



District 12-N News & Views

"Move to Grow"



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District 12-N, Tennessee (USA)

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FROM THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR:



Lionism is still Alive and Kickin'. We exist to help make this a better world. Our communities are better because we are helping, and we are better people for doing so. That is what this season is about, GIVING. The difference in us is that we give all year round. I love being associated with some of the finest people on earth. Thank you for your service, your giving, and your heart. I want to encourage you to check out our district website. It is a great

communication tool to see what's happening around our district. Remember, Lionism is bigger than our club. Don't be like a cat, so focused on the ball of thread that it can't see what's happening around him. The club is where the service begins, but not where it ends. We are all an important link in a worldwide chain. We have a duty as Lions not to allow our club to be a weak link. We do that by being actively engaged in service and growing our club. New members energize our club and build for the future. Lionism is better because of you, you are better for being a Lion. Merry Christmas all you Lion-Hearted servers, and keep that Christmas spirit alive and kickin' all year long, cause that's what we do, We're LIONS.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for our District Convention, February 26-27, 2010. The convention is not just for club officers, it is our annual gathering as a family of Lions. Please don't miss it, we need your support. It is my duty to make it worth it your time, and with Lion Clare Crawford managing it, you will be glad you came.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all. My wife Silvia and I love you and extend our best wishes to you and your families.

Love, DG Steve

Eye Exams from Dr. Bizer's:

Dr. Bizer's Vision World is offering \$1 vision exams between Friday, November 27 and Thursday, December 24, 2009. Dr. Bizer's only East Tennessee locations are in the Knoxville area: (1) West Town Mall next to Dillards, and (2) Knoxville Center next to JC Penney.

Kingston Lions Club Marine Corps. Birthday Celebration

The Kingston Lions Club helped celebrate the 234th Birthday of the U. S. Marine Corps by inviting ex-marines of the Kingston area to their meeting on November 9th. This was a dinner meeting catered by Buddy's BBQ. Approximately 50 people were in attendance. Boy Scout Troop 101, supported by the Club, assisted by providing the color guard for the event. Following the meal, representatives of the Marine Corps conducted the traditional presentation and cutting of the ceremonial birthday cake. The first piece of cake is presented to the guest speaker, the second piece to the oldest Marine present, and the third to the youngest Marine present. The speaker was Sgt. Major Ronald Crosby who spoke of the accomplishments of Marines throughout history, and recounted some of their newest technology advancements. The contribution of all servicemen were acknowledged in view of Veteran's Day, as well as those who served on the Manhattan Project. This was the second year that the Lions have helped celebrate the Marine Corps' birthday.

Martin Skinner, Kingston Lions Club

DG Steve's Visitation Schedule:

Jan.4 Zone Mtg (Clinton)	Feb. 2. Morristown West
Jan.7 Newport	Feb. 16 Maryville
Jan.11 Inskip	Feb. 18 Loudon
Jan.12 Kingsport	Feb. 22 Oneida
Jan.19 Tellico Village	Mar. 2 East Hawkins Co.
Jan.21 Zone Mtg (Greeneville)	Mar. 16 Sullivan Co.
Jan..25 Oak Ridge	Mar. 18 Union Co.

Don't forget the District Convention: Feb. 26-27!

If you are a Noon club only and are at least an hour from Knoxville it may be difficult for me to get away from work to visit. Please let me know if you have anything in the evenings that substitute as a meeting. Otherwise, please understand if I need to ask 1st Vice District Governor, Bill McDonald, to visit on my behalf.

Thank you,
DG Steve



CAMPAIGN SIGHTFIRST II
LIONS' VISION FOR ALL

From the Editor... Lions are everywhere!

A good friend of mine traveled abroad a couple of years ago and brought back photographic proof that the Lions Club is truly an International Organization. Lions even sponsor national sports! (Note the gentleman 2nd from the right...)



These pictures were taken in Tokyo in the National Sumo Arena in 2007.

**To access The District 12N web site,
click on:**

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



CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS:

The Morristown Lions Club is sponsoring an indoor Open Car and Vehicle Show at the Walters State Great Smoky Mountain Expo Center on January 16 and 17, 2010. Vehicles will be staged in the arena on January 15th all day long. Pre-registration is \$15.00 and registration at the door is \$20.00. Pre-Registration forms can be obtained by emailing Lion Gene Honeycutt at gene@morristowntnlionsclub.com or Lion Angela Shelton at angela@morristowntnlionsclub.com. General admission for the event will be \$5.00 which will go to the Walters State Community College Athletic Department. Vendors spaces are available at a cost of \$100.00 for an 8X10 space and \$75.00 for each additional space desired. For anyone who may have a vendor trailer space for parking will be available just outside the main arena for convenient restocking of your booth. For more information please contact Lion Gene Honeycutt at 423-312-6972.

The Dandridge Lions Club will be doing our annual Christmas Food Basket Delivery and children's shopping trip on December 19th, 2009.

LVBI Update: Margaret "Pat" Williams and Audrey Hubble, both employees of Lions Volunteer Blind Industries, were recognized at the 2009 National Industries for the Blind/National Association for the Employment of People Who Are Blind Annual Training Conference in Kansas City October 21-24. Pat was nominated for a career achievement award by the local agency, and Audrey was nominated for employee of the year. In addition, LVBI Executive Director Don Britton and Vic Mende, Rehabilitation Director at LVBI, were recognized for graduating from the New Agency Leadership program.

2010 LIONS LEARNING RETREAT

JANUARY 15-17

**Manchester Conference Center
Manchester, TN**

Theme:

“GROWING TO MOVE”

(MY-SELF, MY-FAMILY, MY-CLUB, MY-COMMUNITY, MY-DISTRICT, MY-STATE, MY-COUNTRY, MY-WORLD) “I CAN, YOU CAN, WE CAN”

The applications will be forthcoming in the next month or so. If your club is planning on entering the basket contest, please let Lions Elaine Berkheiser or Nellie Harshbarger know. Any one that would like to furnish a door prize is certainly welcome. I hope you are making plans on attending this workshop-learning retreat. Also, the choir will be there, and if you would like to sing with them, you are welcome to join.

Registration Fees:

Prior to November 15, 2009- \$95.00

After November 15, 2009 - \$105.00

At the Door - \$120.00

DISTRICT 12N EVENTS CALENDAR

January 9, 2010 (Sat) - District 12-N Cabinet Meeting, Lions Volunteer Blind Industries. Parking Lot 758 W. Morris Blvd., Morristown

January 16-17, 2010 (Sat) - Morristown Lions Club Indoor Open Car and Vehicle Show, Walters State Great Smoky Mountain Expo Center
February 26-27, 2010 (Fri) - District 12-N Convention, Pigeon Forge Holiday Inn

January 15-17, 2010 (Fri-Sun) - Lions Learning Retreat "Growing to Move"(My-Self, My-Family, My-Club, My-Community, My-District, My-State, My-Country, My-World)"I Can ... You Can ... We Can" Manchester--Coffee County Convention Center Register before Nov. 15, 2009

District 12N Events Calendar Online:

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

Please send your submissions to:
newsandviews12n@yahoo.com
Thank You for your submissions! -Editor

On the Road with Lion Paws

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
Learn more about me and my adventures online at: <http://www.Lion-Paws.com/> **It's GREAT to be a Lion!**



At the Hardin Valley Academy West Side Leos' Costume Dance, October 30, 2009
On Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/lionpaws>



At the Farragut Lions Club "Freaky Friday" Booth on Halloween

LCIF Report

LCIF is still in need of support from all Lions clubs in the district. To date, we have had only four clubs give a donation to District Governor Lewis. We're now at the halfway mark up in our 2009 Lions year. In order to have time to name that outstanding Lion of your club, we must have donations in hand by April 15th, 2010. Each club that donates \$10.00 or more per member made submit a resume or outline of that outstanding Lion to me and it will be submitted to the selection committee for consideration as Melvin Jones Fellow. It takes four to six weeks to receive the Melvin Jones plaque and pin. If the presentation is to be made at the installation of officers meeting for your club, the application should be sent to LCI by May 15.

I have visited the halls club With the video and information on LCIF. Please contact me if you would like to see a program or receive information on recent LCIF activities. Some clubs may still have CSF II funds in place sufficient to name an MJF. This should be done by May 15 if possible. We have three clubs who have already presented a member an MJF. I will be in touch with all club president's by phone in January to be sure my records are up to date.

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Bob Harrington
District 12N LCIF chairman

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Eyeglass Recycling Trip: Twelve hard working Lions from District 12-N made the trek to Roanoke on November 7th. A great group and got a lot done. This is truly "We Serve" in action. Thanks to LeReau Carlson and Eunice Carlson from Campbell County, Patricia Shepherd and Allen Shepherd from Lenoir City, Hubert Thompson and Nancy Thompson from Knoxville, PDG Jim McFarland and Shaaron McFarland from W. Knox, and Zone Chair Edna Longwell, Dick Bogan, Bill Murdoch, and Harry Ennis from Kingsport. Merle Hash from the Roanoke Center was, as usual, amazed at the amount of hard work accomplished. The group unpacked several thousand pairs of glasses, and read close to a thousand lenses.

ZONE MEETINGS:

Region I, Zone II: My 3rd Zone Meeting will be held on Thursday evening, January 21, 2009 at 6:00 pm at Ryan's Steakhouse in Greeneville, TN, hosted by the Greeneville Lions Club. The cost will be \$10.00 per person and the address is 2645 East Andrew Johnson Hwy, Greeneville, TN 37745. Please RSVP President Susan Price at (423) 787-5026 by January 14, 2010 or me, ZC Edna at (423) 967-8377.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

LION JAMES WOODROW NEIDERT, of Dandridge, Tennessee, passed away as the result of an accident at his home on Thursday, November 19, 2009, at the age of 67. He was a member of First United Methodist Church in Dandridge, and the Dandridge Lions Club. Jim devoted many years of service to Lions Clubs International and to the Elks Lodge of Easton, Maryland.

We honor the Legacy of caring and service from this Lion, and our thoughts and prayers are with his family and Club in their time of loss.