Laws, Robert's Rules of Order shall govern.

Section 9. **Delegates and Alternates:** Each chartered Club in the Multiple District in good standing in the International Association of Lions Clubs and in its District shall be entitled to one (1) delegate and (1) alternate for each ten (10) members, who have been enrolled for at least one year and a day in the Club, or major fraction thereof, of said Club as shown by the records of the International Office of the first day of the month last preceding that month during which the convention is held. PROVIDED, however, that each such Club shall be entitled to at least one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate. The major fraction referred to herein shall be five (5) or more members. In addition to Club delegates, the District Governors currently serving and each Past District Governor who is a member of a Club in good standing and who is duly registered and certified shall have full delegate status as a delegate-at-large, independent of the Club delegate quotas herein specified. Delinquent dues may be paid and good standing acquired at any time prior to the close of credential certification, as such closing time shall be established by the rules of the convention.

Section 10. **Voting and Quorum:** Only duly certified delegates to said convention, including delegates-at-large as provided in Section 9 hereof, and alternates only to the extent of replacing any absent Club delegate and certified as such, shall vote on any question or election before said convention. No proxy shall be valid for

any purpose. No delegate shall vote more than once on any vote taken. The delegates present and voting on any question upon which a vote is taken shall constitute a quorum of the convention and shall be the basis for determining adoption or rejection of the question. Unless otherwise provided herein, Robert's Rules of Order shall govern.

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I

District Nominations and Elections

Section 1. **Nominating Committee:** Each District Governor shall appoint, and they shall receive notification of their appointment at least one hundred twenty (120) days prior to the annual District Convention, a Nominating Committee of not more than five (5) members who shall each be a member of a different chartered Lions Club within the District, and shall not at the time of their appointment hold any District, State or International Office. The personnel of these Committees with their address shall be published in the District Bulletin or otherwise sent to all Clubs in the respective District at least sixty (60) days prior to the Annual District Convention.

Section 2. **District Governor Nomination:** The candidate for the office of District Governor shall:

- A. Be an active member in good standing of a chartered Lions Club in good standing in his/her district.
- B. Secure the endorsement of his/her club or a majority of the clubs in his/her district.
- C. Currently be serving as the Vice District Governor within the District from which he/she is to be elected.
- D. Only in the event the current Vice District Governor does not stand for election as District Governor, or if a vacancy in the position of Vice District Governor exists at the time of the District Convention, any club member who fulfills the qualifications for the office of Vice District Governor as set forth in Section 3 of this Article, which references Section 4 of Article III of the International Bylaws, and who is presently serving or who has served one (1) additional year as a member of the District Cabinet, shall fulfill the requirements of Subsection C above.
- E. In the event that additional candidates are accepted, the Nominating Committee shall accept the written notification of any candidate for the office of District Governor

which is presented to the Nominating Committee not less than 60 days prior to the opening day of the District Convention, at which said election is to be held and provided that said candidate complies with the qualifications for said office stated in Subsections A, B, and D. The Nominating Committee shall place in nomination at the District Convention the names of all candidates qualified as prescribed above. Should it develop that no nominations are received by the Nominating Committee; the nominations may be made from the floor of the District Convention. Nominating speeches shall be limited to one of not over five (5) minutes duration, and two seconding speeches of not over three (3) minutes duration for each candidate.

Section 3. **Vice District Governor Nomination:** The Nominating Committee shall accept the written nomination of any candidate for the office of Vice District Governor which is presented to the Nominating Committee not less than sixty (60) days prior to the opening day of the District Convention at which said election is to be held, and provided that said candidate complies, or will comply at the end of his term of office as Vice District Governor, with the qualifications for the office of District Governor set out in the International Constitution and Bylaws. The Nominating Committee shall place in nomination at the District Convention the names of all candidates so qualified. Should it develop that no nominations are received by the Nominating Committee; nominations may be made from the Convention floor. Nominating speeches shall be limited to one of not over five (5) minutes duration, and two seconding speeches of not over three (3) minutes duration for each candidate.

Section 4. **District Governor Election:** The election shall be conducted by a secret written ballot, with the District Governor candidate(s) required to secure a simple majority of the affirmative (FOR) votes cast by the delegates present in person, certified, and voting in order to be declared elected. A FOR or AGAINST option will be included on a single candidate ballot. In case of a tie on a multiple candidate ballot, balloting shall continue with respect to the two options on the ballot who received the largest number of votes on the previous ballot until one option receives the majority vote. Should the

AGAINST option on a single candidate ballot receive the majority vote; the provisions of *The International Association of Lions Clubs Constitution and Bylaws* shall be followed. See Section 6 of this Article.

Section 5. **Vice District Governor Election:** The election shall be conducted by a secret written ballot, with the Vice District Governor candidate(s) required to secure a simple majority of the affirmative (FOR) votes cast by the delegates present in person, certified, and voting in order to be declared elected. A FOR or AGAINST option will be included on a single candidate ballot. In case of a tie on a multiple candidate ballot, balloting shall continue with respect to the two options on the ballot who received the largest number of votes on the previous ballot until one option receives the majority vote. Should the AGAINST option receive the majority vote; then nominations of persons qualified to be Vice District Governor will be accepted from the floor and the above balloting process repeated.

Section 6. **District Governor Vacancy:** In the event of vacancy in the office of District Governor, the Vice District Governor shall act as District Governor and shall perform the duties of, and have the same authority as, the District Governor until such time as said vacancy is filled by the International Board of Directors for the remainder of the term as provided in the International Constitution and Bylaws. After notification by the International Board of Directors, a meeting is to be held within fifteen (15) days called in accordance with Article III-Elections, Section 9-District Governor/Vice District Governor Elections Procedures, Paragraph (d) - District Governor Filling Procedure and the results to the International Board of Directors within seven (7) days together with the evidence required.

Section 7. **Vice District Governor Vacancy:** In the event of a vacancy in the office of Vice District Governor occurring greater than sixty (60) days prior to the opening day of the District Convention at which elections of the next District Governor and Vice District Governor are to be held, the same shall be filled by the District Governor's Cabinet of said District. A vacancy occurring in less than sixty (60) days prior to the District Convention may not be filled.

District 12-O 54th Annual Convention
Willow Place Conference Center (WPCC)
March 5 & 6, 2010

AGENDA

All times are in Central Time Zone

Casual Attire - Be a Proud Lion - Wear Your Vest!

Friday, March 5, 2010

4:00 p.m. Hospitality Room Opens-Country Inn & Suites
5:00 p.m. Registration begins (WPCC)
6:30 p.m. BBQ Dinner and Entertainment (WPCC)
8:30 p.m. MD-12 Council Meeting (WPCC)
8:30 p.m. Hospitality Room Open-Country Inn & Suites
5:00-9:00 p.m. Silent Auction (WPCC)

Saturday, March 6, 2010

6:30 a.m. Hotel Guests Complimentary Breakfast begins
8:00 a.m. Registration, Coffee & Donuts (WPCC)
9:00-11:15 a.m. Business Session
12:00 p.m. Luncheon followed by Keynote Speaker,
ID Dan O'Reilly
1:15 p.m. Presentation of Awards
1:30 p.m. Reconvene Business Session,
Election of District Governor
and Vice District Governors
2:30 p.m. Reception for 2010 - 2011 Officers

For hotel reservations call Country Inn & Suites at (931) 520-3800

We Need Your Help!

We will be having a Silent Auction at the Convention again this year! Contact Vice District Governor, Carol Rhines, to let us know what you would like to bring for the Auction. The funds raised are used to help off-set the cost of our meeting. Remember...the more hands there are, the easier the load. Let's "Do" this together!

Contact VDG Carol at (423) 570-1087 or jrhin4@aol.com.



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