



District 12-N News & Views

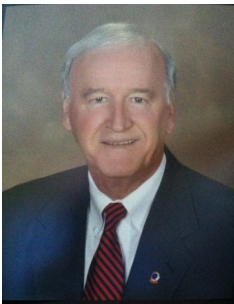
"In a World of Service"



December 2014

District 12-N, East Tennessee (USA)

<http://tnlions.org/>



Fellow Lions,

I hope you had a great Thanksgiving. We have so much to be thankful for and are so blessed in many many ways.

Thank you club officers and members who attended the second District Cabinet Meeting on November 15th. It was a very informative meeting on

what's going on in our District. Thanks to GMT (ASK One) Dave Crawford and GLT Wendy Cain for their input on membership and leadership. I was very excited to hear about the KAPA program. It will be a tremendous help to clubs in our District that do not have the funds to help individuals with their eyesight problems. A big, big Thanks goes out to the East Tennessee Lions Eye Bank Board for funding this program. The application for this will be on the District 12N website by the time you receive this or you can email me and I will send you one.

We are also looking for someone to step up for the Second Vice District Governor's slot. If you are interested or know someone who is interested, please let me or any Vice District Governor know. Their name(s) will be on the ballot as part of the February convention agenda.

International President Joe Preston has called for all Lions around the world for a special Centennial Service Challenge event. The Lions Worldwide Week of Service during January 10-16 is an opportunity to strengthen your community, showcase your club to potential new members, and celebrate the birthday of our founder, Melvin Jones. Your Lions service can be a benefit for youth, vision, hunger or the environment. Make it a special day for your club. When you do be sure to report your service on the MyLCI Service Activity report to earn a Patch for your club.

My District 12N convention will be February 20th and 21st, 2015 in Johnson City, Tennessee. The venue will be The Carnegie Hotel, a triple A Four Diamond Full Service Hotel. It is patterned after the original Carnegie that was built in 1891. It was advertised then as the best built, best equipped hotel in East Tennessee with room rates of \$2.50 per day and upwards. You will really like it and I have negotiated a favorable room rate (of \$89) only till January 20th, 2015. That is the date they will release my block of rooms (then its \$140 a night). So while you are thinking of it, call 423-631-0507 or 423-979-6400 and tell them you are with the Lions Club convention. I have enclosed an application with this newsletter to register for the convention (not the hotel). Past International President Jim Ervin is our keynote speaker. Notice the Friday night meal is complimentary only if you register for the convention. Thanks to the East Tennessee Lions Eye

Bank for providing this meal for us. PDG Diane Wilkerson is my convention chair and contact this year. I will have more on the convention in the January and February newsletter.

Thank you for your dedicated service in being a Lion in District 12N and Lions International.

Theresa and I wish you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Never forget there is a reason for this season.

In Lionism,

District Governor Ed Gibbons

Business Items for the District 12-N Convention

There are **no proposed amendments** to either the District 12-N Constitution and By Laws or By-Laws of Lions District 12-N Charities, Inc. for action at the up coming District 12-N Convention.

District 12-N Officers Those who might be interested in having their name placed in nomination for 2nd Vice District Governor should contact DG Ed Gibbons at 423-914-9991

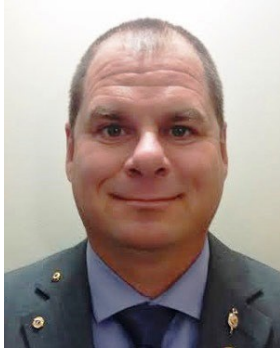
District 12-N Charities

Those wishing to serve a 3 year position as Trustee/ Director on the Charities Board and have their name placed in nomination are invited to Contact Adam Bowling at 423-239-8135. Also serving on the 12-N Charities nomination committee is PDG Jim McFarland.

The proposed 2015-16 budget for 12-N Charities is as follows:

E TN Lions Eye Bank	\$1,000
Lions Vol. Blind Industries	\$22,500
Learning Ally	\$4,000
TN School for the Deaf	\$2,500
Leader Dog	\$9,000
TN School for the Blind	\$2,500
Diabetes Awareness	\$2,000
Lions Quest	\$100
DG Emergency Fund	\$1,000
District Discretionary Fund	\$5,000
Operating Expenses	\$2,000
World Services for the Blind	<u>\$250</u>
Total	\$51,850

E TN Lions Eye Bank Those wishing to serve a 3 year position as Director on the E TN Lions Eye Bank Board and have their name placed in nomination are invited to Contact PDG Neal Vaughan at 865-457-4664



Fellow Lions,
Happy Holiday Season from Jackie and me. I hope that you're Holidays are filled with joy.

Thank you Loudon Lions Club for 79 years of service. It was great to be part of the celebration. Congratulations to Melvin Jones recipient Lion Arp, and all who received years of service awards.



November 10th – At a recent Zone Meeting, Zone Chair Paulette Bailey had the honor of presenting Lion Sally Stokes with a Melvin Jones Fellowship recognizing her 14 years of outstanding dedication and support to the projects and events of the Kingston Lions Club. Sally is on the staff at Roane State Community College in the Opticianry Dept.

November 20th – A fine time was had by all as District Governor Ed Gibbons and 1st Vice District Governor Fletcher Stephens shared in the celebration of 79 years of lionism for the Loudon Lions Club. Family, friends and some potential new members were in attendance as a Thanksgiving meal was enjoyed and entertainment by Wayne and Judy Powell were enjoyed by all. For those that were potential members, King Lion Paulette briefly covered who are the Lions, What do Lions Clubs do and Why would I want to Join a Lions Club as well as a recap of what the Loudon Lions Club had accomplished over the year.

The highlight of the evening was King Lion Paulette Bailey's honor of presenting a Melvin Jones Fellowship to Lion DeWayne Arp for his 34+ years of hard work and supporting all club activities and projects. DeWayne is retired from school administration but enjoys doing work on behalf of the lions as well as videography and serving as club Emcee.



The 2015 **Lions Learning Retreat** will be held at the Coffee County Conference Center in Manchester, TN January 16-18. The theme is "Strengthen the Pride." The LLR is an opportunity to meet Lions from across the state of Tennessee in a learning environment where experiences are shared to create improved Lions leadership. An early registration discount is available through December 15. Registrations forms can be accessed on the LLR site, <http://kmmoffett.net/llr/> and will shortly be available on the District 12-N web site <http://tnlions.org/>.

District 12-N pays for the registration fee for first time attendees. Make and pay for your registration, attend the LLR and submit a refund request to Kathy Burrow, 12-N Treasurer, for reimbursement.



When PDG Chuck and I moved to Tennessee, we finally had the time to give back to our community. Little did we know the internal rewards that we would receive in our hearts would far outweigh what we felt we gave through service. We are so proud of the myriad of organizations we have in the Lions Network to provide services to those in need on a local and world-wide basis. We definitely made the right decision when we selected the Lions Clubs International to be our volunteer opportunity.



The definition of Volunteering is donating one's time and energy for the benefit of others for charitable, educational and other worthwhile causes without expecting something in return. It has been shown that volunteers are more satisfied with their lives, have greater self-esteem and less depression than those who don't volunteer. Volunteers are not paid because they are worthless but because they are PRICELESS!

From our home to yours, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Yours in Lionsim

Paulette Bailey
2nd Vice District Governor

**LIONS DISTRICT 12-N CONVENTION &
12-N CHARITIES BOARD MEETING
February 20 - 21, 2015**

The Carnegie Hotel
1216 W. State of Franklin Road
Johnson, City, TN 37604
423-979-6400 or 423-631-0507

Theme: Lions Roaring 20's
Featured Entertainment: To be announced

Keynote Speaker: Past International President Jim Ervin

Registration Deadline—Feb. 1, 2015

NAME 1 _____

Circle one Lion Leo Guest

NAME 2 _____

Circle one Lion Leo Guest

Club _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Registration Fee @ \$15 each X _____ = \$ _____

Friday Dinner Buffet Meat Lasagna/Lemon Butter Chicken Breast

MUST REGISTER AND HAVE LUNCH TICKET

COMPLIMENTARY

Saturday Lunch Buffet Brown Sugar Pit Ham/Roast Beef

@\$22 each X _____ = \$ _____

TOTAL _____ = \$ _____

Special Dietary Need (be specific) _____

Buffets include rolls, salads, vegetables, desserts & entrees.

Mail registration form by Feb. 1 and check payable to LIONS DISTRICT 12-N to:

IPDG Diane Wilkerson, Convention Chair
3049 Staffordshire Blvd., Powell, TN 37849

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DISTRICT 12N EVENTS CALENDAR

January 16-18, 2015, Lions Learning Retreat at Coffee County Convention Center in Manchester, TN

February 17, 2015, 6:30 PM Zone Meeting hosted by Tellico Village Lions Club at Classico Restaurant in Tellico Village

Feb. 20-21, 2015, District 12-N Convention in Johnson City, TN

May 8 -- 10 2015, Tennessee State, MD-12 Convention at the Riverview Inn, Clarksville, TN

To access up-to-date District 12N events, and additional details for above events, go to: <http://tnlions.org/calendar/>

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newsandviews12n@yahoo.com

District 12N Welcomes New Lions!!

Lion SAMMY CRUM, ETSU Lions Club
Lion CHASE HARNESS, ETSU Lions Club
Lion CAROLYN JAMES, Loudon Lions Club
Lion JAMES E. WALLACE JR., Norris Lions Club
Lion RONALD LOCKHART, Tellico Village Lions Club
Lion THERESA WRIGHT, West Knox Lions Club
Lion KENNETH L. JARNIGAN, White Pine Lions Club



Just imagine if every Lion,
1.36 Million, asked one person
to join their club.....

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