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**As I reflect back on the first three months of this Lion year, we have introduced several new members into Lions. In that time we have had several to leave our ranks due to death. Let us not forget them and the love they had for this great organization, by continuing to grow and do great works in our communities. Let us keep their spirit alive for they are now a part of the great history of Lions Clubs International.**

**In September Carolyn and I went to the USA / Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Canada. It was a wonderful learning and sharing event. While there you learn so much more about Lions and you also get to share your ideas and thoughts with other Lions. When you attend the Forum it renews your energy and enthusiasm for being a better Lion. The 2009 forum will be in Memphis, Tennessee. This will be a great time for the Lions of Tennessee to attend and find out what everyone is talking about. They will also need workers at the Forum. If you are willing to help a few hours during the day when you are not attending a seminar, please let me know and I will get the information to the right person.**

**The Grundy County Lions club will be hosting a Remote Area Medical expedition on November 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> 2008. This would be a great time to utilize these resources if you have eyeglass applications pending with your club. This would be a great chance to help your club save some**

**money and they also do dental work to. If anyone is interested in helping with this as a volunteer call Wanda Lawson 931-692-3463 Ext. 34. If you can help with this wear your Lions vest or a shirt that day to let everyone know the Lions are helping.**

**While attending the Forum, several items were mentioned or discussed that are newsworthy. President Al Brandel says “one new member gives us two new hands to do more service.” We also found out that PDG / Past U.S. President Jimmy Carter has nominated Lions Clubs International for the Nobel Peace Prize. They said it could take up to four years to find out if we receive this award, but it is still an honor to be nominated. It was discussed that hopefully some day International would be able to help when coordinating medical missions. Possibly to let others know who was going on a mission trip and how to volunteer to go.**

**Here are a few tidbits for the tail twister to ask at meetings. Who said “you can not get anywhere in life until you have done something for others”. It was Melvin Jones the founder of Lions Clubs International. What was the name of the first club? It is Chicago Central Lions Club. Which club designed the emblem as we know it today? It is Oklahoma City Lions Club. Barney Gill of Virginia Beach, Virginia has what distinction? He was the one Millionth member to join Lions Clubs International. What was a Spizzerinker? In was what they called a Tail twister in 1920.**

**Humor: Volunteers have two Qualities, the first is grey hair and the second is himeroids. Grey hair makes them look distinguished and himeroids make them look concerned.**

**Quote: “When you walk with purpose, you collide with destiny.”  
Beatrice Berry Phd**

**Let us as ambassadors of good will that perform “Miracles through Service” step forward and make a difference in our communities and become “Everyday Heroes”.**

**Extension: There will be an extension workshop in Lafayette on October 13-14-15-16 at Lafayette Elementary School on Meador Drive. On Monday evening we will have the Certified Guiding Lion Training.**

**This should take around two hours. We will be working on a new club in Westmoreland, Gainesboro and Hendersonville. If you know of someone interested in the training, please let me know. We will also be working on another Extension workshop on March 27 to April 1. There will be seminars for those workers on Saturday and Sunday. For more information please contact PDG Gene Staats.**

**It is with a sad heart but joyous memories that I speak of the passing of a dear and close friend Immediate Past District Governor Sam Muse of the Fayetteville Lions Club. When someone met Sam, it did not take very long to find out about his love for the Lions and the youth of this great state through the Leo program. I will miss his emails, phone calls and council extremely.**

**To me, Sam was the man to turn to when you had questions about the Leo program. I have ask Madolyn Hamlett to finish Sam's year as Leo chairman for District 12-S. As many may know Madolyn is Sam's sister and Co-Leo chairman for District 12-I. Her email is [madolynhamlett@bellsouth.net](mailto:madolynhamlett@bellsouth.net)**

**At the time of this email, our district membership is 1,250. As I have said from the start of the year, when you reach a goal, you set another. I want this great district to continue to grow and set the standard on membership in the state.**

**I want to personally thank everyone for making Lions Clubs International the great organization it is today.**

**Thank You,  
DG. B.J. Blankenship**