



District 12-N News & Views

"A Beacon of Hope"



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District 12-N, Tennessee (USA)

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From the District Governor:



I would like to tell you all a story of a family in the 1950's. This woman was raising four children by herself in an era that didn't give much support other than that dreaded word, "welfare".

It was Christmas Eve and the woman was very distraught because she had nothing to provide her children for Christmas. She put the youngsters to bed early promising that Santa would come by their small house that night, knowing in her heart that there would be next to nothing in the morning for the kids to be joyous about. The youngest boy could not sleep so he woke his older brother to stay up for a Santa watch.

But all they could hear was their mom crying for some reason they couldn't understand. Long about eleven o'clock, there came a knock on the door. She opened it slowly not knowing who it might be. She moved back from the door in surprise when this tall, not so fat, Santa came Ho-Ho-Ho-ing into the room. He had a large bag slung over his back full of presents. The two boys were beside themselves with the excitement of seeing Santa coming into their house. His helpers came in with a tree, more presents and food for dinner the next morning.

They all hugged the lady as they left and as the boys watched from the crack in the door their mother knelt and gave thanks to God for what had happened. Well, the youngest boy was me, and the other was my older brother, Fred. I later found out that the men who had come to our home that Christmas Eve were from the local volunteer fire department and had chosen us because of a concerned friend of my mom's.

This is why I am a Lion today, helping to give back to a community that gave me so much when I needed it. Carol and I would like to wish all of you a Very Merry Christmas and a joyous and helpful New Year.

-DG Bill

In Memoriam:

We remember and celebrate the lives and service of these Lions:

Lion Victor Wilkerson	Tellico Village Lions Club
Lion Paul Townsend	Hamblen County Lions Club
PDG Carl White	Knox Tri-County Lions Club

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

From PID Eberhard J. Wirfs:

Dear Lion,

I once heard an African proverb that I will forever remember: the best way to help someone in need is to wipe their tears. Lions, we do this every minute of every day! Our hands are helping those in need, and the compassion in our hearts is wiping their tears. One way we are doing this is by improving the health and education of children worldwide.



Just last month, Margit and I were in Ethiopia and Madagascar to help launch our Lions-Measles Initiative pilot programs. In these countries Lions helped vaccinate nearly 10 million children. This is truly sensational!

Did you know that measles is the leading cause of vaccine-preventable deaths in children? Over the next three years, 1.7 million children will likely die from this disease, which also causes blindness. Lions, we can and we must stop this!

At a health center in Imersituska, a rural village in Madagascar, I met Marie Louise Razafindranana, who brought her nine-month old son, Patrick, to be vaccinated. She knew all too well the dangers of measles, as she lost her daughter to the disease. I truly felt I was wiping her tears, but she gave me something in return - a smile of hope and gratitude. Her story echoes those that I heard in Ethiopia. But these mothers know that we Lions are giving their children hope for a long, healthy life.

Lions have long been committed to improving quality of life for children. Another way we do this is by improving their education and providing them with vital life skills. In meeting with government officials in both countries, they pledged their full support to the measles program. But they were also very interested in starting Lions Quest in their country.

Like so many other leaders worldwide are realizing, Lions Quest can and should be a key component to improving the general well being of our youth. Government can't do this alone. It takes all of us working together to really make an impact.

Moments like these also make me realize the significance of what our Foundation does for people in need, but there is so much more we can do. Please, Lions, let's continue to give hope to our youth for a healthier and brighter tomorrow by wiping away tears through our Foundation!



With cordial regards,
Eberhard J. Wirfs
Chairperson, LCIF

OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE ON BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR 12-N CHARITIES!

Nominations are being accepted for Lions who wish to serve on the Board of Directors of Lions District 12-N Charities, Inc. This group recommends annual allocations for the 10 charitable agencies that are supported by the District. Nominees will be voted on during the Spring Convention, where one person from each Region will be elected to serve on a panel for a term of three years. Any Lion in good standing with a Club in the District can serve. If you are interested in serving, please contact: Lion Doug Haseltine (423-239-9178 or haseltin@chartertn.net) or DG Bill McDonald (423-563-0057 or wlm02@juno.com).

WELCOME LIONS!

Through November 2010

Lion John Heist	Fountain City Lions Club
Lion Adam Bowling Jr.	Kingsport Lions Club
Lion Tyler McAvoy	Morristown Cherokee Lions Club
Lion James Grooms	Morristown Lions Club
Lion Bilge Almaroad	Sevierville Lions Club
Lion Timothy Almaroad	Sevierville Lions Club
Lion Edgar Kuncitis	Sevierville Lions Club
Lion Sue Buckley	West Knox Lions Club
Lion Harold Sorensen	West Knox Lions Club
Lion Jonnie Sorensen	West Knox Lions Club
Lion Kyle McDowell	Campbell County Lions Club
Lion Kathy Myers	Campbell County Lions Club
Lion Dan White	Farragut Lions Club
Lion Lynda Gochenouer	Johnson City Lions Club
Lion Keith McCord	Knox Tri-County Lions Club

Transfer:

Lion David Paul Carter West Knox Lions Club

Morristown Lion-O-Rama at The Expo

The second annual Lion-O-Rama at The Expo will be held the weekend of Jan 15 and 16, 2011 at The Great Smoky Mountain Expo Center located just off I-81 Exit 8 in White Pine, TN. Set up for the show will be on Friday Jan 14, 2011 from 8 AM until 8 PM. Special set up arrangements for the show can be made for Thursday Jan 13, 2011 by contacting the shows promoters which are listed at the end of this Info sheet. Vehicle registration for the show is \$20 and entry forms can be accessed by logging to our web site: www.morristowntnlionsclub.com and clicking on the Lion-O-Rama page. This is an open show which will feature all classes of vehicles. Each class will be judged separately and the vehicle owner will decide the class the vehicle is to be placed in. There will also be a swap meet with various vendors available. For more information you can contact Lion Gene Honeycutt at 423-312-6972 or by email at gene@morristowntnlionsclub.com or Lion Angela Shelton at angela@morristowntnlionsclub.com.



Morristown Lions Helps in the Food-on-Foot program

From left to right; Carol Long; Lion Roger Allen; Carolyn Jarnigan; and Morristown Lions Club Vice President Angela Shelton. We gave the Food-on-Foot program \$700 and the program gave us a plaque acknowledging appreciation for our assistance. In the last month we have raised over \$1,500 for them. \$250 came from the Grainger County Ridge Runners Car Club, the Hamblen County Car Club, several personal contributions, and of course, the Morristown Lions Club. We strongly believe in what this program is doing in our community and what these ladies have accomplished in bringing this program to the level it is now. Between them and Daily Bread there are a lot of people in this community who are well fed and cared for each week.

LION PAWS!



Lion Paws with 2009-2010 Lions Clubs International President Eberhard Wirfs

Farragut lions Club Meeting Location Change!

The Farragut Lions have changed their meeting location to:

Pimento's Cafe
11378 Parkside Drive
Knoxville, TN

Days and time will remain the same

**LIONS DISTRICT 12-N CONVENTION &
12-N CHARITIES ANNUAL MEETING
“Stuck in the 50’s Again”**

February 18-19, 2011, Rothchild’s Convention Center, Knoxville, Tennessee
Pre-Registration Deadline – February 1, 2011

Our speaker will be **International Director Anne Smarsh** from Colwich, Kansas

Check if Delegate

NAME 1 -- _____
Circle one -- Lion Lioness Leo Guest

NAME 2 -- _____
Circle one -- Lion Lioness Leo Guest

Club (Name 1) _____ Club (Name 2) _____

Address: Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone _____

<u>Meal</u>	<u># of Meals</u>	<u>Total</u>
Friday Buffet Dinner _____	@ \$18.00 each	= \$ _____
Saturday Breakfast _____	@ No Charge	
Saturday Luncheon _____	@ \$ 25.00 each	= \$ _____
Saturday Evening Buffet _____	@ \$ 25.00 each	= \$ _____
Package Deal _____	@ \$55.00 each	= \$ _____

Special Dietary Needs (be specific) _____

Mail registration form and check made out to **LIONS DISTRICT 12-N** to Convention Chairman by
February 1, 2011 --

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DISTRICT 12N EVENTS CALENDAR

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

To access up-to-date District 12N events, click on:

<http://tnlions.org/calendar/>



In Memoriam:

The *News and Views* and District 12N Lions wish to extend our heartfelt condolences to the family, friends, and the Kingston Lions Club in the passing of Henry Wattenbarger an active Lion for over 60 years. Our prayers and thoughts go out to his family, friends and their club in their time of loss. We have lost a truly dedicated Lion!

From the Editor:

I would like to wish all our District Lions and *News and Views* readers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year as we go into 2011. Keep sending in your articles and photos! Thanks! -Editor

District Convention Voter Certification:

For delegates to vote at the upcoming District 12N cabinet meeting they must be certified. Each club is allowed 1 delegate for each 10 members or major fraction there of and 1 alternate delegate for each 10 members or major fraction there of. A club with 25 members will be allowed 3 delegates and 3 alternates. A club with 24 members will be allowed 2 delegates and 2 alternates. Membership reported on the December Membership Report will be the basis for determining the number of delegates to be certified for each club. Only those delegates certified will be allowed to vote on business requiring approval during the business session.

Voter certification will be held in conjunction with registration at the Spring Cabinet Meeting and will be available during all hours that registration is open. Please have each club secretary submit names of each delegate and alternate delegate that will be attending the cabinet meeting at least one week before our Spring Cabinet meeting to the Cabinet Credentials Committee.
