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DG Paulette's Post

12N LIONS HELP FAMILIES AFFECTED BY THE GATLINBURG AREA WILDFIRES

We are truly a blessed District. The outpouring of support from individuals and organizations locally and outside our District and state has been totally overwhelming. We have to realize this is not just our Smoky Mountains but one of our National Parks that the entire country cherishes.

District 12N filed for and received an LCIF Emergency Grant for \$10,000. Saturday, December 3rd, 19 Lions served 50 families and over 213 individuals affected by the wildfires with a \$100 shopping spree at Walmart in Sevierville. They were allowed to purchase emergency items such as food, clothing, toiletries and medical supplies. We also handed out \$25 Walgreens gift cards to help towards medications such as Aspirin and Tylenol that the emergency distribution centers are not allowed to provide. All families were very gracious and thankful. It was personally an emotional day with lots of stories and hugs. I wish to thank the Dandridge, ETSU, Farragut, Kingsport, Loudon, and West Knox volunteers who helped with this effort. I also wish to thank those who have already made contributions to aid with our efforts. If you wish to contribute please make checks payable to **Lions District 12N Charities** and write in the memo area "Gatlinburg Wildfire Relief". Send to Lions District 12N Treasurer at 700 Sedgley Dr., Knoxville, TN 37922. Thanks also to 2nd VDG Brandon Johnson who has set up a gofundme account where we currently have several thousand dollars in donations. This account is www.gofundme.com/lions-clubs-help-gatlinburg.

During this Christmas Season we should be grateful for what we have and remember there are many individuals with great needs around us. Let's please keep them all in our prayers and help where we can.

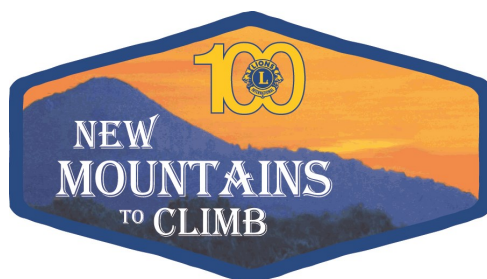
Our Service Card project is a tremendous success with almost ½ the clubs participating and sending or delivering cards to our military, veterans and first responder personnel.



I had a great month visiting several more clubs and I thank East Hawkins, Karns, Knoxville Tri-County, Morristown, Norris and Tellico village for their very gracious hospitality. I especially enjoy working projects with our members because that is really where we get to know each other and work together serving the needs of our communities.

Chuck and I wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

-DG Paulette



UPCOMING EVENTS

January 20-22nd
Tennessee Lions
Learning Retreat
Manchester, TN

February 24-25
District Convention
Knoxville, TN



Lions District 12N Convention

12N Charities Annual Meeting of Members

East TN Lions Eye Bank Election of Directors

February 24-25, 2017



Hilton, Knoxville Airport, 2001 Alcoa Highway, Alcoa, TN 37701

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and

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

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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Friday Dinner Meal @ no charge X _____ = \$ _____ 0.00

Compliments of East TN Lions Eye Bank

Saturday Lunch @ \$25.00 X _____ = \$ _____

TOTAL = \$ _____

Special Dietary Need? Vegetarian, Gluten Free, Diabetic (circle all that apply)

Registration forms must be received by February 15, 2017

Make Payment to **Lions District 12N** and mail to:

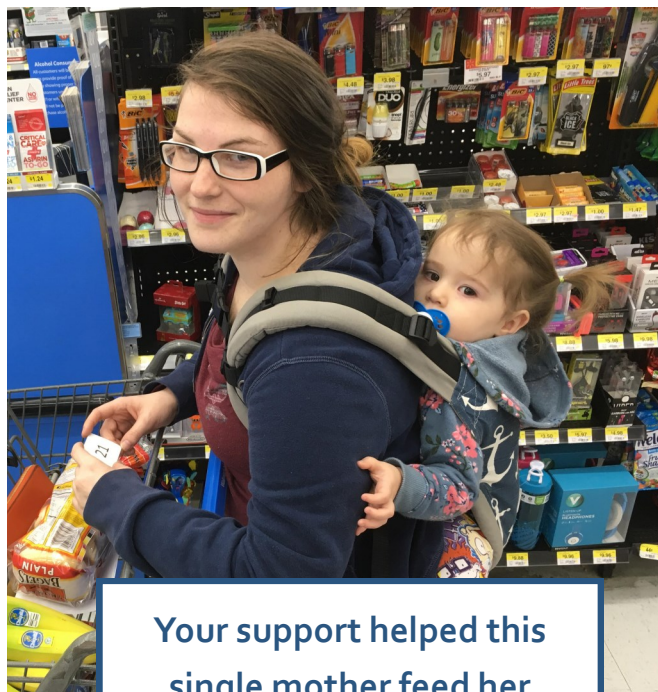
PDG Dianne Wilkerson, Registration Chair, P O Box 1688, Powell, TN 37849

Gatlinburg Relief Efforts



ETSU Lions Club sends members for Gatlinburg relief efforts.

Lion Tom checks in a young man who lost his home in the wildfires.



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Lions Clubs disaster relief efforts will help hundreds of children who have lost their homes.

Adam's Archive

Fellow Lions, First let me wish you and your family a great holiday season. This is my favorite time of year because of the natural beauty and the good will in the Volunteer State of Tennessee. It makes me feel very proud to be part of our international club, a family of people who truly care in so many ways and who live up to our motto of "We Serve".

As you know, we in District 12-N are in process of adding a new club in Sevier County to assist those people in need and to provide neighboring clubs such as Dandridge some relief in helping out with vision-related activities and other needs. I'm sure all of us are sadly aware of the plight of some of the folks in and around Sevier County as we leave November and go into December. Current needs of service have recently expanded tremendously with the very destructive fires in and around Gatlinburg, Pigeon Forge, and other locations in the Smoky Mountains. I'm very proud of the efforts put forward by DG Paulette and 2nd VDG Brandon to obtain funding from LCIF and local clubs in District 12-N. And thanks to all of you who have been generous with donations of your time and financial contributions. Keep up the good work as Sevier County's clean-up needs are identified and our Lion resources are put to work.

In addition to our immediate efforts in Sevier County, I would ask that we take a few moments at the Lion's Learning Retreat in January to de-brief and have a round table discussion regarding what we have learned and how we might improve upon our approach to helping during future emergencies in our communities.

-Adam Bowling, 1st VDG



Proposed Change to District 12-N By-Laws

The following proposed change to District 12-N By-Laws will be considered by delegates to the District 12-N Convention, Feb. 24-25, 2017 at the Airport Hilton, Alcoa, TN.

Article IX, District Projects and Grants, Section 2. Designating District Projects to read as follows with proposed changes highlighted:

"In order for a **new** project to be designated **or a current project to be removed** as a District Project, the sponsoring Club or Organization must provide a written proposal of the project to each Cabinet Member at least 30 days prior to **a** the Cabinet Meeting at which the proposal will be considered....."



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DISTRICT 12N CONVENTION

February 24-25, 2017

Knoxville Airport Hilton

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Lions District 12-N Charities

The Directors / Trustees of Lions District 12-N, following their budget meeting of December 4, 2016, shall put forth the following as the proposed 2017-18 Charities Budget for consideration by members at the Annual Meeting of its members to be held in connection with the District 12-N Convention, Feb. 24-25, 2017 at the Airport Hilton, Alcoa, TN.

Proposed 2017-18 Lions District 12-N Charities Budget

Diabetes Awareness	\$250.00
East TN Lions Eye Bank	\$500.00
Leader Dogs for the Blind	\$5,500.00
Learning Ally	\$4,000.00
Lions Quest	\$0.00
Lions Volunteer Blind Indus.	\$20,824.00
TN School for the Blind	\$2,500.00
TN School for the Deaf	\$2,500.00
World Services for the Blind	\$0.00
Emergency Fund	\$1,000.00
Discretionary Fund	\$5,000.00
<u>Operating Expenses</u>	<u>\$1,000.00</u>

Total **\$43,074.00**

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