



# District 12-N News & Views

## "Move to Grow"



April-May 2010

District 12-N, Tennessee (USA)

<http://www.discoveret.org/lions12n/>



### From the District Governor:

This world needs Lions. Our communities are better because of our clubs. Our clubs are better if WE are engaged in Lionism. Our mission will never change. We began as a service organization, our motto 'We Serve' is so special we have exclusive rights to it. Our motto will not change, but we can and maybe should change some of the ways we

serve. Be willing to be different; as Lions, we already are, but we need others to see why. I was told of a club in Georgia that puts mailboxes at the homes for elderly people who can't easily make it to the road, then they put a sign at the road for the mail carrier to know the box is at the house. They put a Lion emblem on the mailbox to let all who see it know who's behind this idea. Many clubs in our district already have their unique community service project, if so, keep it going, but some clubs are still looking for their own identity in being a force in the community. Seek and you will find it. Other clubs will help, we are a family of Lions, a Pride. You are the only person that knows everyone you know. For some that you know, you are the only link to Lionism they will have. Make ourselves a positive link, make our clubs a positive link, and as others feel that positive energy in this 'I am the center of the universe syndrome', more will be drawn to us and we will grow. We have to do more than just talk about it, it is time to lengthen our stride, it is time to Move to Grow. This IS the growing season.

DG Steve



**District 12N Events Calendar Online:**  
<http://www.discoveret.org/lions12n/lionscalendar.php>

### Message to Lion Leaders from International President Eberhard Wirfs

Dear Lions,  
I'm writing to share good news. Our net membership growth continued through February, reaching +22,879 compared to +14,042 for the same period last year. New club formation is also surging ahead reaching 1,002 new clubs compared to 841 last year, the best results in 12 years. The momentum continues in March since we've now crossed plus 25,000 in the first two weeks. While our results are impressive, my Move to Grow theme is really about moving in new directions and responding to the evolving needs of both our communities and our members. Because if we respond to our changing world -- and pursue the opportunities it presents -- membership will take care of itself.

So let me highlight some important new ways in which we are moving.

#### **Family and Women Membership**

First, our noteworthy membership results are being fueled by more clubs inviting more qualified women and family members. Women now account for 22% of our membership, surging to over 290,000. And it's happening in every part of the world. For example, I was in Japan last week - where historically women's membership lagged other areas - and was pleased to learn that four multiple districts there are up in membership substantially, and 90% of that is due to women and family members joining our ranks.

And with regard to family membership, we know that in many parts of the world more and more people want to volunteer and serve alongside their family members. It might not be a viable option for every club, but certainly every district should have room for family-based clubs that might need to meet at different times and pursue different types of service projects that can involve the whole family. It appears that many clubs are responding to this opportunity, since we now have more than 164,701 members, or 12.5% overall, as part of a family unit. [Read more](#) about how family membership works, and its benefits.

#### **Leo Clubs**

We've also worked to Move to Grow our Leo clubs, re-branding all the Leo club materials and creating the Leo-Zone section on our web site. The new materials are certainly more appealing, but more importantly, we are now speaking to young people in their language and in ways they prefer to communicate - especially through the internet. For example, our new Leo Facebook page boasts 1800 members. It's a special place where Leos can come together online, share ideas and connect with Leos in other countries. Leos now also have their own online membership database - the LeoMMR - so we can all -

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## Proposed Changes to Multiple District By-Laws to be Voted at State Convention

### ARTICLE V—State Committees

Section 2. International Convention Committee:

Delete Section 2 including Paragraphs A, B, C, and D. in its entirety in the MD 12 By Laws and in its place insert the following:

Section 2. **International Convention Chairman:**

**Choice:** The Multiple District Council shall enter into a contract with ONE individual or **entity**, to serve as the Multiple District International Convention Chairman. This Individual should have knowledge about The Lions of Tennessee and their participation in the upcoming Lions International Convention. District Governors are encouraged to appoint non-reimbursed International Committee members to provide information and encourage Lions in their district to attend the LCI Convention.

**Duties:** This individual or entity, will have total responsibility for all pre-convention administrative activities that must be completed, as well as all on site administrative duties to insure the Lions of Tennessee are able to participate in all events deemed appropriate. The State Council shall identify and approve the specific events that must be covered, as well as the funds that will be paid to the individual to accomplish all specified duties.

**Reports:**

1. The State Council at the Multiple District Organizational Meeting shall report the name of the individual contracted to be the International Convention Chairman, the activities to be covered, and a budget approved for completing them.
2. The International Convention Chairman will prepare a written report of the Multiple District's participation in the Lions International Convention which must be read at the next State Convention; filed with the permanent records of the Multiple District; and mailed to all Clubs in the State Council within sixty (60) days after the close of the Convention.
3. By the end of the fiscal year, the International Convention Committee Chairman will prepare an itemized Financial report for auditors and presentation to the State Council and at the new Multiple District Cabinet meeting and at next State Convention.

Pending State Convention approval of the Article V, Section 2 The following amendment to Article XIII, State Revenue, Section 3, International Convention Fund, Paragraph B. Budget, Item 1, Will be corrected to read:

The International Convention Committee (add) 'Chairman' shall prepare and present plans and budget---  
etc.

With the passage of this amendment the affective date will be July 3, 2010.

### Article V, Section 6, State Trading Pin Committee, Paragraph A.

A. Appointment: The members of this Committee may be any Lion in good standing and who has attended at least one (Delete) International Convention within the last 10 years (insert in its place) State Convention within the last five years. Each District Governor shall appoint one member as soon as possible --- (no further change) to this Par A.

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communicate better with each other. E-mail [Leommr@lionsclubs.org](mailto:Leommr@lionsclubs.org) if your district or club has Leo clubs that are not online or for more information on Leo efforts.

### **Technology**

Even older people like me, or shall I say 'mature' people, can take advantage of new technologies to communicate. In January, I participated in several online webinars - seminars done over the internet - with more than 300 DG Team members in North America, Japan, and South Asia and Africa. In the course of three hours, over three sessions, I was able to travel across many time zones, from California to Tokyo and back, to interact with our DG Teams without even leaving my office.

I'm now hearing about Lions clubs and districts all over the world that are using webinars, and even online video conferencing, to get more work done and to connect with more Lions. And even LCIF, our foundation, has made more use of technology by raising \$140,000 online for Haiti in a few days and in posting daily updates on our relief work in Haiti.

So, as you hopefully see, my Move to Grow theme is not only about growing physically but about growing in new ways as an organization, to set new sites and goals to achieve, and to move in new directions to ensure we remain the world's largest, most active and attractive service club. I am convinced that we are moving in the right direction. The results so far speak for themselves. But again, let's continue to move even faster so we can make this the greatest year in our history, one that puts LCI on the path to an even brighter future as we stretch ourselves in new ways and MOVE TO GROW.

With cordial regards,

Eberhard J. Wirfs  
International President  
MOVE TO GROW

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### **Greeneville Lions Club to Sponsor 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Albert "Buddy" Anderson Memorial Golf Tournament**

The local Greeneville Lions Club make plans for their upcoming 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Albert "Buddy" Anderson Golf Tournament to be held on Thursday, May 20, 2010 at Andrew Johnson Golf Course. Lunch will be served at 12:00 P.M. with a Shotgun start at 1:00 P.M. The tournament is the club's major fund raising effort for the past several years and has received the enthusiastic support of the community. Proceeds from the event go to provide help with vision needs such as eye glasses and leader dogs for local low-income residents - primarily children and the elderly. Also in conjunction with Vanderbilt University's Operation Kid Sight Program the local Lions Club volunteers screen children ages 1-5 years for eye problems. The Lions club takes an active interest in making the area a good place to live, work and play by demonstrating daily the motto "We Serve". sponsor a hole for \$100.00, team \$200.00, and team and hole for \$250.00 contact Charles Worley at 638-7478, or any member of the Greeneville Lions Club.

## **DISTRICT 12N EVENTS CALENDAR**

### **May 1 (Sat) - Lions Club Incoming Officer Training**

Sessions for incoming presidents, secretaries, treasurers, and membership chairs. All Lions welcome. Please register by April 28 (headcount needed for food) with PDG Nancy Hall, Leadership Chair. Coffee & pastries 8:30am. coffee & pastries 8:30am; training... LVBI, Morristown, TN

### **May 15 (Sat) - 6th Annual Walk for Sight**

Participants will qualify for T-shirts by raising \$50; plus golf shirt by raising \$150. Funds raised support projects of the District 12-N Lions Charities, Inc. Registration 9am; Walk 10am Fountain City Lions Club Park

### **May 21-22 (Fri-Sat) - Lions MD-12 (State) Convention**

Convenient to historic downtown Clarksville, overlooking Cumberland River. Golf Friday morning; Oldies but Goodies "Sock Hop" Friday evening. Special guests Saturday are Immediate Past Int'l President Al Brandel and his wife Maureen. Riverview Inn, Clarksville

### **May 22 (Sat) - Harriman Lions Club Pancake Breakfast**

7:00 to 11:00 AM at the Harriman United Methodist Church. Adults \$5, Children \$3.

### **May 27 (Thu) - Lions Club Incoming Officer Training**

Sessions for incoming presidents, secretaries, treasurers, and membership chairs. All Lions welcome. Please register by May 24 (headcount needed for food) with PDG Nancy Hall, Leadership Chair. 6pm dinner by Buddy's BBQ.; 7-9pm training Powell Presbyterian Church

### **June 28-July 2- Lions International Convention**

Sydney, Australia

### **September 23-25 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum Milwaukee, WI**

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### **West Knox Lions Awards Banquet**

The West Knox Lions Club held an awards banquet on April 19 at the Bearden Banquet hall to celebrate the induction of two new members and the awarding of three Melvin Jones Fellowships to Lions Al Johnson and Sylvia Vandyke, and to Farragut Vice Mayor Dorothy (Dot) LaMarche, an enthusiastic supporter of the Club. Other special guests included DG Steve Lewis and his wife Sylvia.



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**IN MEMORIAM:**

Long time Lake City Lions Club member Clarence "Pete" Houck passed away on March 22, 2010.

Lion Houck has served Lake City as mayor on two different occasions and as a city councilman for many years. He was Vice Mayor and was presently serving as mayor in the absence of Mayor Virgil "Buck" Wilson who is ill. He is survived by wife Hazel and three sons, Gary, Tiny, and Roger and several grandchildren.

He will be sadly missed by the Lake City Lions Club, the town of Lake City, and all who knew him.

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***Please send your submissions to:***  
***[newsandviews12n@yahoo.com](mailto:newsandviews12n@yahoo.com)***

***Thank You for your submissions! -Editor***

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**West Knox Lions Club** Proudly presents their 14th annual Golf Tournament at Centennial Golf Course in Oak Ridge, Monday April 26, 2010. 18 Hole Four Player Team, Select Shot, 1:00 PM, Shotgun Start. Lunch before the Tournament, Entry Fee \$100.00 Per Player. For more information: Lion Ed Snow, 675-2095 or Lion Lloyd Delaney 982-4759.

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**DISTRICT 12N LCIF NEWS**

Several District 12N Lions Clubs have made their donations to LCIF for this year. MJFs have been designated and named by four clubs that I am aware of. They are; West Knox, with three MJFs as part of their pledge to Campaign Sight First II, Campbell County, Johnson City Noon and Kingsport, with one each. Lenoir City and Sevierville have each donated \$500 to be applied to a future MJF.

To date, we have had only 14 clubs out of 44 that have shown support for the Foundation. The need is great since the earthquakes in Haiti and Chile. Grants of over \$60,000 were approved and made available to Lions in both countries to dispense to their countrymen in need.. Other grants are in the process of being requested.

Our very own VBI is in need of a grant to upgrade their facility and will be applied for next Lion's year, so our District clubs need to take this under consideration. As of today we have \$2,885 in the District LCIF. We will be in a position to only name three MJFs from our own district.

I would like to urge the clubs to consider a donation before the end of the fiscal year. I will contact clubs by phone to be sure my records are correct and that they agree with the District Treasurer. Unfortunately, my name and address was not printed in this year's directory so it is listed below with my phone number.

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