



DISTRICT 12-N NEWS & VIEWS



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From the DG's

Desk

What a great start to what will be a great year for Lions of 12-N! Several community events have taken place this past July, such as

Norris Days, Powell Parade, and the Clinton Fair where the Clinton Lions sold hamburgers and hot dogs. It was great attending these events,, and I hope to attend other events throughout the year.

Club visits are the high light of my service to you. Thank you West Knox, Clinton, and Halls for you hospitality. I look forward to visiting your club and meeting great Lions like you.

I sent an e-mail to all clubs of 12-N asking you to have a active Membership Chair, and the response has been outstanding. Thank you!

When I visit your club I will be asking your Membership Chair to make, on behalf of their club, a commitment to add members. I will also ask your Membership Chair to commit to a number of new members your club will add for the year. We have a need the need is to grow. Ask one and then ask one more. Our goal is to have 1000 plus members by end of July 2016, so let's get growing!

-Fletcher

Fletcher Stephens
District Governor



Youth – The Future of Lionism

As we all know, the youth of today are the future of tomorrow. By serving and mentoring our youth through the following programs perhaps we as Lions can help them to evolve into future leaders in our great association. The *Lions Services for Children Program* was created to provide health and education services to children around the world. The program provides services such as food, clothing, vision/hearing screening, immunizations, and it offers literacy and nutritional programs etc. The *Lions Quest Program* helps to provide important life skills to youth locally and globally. The *Lions Leo Clubs* provide youth with development and volunteer opportunities through their participation in community service projects. The *Youth Camp and Exchange Program* allow youth to learn about different cultures and customs. The *Peace Poster Contest* allows youth to express their creativity, aspirations and hopes through their art. Lions do make a difference in the lives of our youth but we can always do more. Lion Brandon Johnson and I would like to encourage the clubs of District 12N to look at what they can do for the youth in their community. Perhaps you can get a Leo Club started in your local school(s). Lion Brandon would be happy to help you get started with this or you can refer to the LCI website for more information on starting Leo Clubs.

To aid in our Centennial Service Challenge efforts of “Engaging our Youth”, Int’l President Yamada has claimed the week of August 30 – September 5th as *Children’s Dignity Week* and he requests Lions Clubs around the world host a project that benefits children and youth during this time. In every community there are children in need. He suggests clubs promote their project and get community involvement as well. And, make sure to report your service project on the MyLCI Service Activity Report. Clubs can, of course, have projects pertaining to youth at any time. More information is available on the LCI website

www.lionsclubs.org

-1st VDG Paulette Bailey

CLINTON LIONS CLUB

CELEBRATES 75 YEARS

On Saturday, August 1st, the Clinton Lions Club celebrated the 75th anniversary of their club chartering. The event was held at the historic Museum of Appalachia.

A huge crowd gathered in recognition of the Clinton Lions accomplishments, and VIP's included all 12-N Officers and even International Director Jerome Thompson.

If your club is close to celebrating a historic milestone, consider hosting a celebration night!



Lions International Director Jerome Thompson of Alabama was the keynote speaker for the event.



ATTENTION

SECRETARIES



Please order updated Welcome Packets for new members. LCI has new packets available with special Centennial Membership Pins and Sponsor Pins and signed by our new International President Yamada. These can be ordered by calling Lions Headquarters at 800-710-7822 and requesting them. There is no charge to the clubs for these materials. Please be sure to discard the old ones with Joe Preston's signature for any new members inducted after July 1, 2015.

Kingsport Lions Club

SERVES

Heeding the urging of Past International President Joe Preston, the Kingsport Lions Club recently took on a new service project.

The project involved participation in the *Stop Hunger Now* project of the Kingsport Fun Fest. The goal of the project was to package food for hungry persons in third world countries or those who had experienced a major catastrophe, such as an earthquake or volcanic eruption. The packaging took place on July 11th and involved over 1,000 volunteers (including some Lions). In addition, the Kingsport Lions Club contributed \$1502 toward the bulk food cost of about \$30,000.

During the project 100,000 meals were packaged.



PDG Bob Miller presents a check to *Stop Hunger Now* Coordinator Karen Dale.

USA/CANADA LEADERSHIP FORUM

**September 17-19, 2015
Grand Rapids, Michigan**

The Mission of the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum is to develop leaders, motivate and educate attendees, provide an open exchange of ideas and support programs and goals of Lions Clubs.

The Leadership Forum is for any Lion who wants to enhance leadership capabilities in an atmosphere that is non-stop learning and fun. There are over 60 seminars to choose from. Registration Forms can be obtained from 1VDG Paulette Bailey or go to the forum website at:

www.lionsforum.org

UPCOMING DISTRICT EVENTS

**Nov. 14, 12-N Cabinet Meeting
Morristown, TN at LVBI**

**FEB. 19-20, 12-N Convention
Doubletree Hotel, Oak Ridge, TN**

**12-N Committee Changes:
Audit Chair—PDG Jim McFarland
Constitution & Bylaws: - PDG Chuck Bailey**

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Fellow 12N Lions: Many opportunities exist at any given moment for us as Lions to serve. However, I would like to offer up an opportunity in which you can help raise the level of education for graduating high school seniors in your own District 12N community. “How,” you might ask, “can one Lion make such a difference since most of us are not educators?” It may be easier than you think. Let me explain. Recently, our club had a speaker from our local Kingsport Chamber of Commerce and her topic was this very subject! Our Tennessee governor, The Honorable Bill Haslam, his administration, and the Tennessee Legislature have instituted a program to encourage and enable those students who normally would not be able to consider going on to college. The program, Tennessee Promise, explained at tnAchieves.org, creates the opportunity to attend a two-year community college with no financial obligation to them or their families. Your part as a Lion is to serve in the capacity of mentor for one or more students in your community as they work through the college application process. Statistics confirm that a high school senior is 21% more likely to attend college with the support of a mentor than without.

What will you do as a tnAchieves mentor?

1. Complete an application
2. Choose a preferred high school
3. Complete a one-hour training session
4. Attend two one-hour meetings with your students
5. Communicate with students every two weeks via email, phone, or text as they transition from high school to college

You’ll invest 10-15 hours annually assisting 1-10 high school seniors. In fact, tnAchieves mentors tell us they spend less than ONE hour per month serving as a resource to our scholars. The mentorship role is simple but significant. You as a mentor will help your students reach their full potential. tnAchieves designed its mentoring program so that even the busiest Lion, parent, or professional can make a meaningful impact. If you do not have experience working in education, do not worry! tnAchieves will train you to work with students at your chosen local high school. Join tnAchieves as Tennessee seeks to change lives and transform communities! Fill out your application here:

www.tnachieves.org/mentor-application.

-Adam Bowling, Second Vice District Governor

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