



District 12-N News & Views

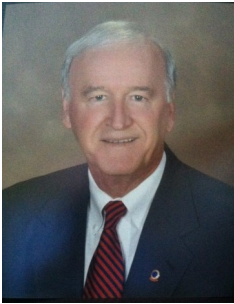
"In a World of Service"



March 2015

District 12-N, East Tennessee (USA)

<http://tnlions.org/>



Lions of District 12N,

Is it me or has time really flown by this year? Here it is April 2015 and I have three more months as District Governor. Then, your District Governor Elect Fletcher Stephens will be in his seat as District Governor come July 1st. It has been a great year visiting the Clubs in District 12N.

Thank you Clubs for your hospitality during my visits.

By now, or during the month of April, you should have elected your Club officers for the coming year. Secretaries, please submit your list of officers to Lions Clubs International (PU101) so that names can be included in our District directory. It is very important for the new incoming District Governor to have an updated directory which shows your Club officers and meeting time and place. If you need help with this you can contact the District secretary Carolyn Broyles at lynn23508@gmail.com or call her at 423-525-7066.

April is Membership month. Now is the perfect time to grow your Club. Invite family and friends to one of your club meetings and showcase it to them. Organize a service project so your prospects can feel the satisfaction of service. Encourage other members to bring a prospective member to join. This is the month for your Club to get its Membership Growth Award by getting new members. Charter a new club to strengthen our District and stay on track for positive growth. We desperately need a few more clubs in District 12N. Your goal for me is to have your Club a positive membership growth (+1) by June 30th.

International President Joe Preston has established the week of May 16-22 as the Worldwide Week of Service. LCI's goal is to reach 100 million people in service projects by our Centennial. We have already helped 20 million in the first six months. He wants us to host a service project that benefits youth, vision, hunger or the environment. Plan your calendars for this week in May (16-22) and be sure to report it to LCI when you do.

Congratulations to Lion Brandon Johnson for being accepted to attend the Lions International Faculty Development Institute for Lions being held on May 31st-June 3rd. This is an intense four-day program designed to expand the current pool of qualified Lions instructors.. Lion Brandon has already been to many conventions in

Alaska, West Virginia and just back from South Carolina. You make our District proud Lion Brandon.

Let's try and finish strong in the remaining months of my term by ASK ONE, START ONE, and KEEP ONE. IT A WIN-WIN-WIN.

Thank you for what you do.

In Lionism,
DG Ed Gibbons

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Change in the Financial Suspension Policy

Our association views club fiscal responsibility as a principal element to encourage membership growth. As a result, the Financial Suspension Policy has been amended as follows:

Currently, clubs have 120 days to pay outstanding balances before they are in jeopardy of automatically being placed on suspension. Effective July 1, 2015, clubs will have 90 days. Cancellation will continue to occur after the 28th of the month following suspension if full payment is not received. However, clubs canceled more than twice will be ineligible for reactivation.

This amended policy has serious consequences for clubs that have traditionally paid their club balances in excess of 90 days. To prepare for this amendment, we recommend all club officers become familiar with the amended policy and prepare to schedule payments as required. Officers should also prepare to review and update membership by visiting www.lionsclubs.org and consider paying online.

Please feel free to contact us at membershipbilling@lionsclubs.org should you require additional information. We trust all clubs will review their statements regularly, and will send the necessary payments to ensure their active status is protected.

NEW CLUB OFFICER REPORTING

Have you filed your club's 2015-2016
New Officers with LCI Yet?

IMPORTANT TO DO SO ASAP



Sharing My ALLI Experience

You are probably wondering what ALLI stands for – it is “Advanced Lions Leadership Institute”. I was fortunate enough to attend this awesome leadership training March 6-10 in Calgary, Canada. There were 150 of us, including the faculty, from all over Canada and the U.S. We had pre-assignments to do one of which was describing good and poor delegation scenarios and another was working our way through the LCI website and completing certain questions as to where to locate various topics. The final one was a Project Management assignment where we were assigned five team members to work together long distance to read a case study and come up with a lion's project to help the town presented to us. I was assigned as Project Leader so I set up a webinar for us to communicate our thoughts as well as talking through e-mails. We were then expected to present our project sometime during our training session.

When we arrived the first task we were given was to come up with a theme for our weekend together. Calgary being home of the great stampede we came up with “Stampede to Lead” and that kicked off our weekend. Over the 2.5 days of intense training we were put into numerous working groups of 5 or 6 where we figured out solutions to situations the instructors presented and then each group presented to the rest of the class. Most of our sessions were about 25 people each. We were all given a chance to lead and changed groups and tables for each class. It was an extremely memorable experience and offered skills that will help me as I grow in my quest to become District Governor. I highly recommend anyone seeking a District Officer position think about attending this training in the future. The District Governor team needs to sign off on the application form but they will gladly do that if you just ask! Good luck!

Paulette Bailey

1st Vice District Governor Elect

District Governor's Club Visitation Schedule

April 2	Bulls Gap Lions Club
April 6	Coalfield Lions Club
April 16	White Pine Lions Club
May 21	Powell Lions Club
June 4	East Hawkins County Lions Club

Club Anniversaries

Greeneville Lions Club - 75 years, Celebration, 6:00 PM, May 7 at Trinity United Methodist Church, 524 Tusculum Blvd. **RSVP to Lion Carolyn Broyles @ 423- 525 -7066 or email: lynn23508@gmail.com by May 1, 2015**

Clinton Lions Club - 70 years, Celebration August 1 at the Museum of Appalachia

Loudon Lions Club - 80 years, Celebration November 19 at Loudon High School

District 12-N White Cane Raffle

We have started our District fund raiser for our District White Cane Fund. One of these is a District raffle starting on February 24th ,2015 and ending on June 6th, 2015. This is a State Approved raffle and we only have 120 days to sell all our tickets and conduct the project. This is one of our Projects for fundraising activities for The Day With The Lions. The Drawing will be at the Fountain City Lions Park starting at 6 PM on the 6th of June. We will only sell 200 tickets and the following is a list of Prize Money that will be given out.

1st	Ticket out	\$100.00
50th	Ticket out	\$200.00
100th	Ticket out	\$300.00
150th	Ticket out	\$400.00
Last	Ticket out	\$2000.00

If all tickets are sold the district would gain \$16,500.00 after expenses. This would go a long way in helping out our White Cane agencies. The costs of the tickets are \$100.00 each. I know that some feel that this is too much, however, it was decided to keep the numbers low and the people that pay for a ticket would have a better chance of winning. We will need all clubs to help with this project as well as all Lions. It has been suggested that your club might consider take funds out of your activities account to buy a ticket or two, and replace the funds after you win. PDG Jim McFarland and I would like to attend your club meeting and talk about this and sell tickets if any Lion in attendance would like to buy one or two. In the very near future I will be calling clubs to see if we can attend your meeting.

If any Lion wants a ticket Please call PDG Bill Slover at Home 865-272-3117 or Cell 865-803-2198 or PDG Jim McFarland at 865-556-9091.

97th Annual Tennessee Lions State Convention
Registration/Ticket Form
May 8-10, 2015
Riverview Inn
Clarksville, TN

Name 1 _____
Check one: Lion Lioness Leo Guest Club _____/Delegate _____
Name 2 _____
Check one: Lion Lioness Leo Guest Club _____/Delegate _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____
Zip _____
Telephone (____) _____ E-mail _____

Registration for All Attendees: # ____ @ \$10.00 = \$ _____
Friday Night Dinner # ____ @ \$24.00 = \$ _____
Saturday Lunch # ____ @ \$18.00 = \$ _____
Tennessee Lions Banquet Saturday Night # ____ @ \$30.00 = \$ _____

Hospitality Book (Includes all of the above) # ____ @ \$80.00 = \$ _____
Golf Tournament Friday 9:20 a.m. (does not include lunch) # ____ @ 30.00 = \$ _____
Total: \$ _____

Please specify any special needs _____

Room reservations at Riverview Inn may be made by calling (931)552-3331. Please tell them that you want a reservation with the Lions Club State Convention. Room rate is \$84.00 per night, plus tax. (includes free Wi-Fi and free breakfast) Room reservations must be made by April 8, 2015. MAIL REGISTRATION FORMS AND CHECK OR MONEY ORDER MADE PAYABLE TO LIONS STATE CONVENTION 2015.
To: Patsy Milom 1125 Leo Baker Rd.—Ashland City, TN 37015 (615) 307-3679
The PDG meeting will be Sunday morning, May 10th, at 9:00 AM. Breakfast is included with room rate, therefore no charge. Meeting will be in the Montgomery Room.
First Business Session at 2:00 PM Friday

Proposed Change to MD-12 Constitution & By-Laws to be voted on at 2015 State Convention

Resolution I Constitution change, (2/3 majority vote)

Add the words *current* or to first sentence to read:

ARTICLE VI

Officers and Council of governors

Section 1. **COMPOSITION.** There shall be a Council of Governors, also referred to as the "State Council" or "Council", composed of all the district governors in the Multiple District and shall also include one *current* or past district governor who shall serve as council chairperson. The officers of this multiple district shall be the members of the Council of Governors. Each member of the Council of Governors, including the council chairperson, shall have one (1) vote on each question requiring action of the council of governors. The council chairperson shall serve for a one-year term only and cannot serve in that capacity again. The council chairperson shall be one member of the Immediate Past District Governors selected by the District Governors no later than 30 days after they are officially installed.

Resolution II By-Laws change, (simple majority vote)

Delete current MD-12 BY-LAWS, ARTICLE III, Section 2 and replace with following:

MD-12 BY-LAWS

ARTICLE III

Duties of Multiple District Council of Governors

Section 2. **MULTIPLE DISTRICT COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON.** The multiple district council chairperson shall be the administrative facilitator of the multiple district. All actions are subject to the authority, direction and supervision of the multiple district Council of Governors. In cooperation with the Council of Governors, the council Chairperson shall,

- (a) Further the Purposes of this association;
- (b) Assist in communicating information regarding international and multiple district policies, programs and events;
- (c) Document and make available the goals and long range plans for the multiple district as established by the Council of Governors;
- (d) Convene meetings and facilitate discussion during council meetings;
- (e) Facilitate the operations of the multiple district convention;
- (f) Support efforts initiated by the International Board of Directors or the Council of Governors that are intended to create and foster harmony and unity among district governors;
- (g) Submit reports and perform such duties as may be required by the multiple district constitution and by-laws;
- (h) Perform such other administrative duties as may be assigned by the multiple district council of governors; and
- (i) Facilitate, at the close of his/her term of office, the timely presentation of all multiple district accounts, funds, and records to his/her successor in office.

JUSTIFICATION

These changes bring these 2 sections in compliance with latest version of LCI Standard form Multiple District Constitution & By - Laws as stated in LCI Board Policy Manual.

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DISTRICT 12N EVENTS CALENDAR

April 25, 10:00 AM, Lions Volunteer Blind Industries Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors, LVBI Morristown

May 8 - 10, 2015, Tennessee State, MD-12 Convention at the Riverview Inn, Clarksville, TN

June 26-30, 2015, 98th Lions Clubs International Convention, Honolulu, Hawaii

July 25, 2015, 12-N Cabinet (Organizational) Meeting at LVBI, Morristown, TN, 9:00 AM

Sept. 17-19, 2015, Grand Rapids, MI, USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum

Nov. 14, 2015, 12-N Cabinet Meeting at LVBI, Morristown, TN, 9:00 AM

Feb. 19-20, 2016, 12-N Convention, Doubletree Hotel, Oak Ridge, TN

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District 12N Welcomes New Lions!!

Lion BOBBY L HILGERSON, Halls Comm. Lions Club
Lion DARLENE HILGERSON, Halls Comm. Lions Club

Lion GARY L HUTCHINSON, Halls Comm. Lions Club

Lion PATRICIA G KERSEY, Halls Comm. Lions Club

Lion JOYCE L LYNCH, Halls Comm. Lions Club

Lion JOYCE L LYNCH, Inskip Lions Club

Lion CHRISTY B PITTMAN, Karns Lions Club

Lion JOSEPH QUALLS, Karns Lions Club

Lion LEE TOOTHMAN, Karns Lions Club

Lion JIM H. CADMUS, Loudon Lions Club

Lion CAROLE ANNE NORMAN, Union County Lions Club

Lion J. PHILLIP NORMAN, Union County Lions Club



**Just imagine if every Lion,
1.36 Million, asked one person
to join their club.....**