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When did you become a Lion? Why did you become a Lion? What do you enjoy most about being a Lion? What do you want to see differently in our club? Answer these questions and you have the framework for your own article on an important topic; getting to know your fellow Lions.

I was born the year before Pearl Harbor was attacked and raised east of Missionary Ridge. I attended NDHS, graduating in 1958; graduated from West Point in 1963 and became a member of the Army Corps of Engineers.

I served initially in Germany, and went to Viet Nam in 1966, where I was a Company Commander with the 168th Combat Engineers. In Viet Nam, I was the senior Engineering Officer on an Artillery Fire base, and built much of the base camp. I returned to the states in '67 to Ft. Jackson, S. C., and left the Army in 1969.

For 32 years, I was an Engineer for P&G, (a.k.a. Pack and Go), living primarily in Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, and Ohio. My last assignment with P&G was in Jackson, Tennessee. I retired there in 2001, and moved back to Chattanooga in 2007.

I had many assignments with P&G, but my most satisfying assignments were Capital Project Management roles and a number of P&G Brands are still being produced from my Projects. If you use "Puffs Plus", "Ultra Dawn", or "Ultra Tide", you've benefited from my projects. On the other hand, several other projects were not successful in the marketplace, and they have other places in my stories. While I lived in Green Bay, I completed a MS in Environmental Studies.

I am married to Linda Davenport, have 5 grown children, 4 sons and 1 daughter, and 10 grandchildren, 8 granddaughters and 2 grandsons.

I am not gainfully employed today! I built Habitat for Humanity homes for 10 years in Jackson and I also took Construction Mission teams to Tegucigalpa, Honduras for 5 of those years. Service projects have been my favorite part of the Lions club.

I joined the SM club in 2009 as an extension of my commitment to service and have found both many opportunities to fulfill that commitment and the joy of forming strong personal relationships in the club. I want to see camaraderie rebuilt as a high priority in our club.

I have filled several roles in the club, including editor of the newsletter, and several tours with the Board of Directors. In my spare time, I speak on the Rubber Chicken circuit, and am currently working on a YouTube Channel for the Signal Mountain Military History Roundtable, an adjunct to our club.

I am also a “stringer” for the Mountain Mirror monthly paper and have used this forum to publicize many of the salient features of our club. It gives me great satisfaction to tell the people on the mountain about our contributions here, and I am always open to a good story about our club.

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