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**UPCOMING
EVENTS**

SEPTEMBER 15-17th
USA/Canada Forum
Omaha, Nebraska

SEPTEMBER 24th
Eyeglass Recycling
Roanoke, VA

OCTOBER 1st
Farragut Lions
Car Show

OCTOBER 8th
Fall Forum
Walters State
Comm.

NOVEMBER 12th
Fall District
Cabinet Meeting

DG Paulette's Post

WATCH OUT DISTRICT 12N – HERE WE COME!

We're already off to a great start for the 2016-2017 lions year. I started out riding in the July 4th Loudon Lions parade and that afternoon PDG Chuck and I shared some good fellowship and food with the Norris Club at their community "Norris Day" event. It was a huge celebration all day long. We had a great organizational meeting and I appreciate all the clubs that were able to attend and hopefully we'll catch the rest of you at the next meeting. I then had the pleasure of installing the Fountain City Lions Club officers, shared some good fellowship and took a walk around the Fountain City Park maintained by the Lions. This is just the beginning of a year full of club visits and attending as many events as I possibly can and I can't wait to come see your club.

For those who missed the Organizational meeting I have issued a challenge to the District regarding membership growth. Clubs with the largest percentage growth between July 1st and January 31st are up for a membership growth award in either bronze, silver or gold. This allows even the smallest club to get an award. Wouldn't it be great to award more than one bronze statue if we have some ties in membership numbers! So let's climb that next mountain in service and get others to join our ranks for the success of our clubs and our district.

An attachment to this News & Views Issue is a Registration Form for a Fall Forum being held October 8th at Walter State Community College from 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM. This will be a day of learning opportunities and two service projects. Motivational speaker PDG Diane Pitts will be our luncheon speaker. I hope you will consider attending and mail in your completed registration form as soon as possible.

Thank you and please feel free to call on me or one of my Governor Team members to assist your needs.

Yours in Lionism,

DG Paulette



**DISTRICT
GOVERNOR
VISITS**

- August 3rd
Knox North
- August 8th
Halls
- August 15th
Clinton
- August 16th
Rutledge
- August 22nd
Inskip
- August 23rd
Kingsport
- September 1st
Johnson City
- September 20th
Maryville
- September 22nd
Elizabethton
- October 3rd
West Knox
- October 6th
Newport



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SEE YOU IN OMAHA!



The Forum is fast approaching! Register now and get your best choice of hotel rooms as they are filling fast. When planning your arrival date, remember there are many sights to see in Omaha if you can arrive a day or two early. Thursday will start with the Strides Walk at 11:00am, followed by First Timer's Orientation and then demonstrations and instruction on your PAW device, which every attendee will receive. Also, look on

our website (www.lionsforum.org) for upcoming news on the Centennial Torch relay as the Torch of Service travels from the International Convention in Japan to all of the Forum sites around the world. Look for the Torch of Service to come through YOUR state and your opportunity to carry it to Omaha! Get your running shoes on. PID Gary Anderson, 2016 USA-Canada Lions Leadership Forum General Chairman



PDG Ed Gibbons presents Rogersville Lion PDG John Wolfe his master key for bringing in 50 members into our association.



Fountain City Lions Club Officer Installation



DG Paulette calls the District 12-N Cabinet Meeting to order.



FAQ ABOUT LIONS

When are my Dues due?

Your Lions Club decides when your member dues are due, however, half the District, Multi District and International Dues are billed to each Lions Club twice per year in August based on club membership as of July 1 and in February based on membership as of January 1. Each Lions Club, therefore, should have sufficient funds in their Ad-

ministrative Account to pay their dues obligation in the month billed.

What happens if we fail to pay dues?

Remember the oath you took when you were inducted into your Lions Club, "I promise to pay my dues on time." If you don't and you remain as a member of your club, your club still has the obligation to pay District, Multi-District and International Dues when billed. If your Lions Club remains delinquent in payment of dues for more than 90 days, the Lions Club Charter may be revoked which means the club can no longer act as, or portray it-

self as, a Lions Club. Reinstatement, although possible, is expensive and time consuming, time that could better be applied to serving our community.

As a Lion in District 12-N, how much are my dues?

Your Lions Club decides the amount of your club membership dues. Your club membership dues cover costs for club operations plus District Dues (\$16.00), Multi-District Dues (\$4.60) and International Dues (\$43.00). For Students between the age of 18 and 30 years of age who file a form STU-5, all dues are ½ the above rates.

SHARING PAW: INSTANT ACCESS TO ALL RESOURCES

Sharing Paw: Instant Access to all Resources Every Lion at the 2016 USA/Canada Lions

Leadership Forum will receive an extra paw! This electronic paw is actually a state of the art information sharing tool. By touching your "Paw" with another's "Paw", you instantly share your contact information. Touching your "Paw" with a touch point in one of our seminars will share the power point presentation, handouts, presenter and moderator contact info, handouts and

reference material. Touching your "Paw" to a touch point at an Exhibitor's booth will give you instant access to any resources that Exhibitor wishes to share. You will use your "Paw" to

check-in on the special service projects that are part of this year's Forum. Once checked-in, all kinds of resources will be placed on your "Paw" to help you lead a similar project back home. You can plug your "Paw" into any computer to access all this information via a personal web site set-up just for you. You can link your "Paw" to an App on your smart phone or tablet. Plus, you get points for all your touches! Earn points to win prizes. Get ready to Share Your Paw at this year's Forum. We will be giving you access to your own web page starting in July. So the "Pawing" starts



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August 8-14
2016



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LIONS EYE GLASS

RECYCLING WORK DAY

Roanoke, VA

Saturday, September 24, 2016



Lions will meet at the Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center (501 Elm Ave) around 8:30 AM. We'll work, have lunch, work some more and leave about 3:00 PM to head home. It's a fun and rewarding time sorting, cleaning, reading and packaging used eyeglasses for beneficial reuse. The 12N Lions are the stars of the Center – we get more done and do a better job than any of the other groups up there. Let's have a great turnout, and show the true volunteer spirit of 12N Lions. For more information contact Lion Harry Ennis at hrennis@chartertn.net or 423/239-7681.

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District 12-N Sports 15 Guiding Lions

Our district now has 15 guiding Lions since the recent instruction after the organizational meeting. These 15 individuals will be tasked with helping to advise new clubs, and work with ones who need some repair.

So, what else do they do?

- Help the club determine its mission and purpose
- Improve retention of members
- Assimilate new club members into Lions
- Improve relationship between sponsoring club and new club
- Extend support system for longer period of time.



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