

# District 12-N NEWS & VIEWS

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## District 12-N Dates to Remember 2018

**Lions Learning Retreat**  
Coffee County Convention  
Center  
Manchester, TN  
January 19-21, 2018

**District 12-N Convention**  
MeadowView Resort & Conf.  
Ctr.  
Kingsport, TN  
February 23 & 24, 2018

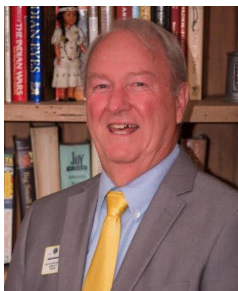
**Spring Cabinet Meeting (#3)**  
MeadowView Resort & Conf.  
Ctr.  
Kingsport, TN  
February 24, 2018

**Eye Glass Recycling Day**  
Lions Eye Bank  
Roanoke, VA  
April (TBD), 2018

**MD-12 TN State Convention**  
Embassy Suites  
Murfreesboro, TN  
May 4 & 5, 2018

**Summer Cabinet Meeting  
(#4)**  
Embassy Suites  
Murfreesboro, TN  
May 5, 2018

## DG Adam's Post



Thanks to all who attended our Second 12-N Cabinet Meeting in November. I wish that more Lions had been there to hear the presentations about Diabetes, the new LCI service challenge in which most of our Clubs will participate in the future. I want to recognize two of our several Clubs who have shown above-average interest and have already been involved in educating our communities and providing services: 1) Knoxville East Club raising prevention awareness of Type II at Knoxville Vine Middle

School, and 2) Clinton Club's presentations both about service dogs and the way Type I Diabetes can affect a teenager.

I also want to say how pleased I was when advised recently that the Dandridge Lions and the area Leos Clubs combined forces to collect over \$6,000 for our District 12-N White Cane Charities. This proves that hard work and partnerships can bring out the best in our communities.

District 12-N is rapidly moving forward in providing increased donations from each of our Clubs for our District Charities and LCIF. Our goal to have 100% of our Clubs contributing to LCIF will provide funding for needed grants to support our two new missions, Diabetes and Juvenile Cancer, while also continuing to fund emergency grants for natural disasters and for community needs.

Membership is an area needing our attention. I strongly suggest that all our Clubs take advantage of the Club Member Survey strategy to turn the tide of losing existing members due to unexpressed dissatisfaction. Let's try to involve everyone and capitalize on our members' skills and desire to help. If you think this might benefit your Club, please contact GMTs PDG Bill McDonald or PDG Jim McFarland.

Let's not forget to fill out the registration form included in this newsletter for our annual District 12-N Convention (February 23 & 24, 2018). We need all Clubs to participate and we need members who are not officers to also attend. This is a great opportunity to fire up your Club members as you learn more about Diabetes, Juvenile Cancer, and membership.

It's time for all of our Clubs to appoint delegates for voting on business issues and officer elections at February's Convention. Club secretaries should report these authorized names to the 12-N credentialing officer, PDG John Kelsey, at kelseyj4@yahoo.com.

Thanks for all you do for your communities and your fellow Lions. Your service is important.

Adam Bowling  
District Governor 12-N

# Brandon's Share



A religious man by the name of Thomas Monson is credited with something I found interesting about the upcoming Holiday. Monson said that "Christmas is the spirit of giving without a thought of getting. It is happiness because we see joy in people. It is forgetting self and finding time for others. It is discarding the meaningless and stressing the true values."

I completely agree with Monson, and the point he is trying to share. But the more I thought about his quote on selflessness, joy, and morals, the more I thought about Lions Clubs. I thought about the selflessness that have witnessed countless members demonstrating, and putting the needs of others before their own desires. I reflected on the joy that this association has personally brought me, and the family that it has given me. I realized the values of honesty, empathy, and integrity that our leaders display in their actions.

It finally hit me: being a Lion is like enjoying Christmas every single day. Presents wrapped in red and green paper are replaced by the unbeatable gift of seeing the smile of someone you just helped. The spiritual meaning behind the holiday is reaffirmed through service and fellowship - two core subjects behind nearly every faith.

Thank you all for giving me one of the greatest gifts I could have ever received: being a Lion and serving as your Vice District Governor. From my house to yours - Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year.

**Shared by Brandon Johnson, 1st VDG District 12-N**

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## **CALLS FOR NOMINATIONS**

### **DISTRICT OFFICERS AND CHARITY TRUSTEES/DIRECTORS**

Elections of District Officers and Charity Trustees/Directors occur at the District 12-N Convention. In order to be considered as a candidate for either of these positions you must make you desire known to the Chair of the respective Nomination Committee. For those considering District Governor, 1st Vice District Governor or 2nd Vice District Governor, PDG Diane Wilkerson is your point of Contact at 865.640.1053 or lucydw59@gmail.com. She can give you the details of what is required, including endorsement of your club. For those desiring to serve as a Trustee/Director for District 12-N Charities, PDG Bill McDonald is your point of Contact at 423-907-2429 or bigmac12@juno.com. Elections will occur during the District 12-N Convention at the Marriott Meadowview in Kingsport, TN on February 24, 2018.

### **VOTING MEMBERS FOR THE DISTRICT 12-N CONVENTION**

**MUST BE SELECTED BY THEIR CLUBS BY JAN 13, 2018**

**Notify PDG John Kelsey at kelseyj4@yahoo.com or (865) 457-3763  
with your selections.**

# CAROL CALLING!

**ROAR LIONS!** We are trying to find a new and more relevant way to raise funds for the Districts White Cane charities.

When I first joined the Lions of District 12N the District hosted “A Day With the Lions” also known as the “Walk for Sight” event every year in spring. Lions collected pledges, or donations, from their friends and neighbors for the walk to be held. We also had some large corporate sponsors. And we had our little walk. We also had craft booths and food vendors.



Over the years the event lost its corporate sponsors and the donations dwindled. Fewer people came to the event. To increase interest the location was changed. But that didn't help. Then we tried the “Reverse Raffle”. The raffle is expensive and difficult to keep track of. Last year it raised around \$6,000.00 after paying the prizes and fees.

The clubs work hard to raise the money so the District can give to organizations that help the visual and hearing impaired. Maybe it would be nice to have fun doing what you do the help the district. Of course, clubs that want to continue their traditional White Cane fund raiser are encouraged to continue. There has been some success this year from the traditional White Cane fundraisers. Perhaps, if you are able, we can have the traditional with the new.

That my dear Lions is up to you.

I'm hoping for a great and exciting 2017-18.

**Carol McDonald, 2nd VDG District 12-N**

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## Amendments to District 12-N Constitution and By-Laws.

When ever amendments to the International Constitution and By-Laws are adopted at the International Convention applicable portions flow down to the Multi District, District and Club Constitution and By-Laws. Such was the case at the most recent International Convention in Chicago this past July where language regarding the Global Service Team concept was adopted along with other important matters. As a result, extensive mandatory changes to the District 12-N Constitution and By-Laws are now in effect. While technically, they are automatically integrated because of the supremacy of the International governing documents, it has been the practice in District 12-N to formally adopt the changes, even the mandatory ones, at our District Convention. As you may know, it is a requirement of our District 12-N Constitution and By-Laws that any amendment be published at least 30 days prior to the convention so that delegates have time to consider the ramifications of the proposed changes prior to casting their vote.

Due to the extensiveness of the changes, I was granted permission by the Cabinet at the last Cabinet Meeting, November 18, 2017 to publish the revised and amended District 12-N Constitution and By-Laws on the District website, [tnlions.org](http://tnlions.org), where you can review it and or print it as you desire at your convenience. This article, therefore, serves as your notification that the Amended District 12-N Constitution and By-Laws will be voted on at the District Convention, February 24, 2018 at the Marriott Meadowview, Kingsport, TN.

Respectfully submitted,

**Chuck Bailey, Constitution and By-Laws Chair**



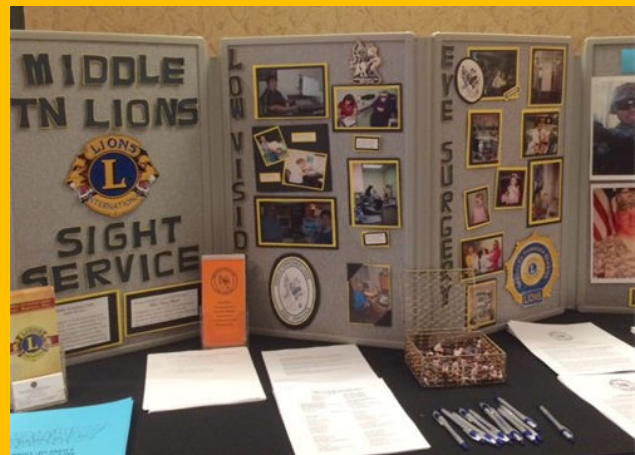
# District-wide Public Relations Board Competition

One of District 12-N goals for 2017-2018 is to aid the Clubs in becoming more visible and better understood in their communities. To help accomplish this, we are announcing a District-wide Public Relations Board Competition which will end on February 24, 2018, at the 12-N convention.

The winner will be determined by \$1 vote of those attending the Convention. There is no limit to the number of \$1 votes by any Club or individual Lion. A monetary prize reflecting votes cast will be awarded for the top entry, and *each Club submitting an entry* will get some money to help offset expenditures. But the real winners will be every Club that makes an effort to help themselves! You end up with your personal portable “billboard” that can travel along as your Club members go about serving in your community.

Here are the five rules:

1. Only *tabletop display boards* will be accepted for judging, but they may be of any type or size. Including multimedia is OK, but the main thing is the PR Board itself.
2. The LCI logo must appear somewhere on the PR Board.
3. Your Club name must appear somewhere on the PR Board.
4. Subject matter of the PR Board will be determined only by the needs of *your* Club.
5. Entries must be received after 3:00 PM on Friday, February 23, 2018, and are to be displayed for \$1 voting at the District 12-N Convention at MeadowView Convention Center in Kingsport. Voting begins Friday and closes previous to the beginning of the Saturday afternoon Business Session.



## Property for Sale

As a fundraiser to benefit LCIF in our Centennial Year, several potters in Kingsport Lions Club have partnered with other potters in our community to build 101 Truly Tiny Pottery Houses. Each Truly Tiny House is beautiful and absolutely unique as it is crafted by hand.

Attendees at the 2018 12-N Convention in Kingsport will find our Truly Tiny Houses as table centerpieces. Take a tour of the dining room and decide which houses need to go home with you.

It can happen – just make a donation to LCIF!



# Proposed District 12-N Charities Budget

According to our District 12-N By-Laws, one of the activities required at the District 12-N Convention in February is approval of the proposed District 12-N Charities Budget for Lion year 2018-19. For the most part revenue for this budget comes from your White Cane collections. The Charities Trustees/Directors met on November 18 to develop the proposed Charities budget for your consideration at the convention. The details follow:

Project	Proposed Budget Expenditures
Diabetes Awareness	\$2,500.00
East Tennessee Lions Eye Bank	\$1,000.00
Leaders Dogs for the Blind	\$5,000.00
Learning Ally	\$4,000.00
Lions Volunteer Blind Industries	\$22,906.00
Tennessee School for the Blind	\$3,000.00
Tennessee School for the Deaf	\$3,000.00
DG's Emergency Fund	\$1,000.00
District Discretionary Fund	\$5,000.00
Operating Expenses	<u>\$1,000.00</u>
Total	\$48,406.00

## LIONS LEARNING RETREAT

JANUARY 19-21, 2018

MANCHESTER-COFFEE COUNTY CONFERENCE CENTER, MANCHESTER, TN

SEE REGISTRATION FORM IN THE NOVEMBER NEWS AND VIEWS

OR CONTACT YOUR CLUB LEADERSHIP

## REMINDER

### DISTRICT/MD12 CENTENNIAL SCRAPBOOK PROJECT

Capturing the 1st 100 Years of Lionism

The Deadline for this project is January 31, 2018 and all pages are to be delivered to Paulette Bailey by that time. For more info contact Paulette at [ladipee@gmail.com](mailto:ladipee@gmail.com) or 423-371-9738.

## District Governor's Proposed Visit Schedule

Morristown Morris Blvd.	December 6	Tellico Village	January 16
Loudon	December 7	Powell	January 18
Dandridge	December 11	Harriman	January 22
Newport	January 6	Farragut	January 23
Oak Ridge	January 8	Morristown Cherokee	January 24
Oneida	January 8	Maryville	February 6
Greeneville	January 11	Elizabethton	February 8
Union County	January 15	ETSU	February 27

LIONS DISTRICT 12-N CONVENTION  
12-N EAST TN LIONS EYE BANK ANNUAL MEETING  
12-N CHARITIES ANNUAL MEETING

Feb. 23-24, 2018

MeadowView Marriott Conference Resort  
1901 Meadowview Parkway, Kingsport, TN 37760  
Phone 423-578-6600  
Keynote Speaker: ID Alan Lundgren, Arizona

Registration Deadline For Room —Feb. 1, 2018

Call MeadowView Marriott directly for room reservations.

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 \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (best number to reach you—Name 1) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Fee      \$20.00 each      X \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Friday Plated Dinner      Compliments of East TN Lions Eye Bank

NEED TO KNOW IF ATTENDING FRIDAY DINNER    X \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ .00 \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Morning Breakfast    \$17.10 each    X \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Lunch Plated      \$30.50 each      X \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL** = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Special Dietary Need (be Specific) \_\_\_\_\_

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

PDG Diane Wilkerson, Convention Chair  
P O BOX 1688  
Powell, TN 37849



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## Centennial Coins Deadline



Centennial coins can still be purchased through the LCI on-line store and US Mint until December 31, 2017. The coin features Lions founder Melvin Jones and the Lions Clubs logo on the front and a family of lions with a globe behind them on the reverse. Each coin is packaged in its own presentation case and is accompanied by a certificate of authenticity.

These collectable coins are the perfect way to show appreciation to your club members for outstanding service.



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