



District 12-N News & Views

"I Believe"



December 2011-January 2012

District 12-N, Tennessee (USA)

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Fellow Lions of District 12-N,
 Happy New Year to all Lions of East.
 We have completed the first half of our Lions year; three Cabinet meetings, most of the required Zone meetings and Club visits are completed, most of the Loblolly Pine tree seedlings have been distributed and, most importantly, you have provided for the needs in your communities because "We Serve,"

Preparations are underway for our District Convention to be held in Knoxville at the Crowne Plaza Hotel on February 17-18, 2012. Why do I mention something so distant from now? Because in order to get the favorable rates, you must register this month at the hotel and with Kathy Burrow, our convention chair (burrown@bellsouth.net), and I encourage all to attend who are able. We will have a Luau Friday night in keeping with the Hawaiian theme, three great seminars Saturday morning; "How to do Diabetes Screening", by EMT Rick Papke of Tellico Village Volunteer Fire Dept. and Lion Harmon Towne, "How to do KidSight Screening" by PDG Jim McFarland, and "What every Lion should know" by PDG Wendy Cain. The Wendy's seminar is designed primarily for members who have joined in 2010 or later but anyone is welcome. Our Saturday Luncheon speaker is Carroll Jackson of Leader Dog, Rochester, MI and our Saturday Dinner speaker is International Director, Dr. Sonja, "Sunny" Pulley from Portland OR. Entertainment Friday and Saturday evenings will be provided by "Sound Investment and the Sweet Memories" and Grammy Award nominee Karen Taylor Good. Rumor has it that Elvis will make an appearance doing some music from Blue Hawaii. In keeping with the casual Hawaiian theme, attire for the entire event is casual; flowered shirts for the men and muumuus for the women are very appropriate. Only the sitting District Governor will be expected to where his blazer and tie and only on Saturday evening. Lions vests are always appropriate at any Lions event.

As usual, there will be a Silent Auction, the proceeds of which are to help defray convention expenses. This year I am encouraging clubs to consider donating a gift basket to the Silent Auction containing items from your local area. Additionally, any individual donations would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

This year's Convention Business meeting will be especially important because it involves changes to our District Constitution and Bylaws to bring them into compliance with the Lions International set of documents.

Letters to all club Presidents have been mailed detailing the required process for identifying Club Delegates who are entitled to vote on these important matters. Additionally, approval of the 12-N Charities budget and Election of Officers are necessary agenda items for the business meeting.

Thank you Lions of 12-N. I am truly honored to be serving you as District Governor because I am getting to meet the most generous people in East Tennessee, the individual Lions of District 12-N. You freely give of your time, your talents and your money to help your community all through the year. I have seen the vastness of what our district is doing. You are living examples of what our founder, Melvin Jones, envisioned when he conceived our great association. I offer my sincerest gratitude to you for what you do in your communities.

Paulette and I wish you and your families a safe and healthy New Year. There is peace on earth and goodwill toward men (and women) because you serve.
 Happy New Year.

Yours in Lionism,
 --Chuck--

District Governor's Club Visitation Schedule

- Jan. 5 – Bulls Gap Lions Club
- Jan. 16 – Fountain City Lions Club
- Jan. 23 – Morristown Lions Club
- Feb. 2 – Powell Lions Club
- Feb. 13 – Oneida Lions Club
- Feb. 20 – Karns Lions Club

District 12N Convention Delegate Certification!

For delegates to vote at the upcoming District 12N District Convention they must be certified. Each club is allowed 1 delegate for each 10 members or major fraction thereof and 1 alternate delegate for each 10 members or major fraction thereof. 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 M&A 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 any business requiring approval during the business session. To help with certification at the Spring Cabinet meeting I need each club secretary to forward to a list of their club delegates and alternate delegates no later than February 12th 2012. My email address is kelsey4@yahoo.com

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR LIONS DISTRICT 12-N CHARITIES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013

The Lions District 12-N Charities Board of Directors/Trustees has established a proposed budget for the Lions Fiscal Year 2012-2013. The proposed budget, shown below, is based on information provided by the Agency project chairs and the Treasurer's report of funds available. It will be presented to the membership at the Convention on February 18th for a vote. If you have any questions feel free to contact the 12-N Charities President, Lion Doug Haseltine: phone (423) 239-9178; e-mail address haseltin@chartertn.net.

AGENCY	Proposed 2012-2013	Prior Year 2011-2012	% Change
A. East Tennessee Lions Eye Bank	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	No change
B. Lions Volunteer Blind Industries	\$19,000	\$18,000	+ 5.6%
C. Learning Ally (formerly RFB&D)	\$14,000	\$11,857	+ 18.1%
D. TN School for the Deaf	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	No change
E. Leader Dogs for the Blind	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000	No change
F. TN School for the Blind	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	No change
G. Diabetes Awareness	\$ 500	\$ 850	- 41.2%
H. World Services for the Blind	\$ 0	\$ 0	No change
I. Braille Slate	\$ 0	\$ 0	No change
J. Lions Quest	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	No change
K. DG Emergency Fund	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	No change
L. District Discretionary Fund	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	No change
M. Operating Expense	\$ 1,444	\$ 1,000	+ 44.4%
Total	\$52,944	\$49,707	+ 6.5%

**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@charter.net), PDG Neal Vaughan (865)-457-4664 or neallion@comcast.net) or 2nd VDG Mike McDonough (423-562-8017 or mikemcdtn@aol.com) before January 3, 2011

PROPOSED CHANGES TO 12-N CHARITIES BY-LAWS

The 12-N Charities Board will recommend some minor changes to its By-Laws at the Spring Convention. The first proposed change inserts First in Article V, Paragraph 3, to clarify which Vice District Governor will be entitled to vote to break a tie vote by the Trustees/Directors. The second proposed change (to Article V, Paragraph 5) asks that the District Governor appoint a nominating committee for the 12-N Charities' Board approximately 90 days prior to the Spring Convention. The current By-Laws specify January 1, which does not allow enough time for news releases if the Convention is scheduled early in the year.

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

**Volunteers Needed for Remote Area Medical at Bristol
April 13-15, 2012**

District 12-N will be offering a Remote Area Medical event on April 13, 14, and 15, 2012 at the Bristol Motor Speedway in Bristol, TN. During the clinic in October 2010 we were very much in need of additional eye care professionals.

All Lions Clubs in District 12-N and Southwest Virginia are being asked to help recruit professional volunteers: Ophthalmologists, Optometrists, and Opticians.

What is needed from Lions:

Appoint a committee to PERSONALLY contact your local area vision professionals. Ask them to consider helping with this worthy cause. (Download a letter to share with potential volunteers).

These contacts need to be completed no later than the first week of December. Having worked this last year, I know that it takes PERSONAL contact with these professionals.

SAVE THE DATES ~ April 13, 14, and 15, 2012. They DO NOT have to work all three days to participate.

In the letter to download, I have asked for the professional to send me their information. It would be extremely helpful to me if you could also send a list of potential volunteers. This way I can contact you if I have not received information from them.

Send the list of those professionals who are volunteering and their email addresses to: Lee Bryan, RAM Vision Chairperson at bryansdesigns@aol.com
Applications for this event will be available after the first of the year.

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LIONS DISTRICT 12-N CONVENTION &
 12-N CHARITIES ANNUAL MEETING
February 17- 18, 2012



Crowne Plaza Hotel
 401 W Summitt Dr. Knoxville, TN
 P(865) 522-2600 F (865) 523-7200

Our speaker will be International Director **Sunny Pulley**, Portland, OR.

Pre-Registration Deadline – February 1, 2012

NAME 1 _____
 Circle one -- Lion Lioness Leo Guest

NAME 2 _____
 Circle one -- Lion Lioness Leo Guest

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

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone _____ email _____

Friday Dinner (Hawaiian Buffet) _____ @ \$ 29.75 each = \$ _____
 Or Special Dietary Need _____

Saturday Luncheon (Cold Cut Buffet) _____ @ \$ 22.00 each = \$ _____
 Or Special Dietary Need _____

Saturday Banquet _____ @ \$ 32.00 each = \$ _____
Choose one – Chicken w/Roasted Poblano Pineapple Butter _____
 Herb Grill Fish _____
 Or Special Dietary Need _____

Package Deal _____ @ \$ 70.50 each = \$ _____

Special Dietary Needs (be specific) _____

Pre-Registration Deadline – February 1, 2012

Mail registration form and check payable to **LIONS DISTRICT 12-N** to:

KATHY BURROW, Convention Chair
 700 Sedgley Dr
 Knoxville, TN 37922



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I will contact everyone at that time. RAM does all scheduling for this event. Once the applications are processed, RAM will send out confirmation letter to all volunteers.

Although RAM would like our eye professionals to work for the full day we will take whatever time they are able to help. Nonprofessional volunteers are needed as well. RAM does ask that these volunteer be able to work the complete day. Volunteer will need to arrive about 6:00 a.m. and work approximately twelve hour day on Friday and/or Saturday. Sunday is a shorter day of about six to eight hours.

Lee Bryan, Kingsport Lions Club
RAM Chairman/Vision
423-239-9172, 423-677-7083 or bryansdesigns@aol.com

DISTRICT 12N EVENTS CALENDAR

- Jan. 13-15 – Tennessee Lions Learning Retreat, Manchester
 - Jan. 21-22 – Morristown Lions Club Lion-O-Rama Car Show at the Expo
 - Jan. 28 – Deadline for Club Nominations for Lion of the Year, Lion of the Decade, and Virginia Lindsey Leadership Award
 - Feb. 17-18 – District 12-N Convention at the Crowne Plaza, Knoxville
 - Feb. 29 – Deadline for Club Nominations for Lions Hall of Fame
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PEACE POSTER CONTEST WINNER!!!

Isabella Luna from Lafollette Middle School has been selected as the winner of the 2011-12 Peace Poster Contest and will now compete at the Multiple District.

Below, VDG Mike McDonough is presenting First Place Winner Luna with a certificate and a check in the amount of \$50.00 from the Campbell County Lions Club on November 28th.

