



# District 12-N News & Views

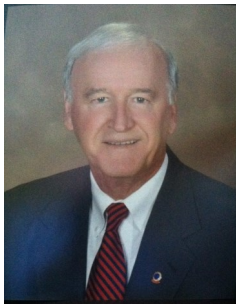
*"In a World of Service"*



February 2015

District 12-N, East Tennessee (USA)

<http://tnlions.org/>



Fellow Lions,

By the time you read this the District 12N Convention will be upon us. The Convention is February 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. I do hope you have already registered. If not, you know registration is available at the door; however, your advanced registration makes it much easier to prepare appropriately. (If need be, please use the registration form at the end of this newsletter.)

Friday night's meal is complimentary - thanks to the East Tennessee Lions Eye Bank. Thank you ETLEB! Friday night is mainly a social night to get to know other Lions in the District as well as some District Governors from across the State. We have one of our own Lions from the ETSU Lions Club performing on Friday evening. Other entertainment includes the group "Mellow Fellows". Our hospitality room, located on the sixth floor, will be open Friday afternoon and after the dinner Friday night.

Our Saturday morning meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. The Johnson City City Manager will kick off our meeting, followed by an agenda of reports and elections. The information you will gain from this event will allow you to see how "we serve". Plus it will give you the opportunity to elect upcoming leaders in our organization. Also, fellow Lions, don't forget to bring your items for our silent auction which will end on Saturday. I am really excited to have as our luncheon speaker Past International President Jim Ervin from Albany, Georgia. What an honor to have him join us! You don't want to miss this convention.

We will be canvassing the City of Elizabethton the week before the convention to try and form a new club there. If you are available to help with this project, we will begin Monday morning February 16. Let me know if you would like to help and I can provide you with the details. Would it not be awesome to report at the convention that we have a new club in Elizabethton!!!

I am still working on a club at Lincoln Memorial University. A transfer Lion living there now is helping

with this. We all know that "To Strengthen The Pride," we need to Start 1, Ask 1 and Keep 1. We build our clubs by asking and we must work to keep our members once they join. Let's all ASK and let's all work to KEEP our members by getting them involved. A lot of clubs in District 12N are a "plus one" in membership for the year. And, a lot of clubs are OVER. I would love to see a PLUS in membership for all District clubs by the time my term ends on June 30<sup>th</sup>.

I personally thank you for being a Lion - and for all the work you do in your community.

In Lionism,

District Governor Ed Gibbons

## Business Items for our District 12-N Convention

### Election of District 12-N Officers

In order to vote for officers your club must certify you as a delegate. Each club, in good standing, is entitled to one delegate and one alternate for each ten members or majority fraction thereof. Please have your club secretary contact PDG John Kelsey (kelseyj4@yahoo.com) if your club has endorsed you as a delegate or alternate.

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 upcoming District 12-N Convention.

### District 12-N Charities

The proposed 2015-16 budget for 12-N Charities has been previously published here in the News & Views. Adoption of a 12-N Budget for 2015-16 as well as Election of Trustees / Directors will take place at the District 12-N Convention. You do not have to be a delegate in order to vote on District 12-N Charities matters.

### East Tennessee Lions Eye Bank

Election of five Directors will take place during the District 12-N Convention. You do not have to be a delegate in order to vote on East Tennessee Lions Eye Bank matters.



## MY LLR EXPERIENCE

PDG Chuck and I attended our first LLR (*Lions Learning Retreat*) about 2008 and have enjoyed attending them ever since. The weekend is comprised of a variety of learning seminars and motivational, emotional and entertaining meal speakers with lots of time for camaraderie with fellow lions.

This year was particularly exciting for me as it was my first time being a seminar presenter. PDG Chuck has given seminars in the past and did again this year. Though I was a little nervous and hoped at least a few people attended my seminar, I was comfortable with my material and hope that I presented informative material for the attendees to share with their clubs.

Other than enjoying listening to our future “Lions First Lady” Dianne Corlew, the highlight of this retreat was Aimee Green and her four-year old daughter, Layla who was diagnosed with Type I diabetes at 17 months old. They struggle on a daily basis with Layla’s sugars all over the place but she now has a service dog that can identify when there is going to be a problem with her blood sugars about 1 hour before the glucometer even registers anything – amazing! A beautiful little girl, small for her age but a little spitfire that wanted to sing us a song – “Jesus Loves Me”. Her story really pulled my heart strings!

Out of all the meetings, conferences, and conventions we attend, the LLR has always been one where I truly enjoy and learn from the seminars offered. The USA/Canada Forum is a close 2<sup>nd</sup>! I highly recommend you think about attending one or both of these in the future.

Yours in Lionsim

**Paulette Bailey**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor

## District Governor’s Club Visitation Schedule

|                           |                                |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| February 5 <sup>th</sup>  | East Hawkins County Lions Club |
| February 9 <sup>th</sup>  | Harriman Lions Club            |
| February 10 <sup>th</sup> | Sevierville Lions Club         |
| February 19 <sup>th</sup> | Bulls Gap Lions Club           |
| February 23 <sup>rd</sup> | Dandridge Lions Club           |
| March 2 <sup>nd</sup>     | Coalfield Lions Club           |
| March 5 <sup>th</sup>     | Powell Lions Club              |
| March 19 <sup>th</sup>    | Norris Lions Club              |
| April 16 <sup>th</sup>    | White Pine Lions Club          |

## 2015 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum



September 17-19, 2015 – Grand Rapids, Michigan - The Mission of the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum is to develop leaders, motivate and educate attendees, provide an open exchange of ideas and support programs and goals of Lions Clubs International.

The Leadership Forum is for any Lion who wants to enhance leadership capabilities in an atmosphere that is non-stop learning and fun. There are over 60 seminars to choose from with featured speakers: Lisa Whelchel (Actor/Author/Speaker - Blair from “Facts of Life”), 1<sup>st</sup> Int’l VP Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada, and Wayne Brock, CEO Boy Scouts of America. There will also be an evening of entertainment by Matt Levingston and Gareth Sever with Buckets ‘N Boards.

Registration Forms can be obtained from 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Paulette Bailey or go to forum website at [www.lionsforum.org](http://www.lionsforum.org)



## Peace Poster Contest Kits

**"Share Peace"** is the theme of the 2015-16 Peace Poster Contest. Lions clubs can sponsor this art contest for kids in their community for children in local schools or organized, sponsored youth groups. Lions clubs interested in sponsoring the Lions International Peace Poster Contest can order a Peace Poster Contest kit (PPK-1) from the Club Supplies Sales Department at International Headquarters. The cost of the kit is US\$11.95 plus shipping, handling and applicable taxes. The kit is available in all 11 of our official languages. Lions clubs must purchase a kit for each contest sponsored.

You can order kits from the Club Supplies Sales Department at International Headquarters from January 15 to October 1. To order a kit, call Club Supplies Sales at (630) 571-5466 or 1-800-710-7822 (U.S., Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands and Canada only). To order online, go to Club Supplies (Item Search: Peace Poster Kit).



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### **DISTRICT 12N EVENTS CALENDAR**

February 17, 2015, 6:30 PM Region IV, Zone 1 Meeting  
hosted by Tellico Village Lions Club at Doug's Event Center  
in Tellico Village

Feb. 20-21, 2015, District 12-N Convention at the Carnegie  
Hotel in Johnson City, TN

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

June 26-30, 2015, 98th Lions Clubs International Convention,  
Honolulu, Hawaii

Sept. 17-19, 2015, Grand Rapids, MI, USA/Canada Lions  
Leadership Forum,

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**To access up-to-date District 12N events, and additional  
details for above events, go to: [http://  
tnlions.org/calendar/](http://tnlions.org/calendar/)**

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**Please send your News & Views submissions to:  
[newsandviews12n@yahoo.com](mailto:newsandviews12n@yahoo.com)**

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### **District 12N Welcomes New Lions!!**

Lion HARRY CLAY CLITZER III, Dandridge Lions Club  
Lion MARTY BASS, Fountain City Lions Club  
Lion MICHELE BASS, Fountain City Lions Club  
Lion ROGER BYRD, Fountain City Lions Club  
Lion PENNY KLEINSCHMIDT, Fountain City Lions Club  
Lion THOMAS E WALKER, Inskip Lions Club  
Lion PAM THOMPSON, Morristown Morris Blvd Lions



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

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