



# SPECIAL EDITION

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## MD 12 STATE CONVENTION

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This is the MD12 Council of Governors from left to right: 12L DG John Hughey, 12I DG Patrick Scott, Council Chair Paulette Bailey, 12O DG Fred Mundt, 12N DG Rich Wilson, and 12S DG Linda Maggart. They are standing in front of the Parade Banner that will be used going forward for the International Conventions. As shown below, the banner highlights the International Presidents that have hailed from Tennessee!





A BIG thank you to LCI 1st Vice President Dr. Patti Hill who spent the weekend with us at the MD12 State Convention May 5-7 at the Downtown Knoxville Hilton. We were truly inspired by her motivational messages. She shared many things going on at LCI headquarters as well as some personal stories that all meshed so well with what we as Lions are all about. For those of you who were not there – **you really missed it**— VP Dr. Patti is a **dynamo** and we are very excited to have her as our 2023-2024 International President!

As the MD12 Council Chair this year it has been my privilege and honor to serve the great state of Tennessee. I would like to personally thank PCC Brandon Johnson, our Convention Chair; my husband PDG Chuck, Convention Chair Asst and Lion Kathy Burrow, Convention Registrar. These individ-



uals really helped to keep things organized and running smoothly!

For the opening ceremony Friday May 5th we had the presentation of colors by the Bearden High School JROTC color guard! What a nice group of young men!



## Misc. Photos from the Convention



DG Fred Mundt



PDG Ralph Brewer & Lady Dianne Corlew



PCC Katie Guthrie– Shearin  
& PDG Ralph Brewer



VP Dr. Patti, PDG Wendy & Dianne

PID BJ & PDG Carolyn  
Blankenship





## Misc. Photos from the Convention cont.



VP Dr. Patti & 12N DGE Frank McCall



PDG Ed Lantz

Friday consisted of the Opening Ceremony, various introductions, Secretary and Treasurer reports and dates for upcoming Int'l and State Conventions.



VP Dr. Patti



PDG Kathy Hulley & VP Dr. Patti



## Friday Night Dinner (some tables)





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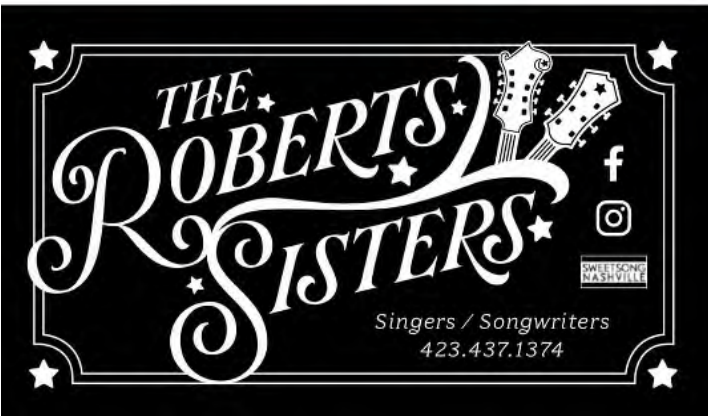


## Friday Entertainment—The Roberts Sisters



The Roberts Sisters are twin 16-year old singer/songwriters from LaFollette, TN. They are currently working in Nashville with Veteran Producer Dennis Money on their upcoming debut album. They are also working at Dollywood and Dream More Resort.

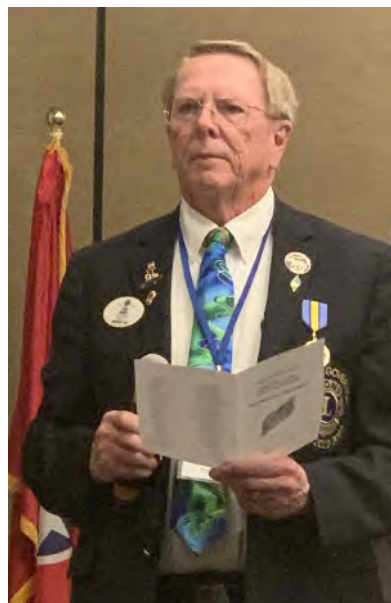
These girls blew our socks off!





## Misc. Photos from the Convention (May 6th)

PDG Chuck Bailey led the Necrology Service as the Governor teams read the names of the deceased Lions and rang a bell in their memory. DGE Benny Maggart ended the Service singing "There will be Peace in the Valley". The Necrology Board shown here will reside at State Headquarters in Nashville.



From left to right - DG Patrick Scott, DG Fred Mundt and DG Linda Maggart



## Misc. Photos from the Convention



Various committee reports were given by PCC Tom Irwin, PDG Ed Lantz, PDG Ralph Brewer and PDG Paul Murray



DGE Jill Smelser read the State Committee Chair nominees to be voted on.





## Misc. Photos from Sat. Lunch



The lunch speaker was Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs. He shared an inspiring story of his aspirations growing up to be in professional sports and how he ended up in professional wrestling and the WWE. DG Rich has ordered a Melvin Jones Fellowship on his behalf and will present it at a later time.

VP Dr. Patti had the privilege to induct the Lafayette Lions Club newest member, McKinzie Topper. Pictured are PID BJ & Carolyn Blankenship, McKinzie Topper, her mom, Becky Hicks, and VP Dr. Patti Hill.





## Misc. Photos from Sat Lunch (cont.)



Following lunch two quilts were auctioned off with proceeds benefitting Middle TN Sight Services and a numbered Lion print, donated by the Donelson club, was auctioned off to help with convention expenses. PID BJ was the auctioneer.



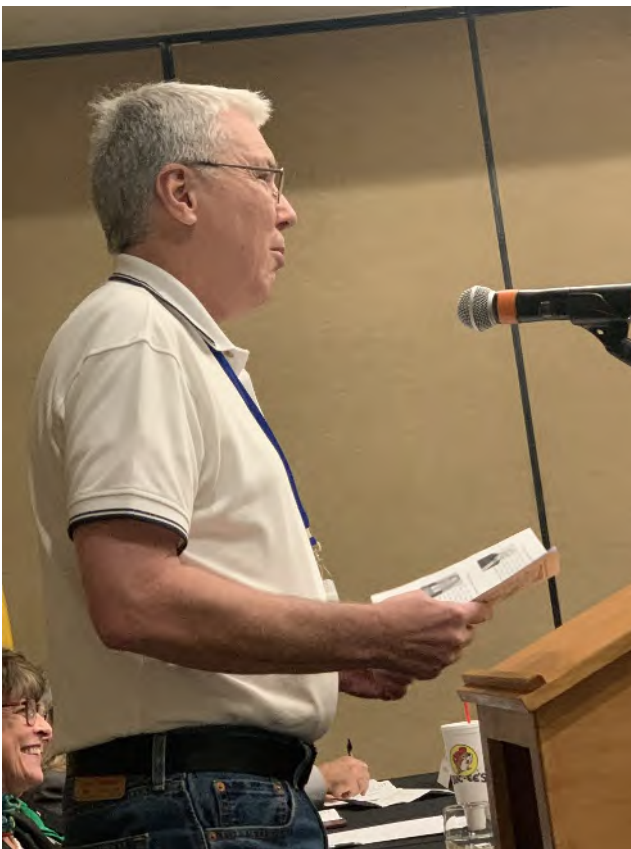
Lion Scott Shelhamer offered this 1946 plaque dedicated to PIP Clifford Pierce as a memento to be displayed at State Headquarters in Nashville in memory of one of Tennessee's past International Presidents.



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Laura Halloun and Anderson. A KidSight screening identified an issue with Anderson's eye, a tumor was discovered and he is undergoing treatment and the tumor is shrinking. This is why we do what we do with our screening program!



2nd VDGE Carl Webster presents everybody's favorite thing - Resolutions to be voted on.



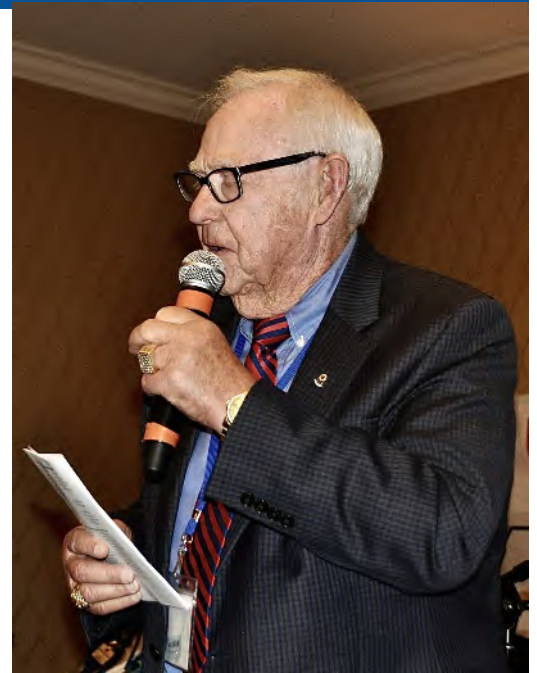
DGE Jill Smelser presents Lion Arthur Wilhoite with a Chapel Hill donation to KSO.



## Misc. Photos from the Convention (May 6th)



VP Dr. Patti addresses the Council of Governors.  
PID BJ & PDG Lelia conduct a little game regarding her report on the state's LEO clubs.



PCC Ron and PDG JoAnn Birdwell report on TN Lions Charities and LCIF, respectively.





## Misc. Photos from Sat. Banquet



Left to Right - PID BJ & Carolyn Blankenship, Lady Dianne Corlew, DGE Benny & DG Linda Maggart, PDG Chuck & CC Paulette Bailey, VP Dr. Patti Hill, DG Patrick & Frances Scott, DG Rich Wilson & Rovana Lollino, PID Kembra Smith and PID Tom Matney



VP Dr. Patti Hill



Lady Dianne Corlew



PID BJ & Carolyn  
Blankenship



## Misc. Photos from Sat. Banquet cont.



DG Patrick & Frances  
Scott



DG Rich Wilson &  
Rovana Lollino



DGE Benny & DG Linda  
Maggart



PDG Chuck & Council Chair Paulette Bailey

VP Dr. Patti delivers a motivational message.





## Misc. Photos from Sat. Banquet cont.





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Misc. pics of Lions having a good time!





## Misc. Photos from Sat. Banquet Awards



Presidential Medals awarded to DGE Jill Smelser and Lion Trevor Southerland.





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A Presidential Medal was also awarded to PDG Carl Hirlston, not present.

Leadership Medals were awarded to 12L 1st VDGE Sandra Pruett, Lion Alecia Hendrix; 12I PDG Ann Young; 12O Lion Stephen McLelland and Lion Sal Arrigo; 12N Lion Terry Aparicio and Lion Nellie Harsh-



Leadership medal awarded to District S 2nd VDGE Carl Webster

Some of these medals were given out at the District Conventions and some will be delivered later as the recipients were not in attendance or photos were not provided.



District 12N Melvin Jones Fellowship was awarded to Lion Trevor Southerland.

Left to right: PID BJ Blankenship, Lion Trevor Southerland, CC Paulette Bailey and VP Dr. Patti Hill



## Misc. Photos from Sat. Banquet Awards



VA Lindsey MD12 State Winner - Lion Tashena Martinez from the Lafayette Lions Club.

Other VA Lindsey Award recipients not present were 12L Lion Kenya Forrest and 12I Lion Lee Reeves

Congratulations to all!



VA Lindsey recipient from 12N—Joshua Bolling from Karns Lions Club



DGE Keith Cartwright accepting VA Lindsey Award on behalf of District O Lion Amanda Wagner



## Misc. Photos from Sat. Banquet Thank Yous



VP Dr. Patti presented the DGs and Int'l Family with her Friendship Banner.





## Misc. Photos from Sat. Banquet Thank Yous



CC Paulette presented VP Dr. Patti with a scroll saw cut pair of lions for her new office at LCI headquarters. This was hand-made by PDG Neal Vaughan of the Clinton Lions Club.

She also noted that a donation was made to LCIF in VP Dr. Patti 's honor.

Presidential Certificates were given to Convention Chair PCC Brandon Johnson and Convention Registrar Lion Kathy Burrow as a thank you for their efforts in making the MD12 State Convention a success. CC Paulette received a Canadian mug from VP Dr. Patti.

