



## PDG DEBBIE CANTRELL CA-1 SPEAKER - E & F

Hello everyone! Our International President Gudrun Yngvadottir has made New Voices possible by providing inspiration as well as funding to encourage increasing our Membership by targeting women. She is raising her voice for those without a voice and striving to close the gap between men and women in Leadership roles in our Association. Parity is also important, for New Voices!

As you can see in the partial map featured above, I have many states assigned to me to encourage and promote New Voices. I love traveling, meeting new Lions, renewing friendships and speaking about New Voices.

It was an honor to receive an invitation to **Arkansas** for their Mid-Winter Forum to speak about New Voices. I loved the warm welcome my husband, PDG Kevin and I received there from Council Chair Myrna McGee and all the Lions present. It was great to have the privilege of attending their Council of Governors Meeting and learn more about what the Lions of Arkansas are doing to Serve!



On January 25<sup>th</sup> -26<sup>th</sup> I traveled to **North Carolina** to speak to the Lions there about New Voices! I was thrilled at this invitation and had a fabulous time with the great Lions in North Carolina. District Governor Susie Dailey is a bundle of energy and was overjoyed about having a presentation about New Voices! Check out my flowers a few Lion Cubs drew just for me, the Block Boys...

**Missouri** is holding a Symposium called New Voices – Hear Us Roar, on Feb. 1-2, 2019. The day is packed with fun, encouragement and learning for all attending. I will let you know how it goes and have pictures soon.

In March I will be traveling to **Louisiana** to share about New Voices there. After that, **Oklahoma** will have a New Voices Session at their State Convention. I will be traveling there in May to do a presentation for them and look forward spreading the excitement about New Voices. I am hoping for a visit to Texas to materialize, we shall see!

You may have heard the finalists have been selected and names are in for each Constitutional Area from those submitted. Remember the areas were Leadership, Membership, Service and Marketing. From the finalists, four will be chosen to go to Milan! What an honor for these Lions who are and will be chosen from so many!

If any would like to have me come for a visit to speak about New Voices, please get in touch with me and I will check my calendar for availability. Thanks!

Sincerely,

*Lion Debbie* Lion Debbie Cantrell, Past District Governor, CA-1 New Voices Speaker