



# District 12-N News & Views

## Move to Grow



August 2009

District 12-N, Tennessee (USA)

<http://www.ETNLions.org>



### FROM THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR:

It's great to be a Lion! Hello, fellow Lions. My wife Silvia and I had a wonderful experience at the International Convention in Minneapolis. The training from our Group 19 leader, Jim Canon, from West Virginia, was very good. Some great highlights were in the Parade of Nations. We carried the banner through the heart of Minneapolis and

were followed by the Tennessee Cloggers from Woodbury. The parade was as large as the Rose Parade. Colin Powell was the keynote speaker and was very witty. We danced to the Beach Boys, shopped at Mall of America, and had a Lions Day with the Twins baseball team. They were playing my wife's favorite team, the Yankees. We rooted against each other. Our new International President, Eberhart Wirfs had an Oktoberfest along the Mississippi River. His theme for the year is "Move To Grow". He uses the Gingko Tree as a symbol of standing the test of time, being one of the oldest trees on earth. We should be like the Gingko Tree and answer the Call To Serve even during trying times. We are the largest service organization in the world, but the excitement of being a Lion is more obvious in the people from other nations than those of our own. I do want to say that Tennessee is better than most states in our growth last year, but we are dropping as fast as gaining. That is why our District only had a net gain of 5 last year, which is the lowest in the state. When it comes down to the rubber meeting the road, it's the clubs and what YOU do that counts. We have a great District. It is an honor to represent you to the state and international. I want to simply ask you to do three things; Catch the vision of Lionism, Share the vision of Lionism, and Keep the vision of Lionism. This organization is worthy of our best effort. I look forward to visiting your club as we Move to Grow together.

Lion Steve

### **A Day With The Lions 2009**

Lion Ron Riehn, Chmn.

The turnout was lighter than we expected. A combination of the economy, the heat and anticipated rain were contributing factors. We had the fewest number of walkers that we have seen in recent years. There were a good number of crafters, health fair participants, a fair number of cars for the car show, and representation from most of the 12N charities. Corporate sponsors were hard to come by this year, with the tough economy. The exact figures are not yet finalized but it appears that after expenses, we cleared a little over \$10,000.

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### **KINGSPORT L.C. SELECTED FOR LCI HERO AWARD**

The Kingsport Lions Club of District 12N; Region I. Zone II, was one of the three top finalists selected to receive the Lions International Hero Award and were given two complimentary tickets to attend the Hero Awards Banquet in Minneapolis at the International Convention. ZC Edna Longwell (Kingsport Lions member) and PDG Jim McFarland represented the club.

We did not win, but a club from Hong Kong won. These Lions helped their fellow citizens when that earthquake devastated many of their people. Our club and the other club received a nice framed certificate and pin with a yellow ribbon on it to give to our clubs.

To deserve this honor, the Kingsport Lions Club did the following:

We put in nine information stations of the Chronicles of Narnia (The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe) at Warriors Path State Park). Each station had the legally blind print of an 18" font, had a metal Braille card in the lower right corner, and had a voice that spoke to you. Each of these three elements, told you the story of that play station and also told you how to get to the next station. Also, along the trail is a sensory garden so that the blind can feel and smell the items that are presented at that site.

Also, the Kingsport Lions, along with many other groups, helped to build the boundless playground, which the Chronicles of Narnia and the sensory garden surround. We helped with the labor of installing the rubber matting under the swings, the see-saw, the slides, etc., so that the kids can have a soft landing if they fall for any reason.

***Please send your submissions to:***

***[newsandviews12n@yahoo.com](mailto:newsandviews12n@yahoo.com)***

***Thank You for your submissions!***

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**FROM PAST LIONS INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR**  
**BILL WATKINS**

Dear MD 12 Leaders and District Leaders,

Greetings -- I write to you today to advise you that the individuals you have selected as LCIF Chairpersons will now be serving an expanded role as LCIF District Coordinators. This role is replacing the current role of LCIF Chairpersons, beginning in July 2009, in accordance with the LCIF Development Plan.

12-L:PDG Tellus 'Mackie' Gallimore, 12-I: IPDG Keith B. Lawrence, 12-O: [To be named], 12-N: Lion Bob Harrington, 12-S: PDG Billy Cunningham.

As you may know, the LCIF Development Plan is the formal plan approved by the LCIF Executive Committee in March 2008. This plan has been created to raise the level of awareness of LCIF among Lions and non-Lions and also increase fundraising for LCIF's many grants and programs over the long term.

Within this plan, LCIF has adopted a new LCIF volunteer structure to replace the current structure. For many years, part of Vice District Governors' duties and assignments was to appoint an LCIF District Chairperson, often to work alongside the LCIF Multiple District Chairperson. The new volunteer structure includes a longer term of service (3 years) and additional local activities and visits to clubs on behalf of LCIF, as well as regular training about LCIF's many programs.

As you know, I have been appointed by LCI President Al Brandel and LCIF Chairperson Mahendra Amarasuriya to be the LCIF Multiple District Coordinator. I look forward to serving our MD in this role and ask for your support as an MD and District leader.

While the District Coordinator nomination and recruitment duties belong to the Multiple District Coordinator, the respective Development Advisory Committee (DAC) member and LCIF Chairperson, we request your suggestions and insights.

Within the coming weeks, it is important that I receive your confirmation that these individuals will serve in their expanded roles. Our DAC member, Past International President J. Frank Moore III, and thank you for selecting Lions who have the potential, the passion and dedication to be the LCIF District Coordinators.

LCIF is very important to local Lions, and we want to be sure that the best person is in place in your area to fulfill the Development Plan at the district level. Please contact me directly at your earliest convenience if you have any questions.

In Lionism,  
PID Bill Watkins  
MD-12 LCIF Coordinator  
July 23, 2009



**On the Road with Lion Paws**

July has been a pretty busy month. I've been able to participate in the Powell Lions Club's 4th of July Parade, the Norris Lions Club's Norris Day Celebration, and the Karns Lions Club Golf Tournament. I hope to be able to make the

Dandridge Lions Club Golf Tournament, and have plans for the West Knox-Farragut Lions Clubs Annual Car Show on August 8.

Where will I show up next? Well, that's up to YOU! I love going to Lions projects, so let me know about your club activity and I will try my best to attend!

Email event information to: [Requests@Lion-Paws.com](mailto:Requests@Lion-Paws.com)  
Learn more about me and my adventures online at:  
<http://www.Lion-Paws.com/>

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**Meeting Venue Announcement-- PDG Ken Moffett**

This is a heads-up on meeting venue availability in the Oak Ridge area:

I was contacted today by Sharon Hmielewski about Centennial Bluff --left side of Edgemoor Road just one mile from the Edgemoor Rd./TN 170 exit off Pellissippi Parkway/TN 62. They are opening their community center to non-profit groups--no strings attached-- for a limited time (until the residential part of the development opens).

For more information about the development, go to  
<http://www.centennialbluff.com>

If you have a need for a meeting space, you may want to consider this venue. It will accommodate 100. Call her for an appointment to view, and further information.

Her contact info is: Sharon Hmielewski  
[sharonh@centennialbluff.com](mailto:sharonh@centennialbluff.com), 865 257-4390 cell

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**CAPTION CONTEST!**

What is Lion Paws whispering to Lion Kaye?



1. "Why is it that PDG Wendy is always smiling? What does she know that we are missing?" -ChuckyEgg
2. "That photographer is going to need a zoom lens if they want to get a good picture of us from so far away." -Lion Paws
3. "What's that about? I'm more photogenic than Lion Wendy." -Lion Paws



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## CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS:

**Kingston Lions Club** -The annual Fish Fry will be held Monday, August 24<sup>th</sup> at the Fort. Fish, hush puppies, French fries and drinks will be provided. Members are asked to bring any type of food that seems appropriate: crunchies, slaw, desserts, etc. This is to be considered a "Spouses Night" so bring anyone as your guest. Probably the food will be ready to begin eating about 6:30 PM. You can always "socialize" while the food gets ready.

**West Knox & Farragut Lions Clubs 7th Annual Open Car Show "Pre-Harvest Fest 2009":** Saturday August 8 Net proceeds will help the Lions Clubs serve the visually and hearing impaired. Bring your old eyeglasses so they may be recycled. Also, door prizes and a silent auction. 9-11am, Registration; 11am - 1pm. Krogers, 11238 Kingston Pike, Farragut, TN \$20 entry fee (\$5 discount if post marked by August 1st. )

The **Maryville Lions Club** has collected over 4,000 pairs of glasses that are sorted and packaged to go to the Eyeglass Recycling Center.

The **Karns Lions Club** will be holding a Theme Dinner (catered by Karen's Katering!) on August 22, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. at the Youth Center Building (next to the Karns Community Pool). The cost for dinner, entertainment, and great fellowship is \$15 per person. Reservations are needed by August 15 by calling Lion Denise Keith at (865) 482-3729.

**Powell Lions Club July 4th Parade-** WOW! What a great July 4th Parade! The Powell Lions Club would like to thank everyone who participated this year. Thank you to the businesses who so graciously donated items. Margaret Cox, Kathy Baker and Ashton Doane for judging the floats, the photographer Marlene Garren, The Knox County Sherriff's Department, Rice Pontiac for the loan of the Grand Marshal's vehicle, the Grand Marshall, Jack Owen, assistant principal at Powell Middle School and everyone in the community for coming out and enjoying themselves.

Grand Prize Winner: The Church at Sterchi Hills

2nd Place Winner: Powell Girls Softball

3rd Place Winner: *Stone Industry News*

Thanks again and we look forward to next year.

President Diane Wilkerson, Powell Lions Club



***Hamblen County Lions tour LVBI !***

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## ROANOKE EYEGLASS RECYCLE CENTER WORK DAY

I have looked at all the calendars (VA. Tech, UT, RAM, District 12N) and think that we have settled on Saturday, November 7th for the fall District 12N work day to Roanoke. As usual, we'll gather at the Center around 8:30 in the morning, unload all the glasses, sort, clean, and read glasses, share some pizza, and just have a great time bringing hands and feet to our motto of "We Serve". We usually break around 3 in the afternoon, so that everyone can be back in Tennessee at a reasonable hour. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Harry Ennis  
423.239.7681 (Home)

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### Lions District 12-N Hearing Aid Assistance Program

Helen Keller was not only blind but deaf, and in her speech requesting Lions to be "Knights of the Blind," she asked, "no little **deaf**, blind child go untaught, no blind man or woman unaided. I appeal to you Lions, you who have your sight, **your hearing**, you who are strong and brave and kind". We think Ms. Keller would like for **Lions to extend this crusade to the hearing impaired.**

District 12-N has established a Hearing Aid committee and partnered with The Hearing and Speech Foundation (HSF) at 1619 East Broadway Avenue in Maryville, TN 37804 to provide two hearing aids to persons meeting criteria established by HSF. This criterion considers income, need, family situation, and other available means of assistance. Testing can be done and a pair of quality hearing aids can be fitted at a cost of approximately \$850.

A Club receiving a request for hearing aids would investigate the applicant and if the criteria are met, then provide the Committee the request along with a payment of \$300 (a co-payment of \$100, if feasible from the client, may be included in the \$300). After review by the Hearing Aid Committee, the Hearing Aid Committee could recommend to the Governor to use the District 12-N Discretionary funds to pay the balance. The Discretionary Fund is administered by the governor's Discretionary Fund Committee. *This is on a first come first serve basis and would continue until the District discretionary funds are expended.*

*HSF uses recycled hearing aids to keep the cost as low as possible. To maintain or reduce the relatively low cost of these hearing aids, we are asking that each club help **by collecting used hearing aids** and consider adding money to their budget for this program.* Lions International has Hearing Aid Recycling decals available at a nominal cost. These decals can be placed on the regular eyeglasses collection boxes. The process for getting the collected hearing aids to HSF depends upon the location of the collecting club.

For information on the way it can be handled for your club, contact one of the following: Nellie Harshbarger, 12-N Hearing Aid Committee contact person, (e) [squillpot@bellsouth.net](mailto:squillpot@bellsouth.net), phone 865-494-7599

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## DISTRICT 12N EVENTS CALENDAR

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**September 8 (Tue) - First Zone Meeting: Region I, Zone II:** Speaker: PDG Jim McFarland; Subject: Kids Sight 5:45 pm Giuseppe's Italian Restaurant, Address: 2539 Stone DR; Kingsport, TN 37660

**September 24-26 2009 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum** Memphis

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

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*From Page one...* It was still a good turnout. We had many fun events, and presented a very positive image of the Lions Organization to the community. Many of the area mascots were there We had a great DJ who kept things moving. The car show was impressive. The crafters did a good job and so did the health fair people. Food was provided by the host club, the Fountain City Lions. . And, we did raise \$10,000. It was our second year in the Fountain City and we were more organized. Plaques were made and distributed along with a thank you letter to all the corporate sponsors. Awards and certificates of participation for the walkers were given out to their club representatives by PDG Jim McFarland at the 12N cabinet meeting in Morristown on July 18. The most money earned award went to John Kelsey and the Clinton club. The most member participation award went to the Halls club  
PDG Jim also distributed the golf shirts to the qualified walkers after purchasing them and having them printed. Letters of appreciation went out to all the car show participants, the mascots and are going out to the craft show participants. I would like to thank all the committee members for all their dedication and hard work in making this event successful. Next year's event will be chaired by Jim McFarland. He will call his first meeting in late August or Early September.

Ron Riehn  
DWTL 09 Chairman

*The DWTL Post Event Review will appear in next month's issue. -Editor*

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