



District 12-N News & Views

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Congratulations Are In Order!

A number of Lions and Lions Clubs are deserving of recognition and congratulations for their accomplishments. Here are some examples:

Hall of Fame - PDG John Sanders (1976-1977) from the Oak Ridge Lions Club was recently inducted into the Tennessee Lions Hall of Fame. A plaque with his name is now placed on a wall at the Tennessee Lions State Headquarters in Nashville.

Man of the Year - PDG Dave Crawford from the Farragut Lions Club was recently surprised and honored as the Powell Business and Professional Association Man of the Year for his dedication to working with the Lions Mobile Vision Van and Lions Vision Program.

Centennial Celebration Chair – PDG Wendy Cain of the Oak Ridge Lions Club was recently nominated and approved by the Tennessee Council of Governors to serve as Multiple District 12 Centennial Celebration Chairperson. The State Convention will be held in our district in 2017 and Wendy is already working on some big birthday party plans!

Habitat House Groundbreaking – Lion Dick Kolasheski of Tellico Village Lions Club organized a very successful ground-breaking ceremony for a Habitat House in London. This project is being sponsored by Loudon Lions Club, Lenoir City Lions Club and Tellico Village Lions Club. PDG Chuck Bailey of Loudon Lions Club wrote a Lions Clubs International Foundation Grant Proposal for \$20,000 to support this project and it was recently awarded.

Blue Star Award – The Jellico Area Lions Club has added four new members this year and was recently presented the Blue Star Award for Membership Growth. They also recently operated a successful Beans & Cornbread Fundraiser.

Green Star Awards - The Clinton Lions Club, Inskip Lions Club and South Knox Lions Club have all contributed \$200 or more this year than past years to White Cane and have earned the Green Star Award for Charitable Donations.

DON'T FORGET

Our District Convention will be held on Friday and Saturday, February 21 and 22, at the Best Western Plus in Morristown. It will start on Friday afternoon with the

opening of the Hospitality Room at 4 p.m. followed by Dinner, Special Entertainment and a Council of Governors Meeting.

On Saturday there will be an Opening Ceremony at 9 a.m., Charity Presentations, Toronto Convention/Election Presentation, Lunch Buffet, Special Entertainment, International Speaker, District Cabinet Meeting, Charities Board Meeting and District Election. The convention will conclude with an afternoon Reception for the Governor Elect at 4 p.m.

If you need a room for Friday night, call Best Western at 423-587-2400 (the Lions Rate is \$96) or you can contact nearby (across the street) hotels – Super 8 at 423-318-8888 (Rate is \$70) and Parkway Inn 423-581-9294 (Rate is \$46). These rates are total cost. Don't miss this convention. Register early, space is limited to 160 attendees. The Convention Registration Form is part of this newsletter.

I hope all experienced a great Holiday Season and a Happy New Year and are now ready to get tough and to get going on growing Lionism in East Tennessee. Thanks for all you do.

DG MIKE

Jellico Area Lions Club Earns Blue Star Award!



The Jellico Area Lions Club has four new members this year!

President China Hackler receives the membership growth Blue Star award from District Governor Mike McDonough.

Congratulations, Jellico Area Lions Club!

Maryville Club Honored!

On November 7, the Maryville Lions Club was named the Civic Organization of the year in Blount County by the County Chamber of Commerce. We proudly accepted the award after a year of much activity. Special thanks go to Lion Claire Crawford who prompted us every step of the way.

Ron Hultgren
Secretary, Maryville Lions Club

Roanoke Eyeglass Recycling Trip!



On November 9, Lions from Kingsport, Johnson City, East Tennessee State University, West Knox, Campbell County and Loudon Clubs, worked at the Lions Club Eyeglass Recycling Center in Roanoke, Virginia

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: VDG Ed Gibbons (423-914-9991 or ed.gibbons@wataugainsurance.com) or PDG Clare Crawford (865-947-1891 or chcrawford@frontiernet.net).

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR LIONS DISTRICT 12-N CHARITIES FOR 2014-2015

The Lions District 12-N Charities Board of Directors/ Trustees has established a proposed budget for the Lions Fiscal Year 2014-2015. 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 22nd for a vote.

AGENCY	Current 2013-2014	Proposed 2014-2015
1. East TN Lions Eye Bank	\$ 1,050	\$ 1,000
2. Lions Vol. Blind Industries	\$19,000	\$20,750
3. Learning Ally	\$ 3,000	\$ 6,000
4. TN School for the Deaf	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500
5. Leader Dogs for the Blind	\$ 9,000	\$10,000
6. TN School for the Blind	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500
7. Diabetes Awareness	\$ 250	\$ 1,500
8. Lions Quest	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500
9. DG Emergency Fund	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
10. District Discretionary Fund	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
11. Operating Expense	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
12. World Services for the Blind	\$ 0	\$ 250
13. Braille Slate	\$ 0	\$ 0
Total	\$45,800	\$53,000

Habitat for Humanity Ground breaking



Lions break ground on December 3 in Loudon for a new Habitat for Humanity home. The Tellico Village, Loudon and Lenoir Lions Clubs sponsored the house, along with a financial contribution from the Farragut Lions Club, District 12-N and a Lions Clubs International matching grant. This partnership makes possible a home for Kristin and her two children, Danny and Ariel. Special recognition at the groundbreaking ceremony was given to Past District Governor Chuck Bailey (Loudon Lions Club) who researched and prepared the LCI grant, and Tellico Village Lion Dick Kolasheski, Lions project chairperson.

PROPOSED CHANGES TO DISTRICT AND 12-N CHARITIES BY-LAWS

This notice describes the proposed changes to the District 12-N By-Laws and District 12-N Charities By-Laws that will be voted on by the delegates at the District 12-N Convention on February 22, 2014.

District 12-N By-Laws:

- Article VIII, District Projects-Activities Fund:
 - Allow for reallocation of current year's District Activities Budget if necessary
 - Correct the charity as a not for profit corporation rather than a foundation.
- Article IX, District Projects and Grants: Remove Direct Braille Slate Fund as a designated project
- Minor editorial updates

District 12-N Charities By-Laws:

- Article II, Purposes and Article V, Trustees/ Directors: Allow for reallocation of current year's District Activities Budget if necessary
- Article V, Trustees/Directors: Remove regional representation, resulting in 12 at-large members.
- Minor editorial updates

The specific mark-up changes for both documents may be viewed and/or downloaded at:

<http://tnlions.org/proposed-by-laws-2014/>

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IN MEMORIAM:

The Lake City Club mourns the passing of Lion Bill Prewitt. Bill passed away Monday, November 11, at Fort Sanders Hospital. He was a proud WWII veteran and a Lion since 1958. He was a recipient of the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award. He was a past District Governor and served the Lake City Lions Club as president on five different occasions. He was a past mayor of the town of Lake City. He was chairman of the Jim Ed Lawson Memorial Christmas Basket Fund, and was looking forward to this yearly project. He will be sadly missed by his wife of 65 years, Helen, also a member of the club, a son, Marvin, and a daughter, Joy Whittemore, several grand children and great grandchildren. He will also be missed by the members of the Lake City Club and all those who knew him. Memorials may be made to the Jim Ed Lawson Memorial Christmas Basket Fund at P.O. Box 88, Lake City, TN 37769.

Mary, the wife of long time Kingston Lions Club member Jim Odom, passed away on Dec. 4. Mary had been extremely ill for a number of years. They will receive friends at First Baptist Church on N. Kentucky St., Kingston from 5 to 7 PM on Friday, Dec. 6th. The funeral

The District 12N Lions family extends our sympathy to these clubs and families in their time of loss.

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DISTRICT 12N EVENTS CALENDAR

Jan. 8 (1 p.m. EST) – Free LCI Webinar Effective Club Meetings
Jan. 10-12 – Tennessee Lions Learning Retreat, Manchester, TN
Jan. 15 (1 p.m. EST) – Free LCI Webinar Leadership Lessons from the Angry Birds
Jan. 24 (8 p.m. EST) – Free LCI Webinar Leadership Lessons from the Angry Birds
Feb. 21-22 -District 12-N Convention, Morristown, TN (Best Western Plus, Exit 8), "Mountain Heritage", ID Steve Glass

District Governor's Club visit schedule:

Jan. 2 Powell
Jan. 6 Coalfield
Jan. 13 Morristown
Jan. 16 Loudon
Jan. 27 Inskip
Jan. 28 South Knoxville Branch
Feb. 6 Norris
Feb. 10 Halls Community

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