



District 12-N News & Views

"A Beacon of Hope"



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From the District Governor:



Well, it feels like a big step has been taken with the first District Cabinet meeting completed. I now know of some of the critical problems within the District and I appreciate the candor at the planning meeting. I will be working on a location for at least two new clubs this year and as a district we will start a program to help those clubs needing assistance in maintaining their numbers. Whether we are dealing with clubs with small numbers or starting new clubs, the effort must start now or we will not reverse the trend we are in now. The District was a bright star in the crown of the multi-district only a few years ago, but we are one of 4 that had negative numbers last year. If your club is in trouble, please ask for assistance. It can't be ignored any longer. It's all of our responsibilities to recruit new members to join us in our endeavors to help our fellow Tennesseans when they are in need.

I was extremely pleased with the number of Lions who were at the cabinet meeting and stayed for the planning session that followed. Thank you for your efforts, I know that giving up a Saturday is difficult and I do appreciate it. I will be attending the Multi-District Council meeting next week and we will be discussing a special project to establish a Tennessee State Lions Summer Camp for the Sight and Hearing Impaired, to be held in our State at a site to be determined later. I was surprised last year when our district was asked to help sponsor a young person to go to camp out side of the State, and found out that none of the other districts have a site to send our Sight and Hearing Impaired. If any of you know of a site or a camp that we could partner with, let me know so that we will be able to best help those in need.

The web site is being reworked and will take on a new look in a few weeks and we hope that it will be easier for individuals to add pictures and articles. I have found that it is almost impossible to keep our current address rosters current, with the rapid change of e-mail addresses and phone numbers. Please keep us informed of any changes to your information so we might be able to best serve you with current information. Contact me at wlm02@juno.com or call 423-563-0057 with changes.

Clubs, please check the Lions International web site regularly to make sure that your club information is correct. When putting together my visitation schedule I have found numerous errors at International and in our current Directory. I am looking forward to seeing all of you during my visits and please make plans to attend our Annual Convention to be held in Knoxville, at Rothchild's Convention Center, on 18-19, February 2011. -DG Bill

Lions Volunteer Blind Industries, Inc. Annual Report 2009/10

"We will provide blind people with the dignity of independence thru employment."

The combined efforts of all team members resulted in another successful year at LVBI! Our sales for FY 10 closed at \$13.5 million, up \$900,000 from last year!

National Industries for the Blind and it's affiliates (LVBI) have made it clear to our customers at all levels that the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act is an EMPLOYMENT program, not a PROCUREMENT program! Our mission is to grow employment opportunities for blind Tennesseans. To that end, in FY '10 we added 12 new blind workers to the LVBI payroll, and 13 disabled workers to our sister company, TNVol Mfg. & Services, bringing our total hourly work force in FY 09/10 to: 106 blind, 19 severely disabled, and 27 sighted direct labor employees in both companies. During peak surge periods, additional temporary workers were also used to meet delivery requirements. LVBI's Direct Labor Blind ratio of hours worked in FY '10 is 83%, and 45% Direct Labor Handicapped for TNVol Mfg. TNVol's goal is to be at 75% by this time next year. Our long-term commitment is to grow by 50 additional jobs over the next 5 years!

LVBI's annual payroll to blind workers topped \$1.2 million and disabled workers received \$165,000 for a total of \$1,418,000. Approximately 20%, or \$283,000 of that payroll is committed to Employment Scholarships funded, in part, for "Project Paycheck" donations. With aggressive promotion of our fund raising efforts, this year's donations are the best ever, with over \$120,805 received from all sources.

Lions clubs	\$12,112
Dist 12-N	\$20,750
Corporate	\$41,435
Gifts/memorials	\$ 1,623
American Dream	\$20,680
PROJECT PAYCHECK	\$96,600

The majority of those donations will go to meet "Paycheck" expenses, with the balance paid by LVBI.

A new initiative was begun this year to expand the Johnson City, TN facility to house additional manufacturing and a Call Center for new employment and training for blind people in technology related fields. A "10/50 Capital Campaign" has begun to raise \$75,000 through local Lions Clubs, to be matched with a \$75,000 grant from Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF). The initial 10/50 Campaign in May resulted in \$24,205! Our goal is to add 10K sq. ft. to that facility to house 50 new jobs within 5 years.

LVBI's vocational rehabilitation department, "Opportunity East" continues it long relationship with the TN Division of Rehabilitation Services (DRS), providing

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Two Karns Lions Mark Half-Century

By Joe Rector, *West Side Shopper-News*

The Karns Lions Club meeting Monday evening at the Karns Pool will be a special one. Members will enjoy a meal, and then they'll honor two of their own. Joe Dailey and Bill Shannon are celebrating their 50th years as members of the organization.

The club received its charter in 1954, and both men joined in 1960. Dailey's dad was one of the founding members, so it was natural for him to join. His sons Gary and Rick joined the club, and now his granddaughter and her husband, Lacey and Tony Fleming, are members of the Karns Lions.

Along the way, Dailey and Jackie, his wife of 61 years, have been involved in a variety of Lions projects. The Karns Lions built the original Karns High School football field that was situated where the elementary school is now located. Dailey says Knox County couldn't afford it, so members signed notes to get enough money to build the stadium and hoped they wouldn't lose their homes in the process.

In 1969, Dailey and other Lions Club members again signed notes. This time the money went toward building the community pool. Members and their spouses worked at the pool during their vacations. The club sold the land on which the Karns Volunteer Fire Department is located, and it leases the land for little league fields and the community center for \$1 a year. Dailey served as president of the Tennessee Lions Eye Bank in the 1990s.

Bill Shannon joined the Lions Club for a different reason. He had a cousin who was blind, and he became interested in the club's work with sight conservation. He worked to get glasses for children and adults and tirelessly collected money every October for White Cane Days. He also served on the board of directors for the Blind Training Center in Arkansas.

Shannon and his wife, Jean, have been married for 62 years and have two children. They have enjoyed opportunities to help others, and Shannon says that he's developed some close friendships with other members through the years. The success the Lions Club has had in Karns shows what can happen when people join forces in a common cause.

He says he's had fun with projects throughout the years. They've had fundraisers for the pool and shot mistletoe out of trees for sales. Shannon says he's proud of how the club reaches out to the community with parks and food baskets. Service is the key to the Lions Club's existence.

Together, Joe Dailey and Bill Shannon have given 100 years of service to the Karns Lions Club. They both hope that future generations will preserve the club's strong presence in the Karns community

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Change for Charities, July 14, 2010

At the District 12-N Convention in February 2010, I presented a "Change for Charities" idea to raise funds for District 12-N Charities. A big thank you, to all those who have participated.

As you may know, each year the "Walk" funds and White Cane Collections keep decreasing, and thus District 12-N keeps decreasing monies to the nine (9) charities we help support. We, as Lions, need to step up to the plate and make a change in this deficit. Not only are we not meeting the requests of the existing organizations we support, but we need a hearing aid program. This will not happen through District 12-N Charities until we can bring more funds in.

The Lions year 2009-2010 is now past and I am asking all Lions who have participated in the "**Change for Charities**," to send your check (earmarked Change for Charities), to the District Treasurer, PDG Jim McFarland at 8030 White Stone Road, Knoxville, TN 37938. Thanks again to all who helped make this program a success!

NOW! A new Lions year, 2010-2011, is here, so start that jar, jug or whatever all over again, to collect your "Change for Charities." Make this a great Lions year in "We Serve."

Lion Nellie Harshbarger
District 12-N Hearing Aid Chairperson

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**Please send your submissions to:
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Thank You for your submissions! -Editor**

District 12N Lion of The Year!



PDG Steve Lewis presents the District 12N Lion of the Year to Lion Kathy Burrow of the Farragut Lions Club

...LVBI, continued from page one:

comprehensive services to blind and disabled Tennesseans. We are an important regional service center, touching 192 clients annually, with 96% living within Lions International district 12-N in East Tennessee. DRS contracts with LVBI to provide these services annually, with this year's budget at \$333,717. In the coming year, LVBI and "Opportunity East" will propose a grant to DRS to partner in the expansion of our facility and Call Center training/employment initiative in Johnson City. Our Call Center proposes to hire 28 blind people and out-place 20 in related employment over the next 5 years!

Our goals are ambitious:

- Double the size of our Johnson City facility,
- Establish a Call Center training and placement program for technology-related employment for blind people,
- Grow our employment by 50 jobs in 5 years.

To meet these goals we will need capital, resources, talent, and commitment for all our team members and our partners. There is an old challenge that says "if you don't know where you are going, how will you know when you get there?" We know where we are going, and we **WILL** get there!

Don Britton
Executive Director
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Directory Corrections! Please note these changes!

Page 129 -- Bobby Harrington (News & Views Editor)
865-690-6515 newsandviews12n@yahoo.com

Page 130 -- Doug Haseltine phone # should be 423-239-9178

Page 133 -- I believe Dan Simms is deceased?

Page 134 -- Pennie Williams NOT Pinnie

Page 137 -- Date for the Day With the Lions should be MAY 21, 2011

Directory Corrections, cont'd

Page 138 -- Meeting place for Bulls Gap Lions Club is now Pizza Plus

Page 140 -- East Hawkins Lions meeting time & place change -- 1st Thursday @ Betty Sharp's home (address above in listing of officers), 3rd Thursday @ Pasta Palace

Page 141 -- Judy Donley's e-mail changed to lion-judy@gmail.com Meeting Place change --- 2nd Mondays as listed, 4th Mondays @ Lonestar Restaurant

Page 141 -- Meeting Times & Place for Farragut Lions Club has changed -- 2nd & 4th Tuesdays @ Vaughan's Restaurant, 159 N Seven Oaks Drive, Knoxville, TN 37922 at 6:30 pm.

Page 147 -- Meeting place for Kingston Lions is now Shoney's in Harriman at 6:30 p.m.

Page 163 -- Northwest Ranger Leo Club no longer exists

Page 163 -- Westside Leo Club meets at Hardin Valley Academy

Club Happenings:

Morristown: Our annual car show will be held on Saturday October 2, 2010, in Fred Miller Park in downtown Morristown. The park is located in the heart of Morristown on West Morris Blvd. just off South Cumberland Street. Entry fee is \$20.00 and all who preregister will receive a free Event T-shirt. Registration forms can be downloaded from our Web Site www.morristowntnlionsclub.com. The show was originally scheduled for June 12 but was rained out. The show will feature live music, great food, vendors, a live and a silent auction. We have some really great items that have been donated by local businesses to auction. Also for future planning, we are again going to have our show in The Walters State Community College Expo Center located just off I-81 at Exit 8. More about this event will be forthcoming. For more information you may contact Lion Gene Honeycutt by calling 423-312-6972.

Knox North Lions Club is hosting the first ever ROARING LIONS POKER RUN on Saturday, August 28. The event is designed for motorcycles, but all are welcome. We will register participants beginning at 8:00 a.m. at the parking lot in front of St. Mary's North health center (Mercy Hospital north) on Emory Road in Powell. The route map will be included in the packet given to registrants at that time. Also included in the registration packet will be a trading pin, lunch ticket and other goodies. A picnic lunch will be served at the "secret" destination. T-shirts can be ordered ahead.

Registration and t-shirt ordering information is available on the club web site www.knoxnorthlions.com

If you have any questions, or would like to volunteer to help, please call Knox North Lions Club President Clare Crawford at 865-607-1898.

The **Clinton Lions Club** is planning to celebrate their 70th Anniversary Saturday September 25. The menu is being planned and the cost of tickets will be announced sometime after August 2nd. We will be doing some Club visits to get it going. More later!

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DISTRICT 12N EVENTS CALENDAR

August 7 - Farragut Lions Club "Parrothead" Low Country Boil. Margaritaville in Knox County! \$30 per person (food includes shrimp and crab legs) Limited tickets available, so get yours now. Home of Jim & Julia Hart on Fort Loudon Lake

August 14 - West Knox Lions and Farragut Lions Club's Eighth Annual Open Car Show "Pre-Harvest Fest 2010" Lions Choice \$50.00, Judged Classes: 1959 and older Modified, 1959 and older Original, 1960-1974, 1975-1994, 1995-2010. Dash Plaques & goody bags for all entries. Net proceeds will help the Lions Clubs serve the visually and hearing impaired. Entry Fee is \$20.00 with a \$5.00... Kroger's, 11238 Kingston Pike, Farragut

August 28 - Powell Lions Club Roaring Lions Poker Run The event is for motorcycles, but all are welcome. The route map will be included in the packet given to registrants. Also included: trading pin, lunch ticket & goodies. Picnic lunch at "secret" destination. T-shirts can be ordered ahead of time.

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

October 2 - Morristown Lions Club Lion-O-Rama 2010 Car Show This Annual car show will have live music, great food, vendors, live & silent auctions. All who preregister will receive a free Event 'T' Shirt. Registration forms can be downloaded from the Club's Web Site. Fred Miller Park, downtown Morristown \$20 entry fee

October 16 - District 12-N Cabinet Meeting Lions Volunteer Blind Industries, 758 West Morris Blvd; Morristown, TN

October 21 - Farragut Lions 5th Annual Wine Tasting, Dinner & Auction, tickets contact Alica Beck 865-368-8473 or Ann Raby 865-680-8778.

January 8, 2011 - District 12-N Cabinet Meeting, Lions Volunteer Blind Industries, 758 West Morris Blvd; Morristown, TN

February 18-19 2011- District 12-N Spring Convention & Cabinet Meeting, Rothchild's Convention Center, Knoxville

June 21, 2011 - A Day With the Lions & Walk for Sight, Fountain City Park, Knoxville & Morristown \$20 entry fee
