



District 12-N News & Views

"I Believe"



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Fellow Lions of District 12-N,

Before you know it Ground Hog Day will be here and we will know, according to **Punxsutawney Phil**, whether we will have six more weeks of winter or an early spring. Phil, the infallible four footed forecaster, seems to get it right, or wrong, based on whether he sees his shadow on February 2. A shadow means six more weeks of winter.

Being a two footed predictor, I have some District 12-N forecasts to share with you too. We will definitely have six more weeks of weather prior to spring's arrival. We will have completed our 12-N convention and those Lions attending will know how to Hula including our then newly elected District Governor Elect, 1st Vice District Governor Elect, and Second Vice District Governor elect. With their election, we will have achieved one of my three objectives, "Leave in place a team dedicated to the continued revitalization of our District." My other two objectives are yet to be achieved but are still very much attainable. Namely, "Charter 3 new clubs" and "Grow the District membership by a net 60 members." I predict they will also be achieved. Vice District Governors Dianne and Mike have spent numerous hours seeing to it that clubs are formed in Alcoa, Jonesborough, Jellico and Oliver Springs. And you club presidents and membership chairs have done a remarkable job of maintaining our membership so that the 60 new members joining the district from at least 3 new clubs will mean real district growth. Thank you. Sixty pairs of new hands to do the work of Lions and join the ranks of us whose motto is, "WE SERVE."

I predict that by the time you read this, I will have applied to LCI to Charter the Jellico Area Lions Club thanks to VDG Mike and Guiding; Lions Nellie and Dean Harshbarger. Oliver Springs will be next, again thanks to VDG Mike and Guiding Lions; John Kelsey and VDG Mike. The first Organizational meeting has occurred in Alcoa where prospects are promising thanks to VDG Dianne and Guiding Lions; Kevin Storeberg and Joe Klint. Preparations for the first organizational meeting in Jonesborough are under way. Guiding Lions for that new club are in the process of being identified. Thank you all. Job well done.

I predict that next year's Turtle Derby will be bigger and better now that Johnson City has made the Lion's magazine. Congratulations. It make me feel proud to see an article about one of the clubs in our own district in the association's magazine. I predict that our communities will continue to be better places to live because Lion by Lion, Club by Club, WE SERVE.

Yours in Lionism, --Chuck--

Subject: 12-N Convention

This is a reminder for you and your club members to attend the 2012 District 12-N Convention to be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Knoxville on February 17 & 18, 2012.

We have planned an interesting agenda this year surrounding a Hawaiian theme to help keep us warm in February. Information concerning registration, an outline of the agenda and entertainment is available online at:

<http://tnlions.org/district/district-convention/>

Part of the agenda will involve election of officers, some Constitution and Bylaws amendments and approval of the 12-N Charities budget. In order to vote on these matters, it is imperative that your club name the delegates and alternates who will cast votes on behalf of your club during the business meeting portion of the agenda. Each club is allowed 1 delegate for every 10 members or major fraction thereof and 1 alternate delegate for every 10 members or major fraction thereof. A club with 25 members will be allowed 3 delegates and 3 alternates. A club with 24 members will be allowed 2 delegates and 2 alternates. Membership reported on the December MMR report will be the basis for determining the number of delegates to be certified for each club. Only those delegates certified will be allowed to vote on any business requiring approval during the business session. Each club secretary is requested to forward a list of their club delegates and alternate delegates to PDG John Kelsey no later than February 12th, 2012. His email address is: kelseyj4@yahoo.com

As usual a silent auction will be conducted throughout the convention, the proceeds from which will help defray convention expenses. If your members, or your club as a whole, would like to donate a basket or nearly new items, they will be greatly accepted for the auction on behalf of our district.

Please bring your club banner to the convention along with a stand for displaying it. In the past we have hung the banners on the wall of the General Session room, however, this year we are prohibited from attaching anything to the wall of the meeting rooms. Nevertheless, club banners mounted on your stands will adorn the General Session room for all to see and admire.

I look forward to seeing you and your club members at our convention. It will be a fun filled weekend that you won't soon forget.

Yours in Lionism,
DG Chuck



NORRIS LIONS MEET THE CHALLENGE

Norris lions meet their quota in international effort to plant one million trees—and exceed!

On Monday, January 16th, Norris Lions were planting trees again. This time twenty-six white pine seedlings found their roots at the edge of the Middle School athletic field and fifteen more on city property where the water treatment plant will be expanded. These, along with the four trees planted last fall, exceed the Norris Lions Club challenge to plant forty trees in 2011-12, part of the Lions Club International effort to plant one million trees over the planet.

Lion Jennifer Hayes, Tree Project Chairperson, explained to fellow Lions last fall, “There are areas that can benefit from this project even though our community is fortunate to have no shortage of trees.” After a few phone calls, she identified several sites where this Lions Club International initiative could have an important local impact. Jeff Harshbarger, Norris Middle School Principal, told her about the need for a barrier at the athletic field, so the fast-growing white pines were chosen for this location. With the guidance of the Norris Tree Commission, white pines were also the choice for the water treatment plant screen. The Lions’ first planting involved two dogwoods at the Norris Middle School and two maples at the Lily Pad Cabin behind Norris Elementary.

As International Lions Club President, Dr. Wing-Kun Tam pointed out when he issued the challenge, “Trees are vital to the health of our planet...(and this project) is a tool for partnering with other community groups.” While they proudly met the International Lions Club challenge, the Norris Lions have had a long tradition of practicing community partnership. Whether building a pavilion for our gatherings and special events, working with the Norris Food Pantry, the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, honoring our veterans, planting Kousa dogwoods at the Middle School, or planting white pine seedling at the athletic field, Norris Lions are community partners.

District Governor’s Club Visitation Schedule

- Feb. 2 – Powell Lions Club
- Feb. 13 – Oneida Lions Club
- Feb. 20 – Karns Lions Club

Welcome New Members!

Member	Club	Sponsor
September 2011:		
Charles Bowlin	Greeneville	J. Fred Myers
Henry Cloud	Hamblen Co.	Donald Warner
October 2011		
Jeanette Edens	Bulls Gap	Reinstated
Linda Thompson	Campbell Co.	Martha Wells
Brandon Clendenen	Fountain City	Ben Easterday
Tyler Pavlis	Fountain City	Robert Davis
Sarah Jane Bruner	Kingsport	Lee Bryan
Jeremy Huffaker	Maryville	Lori Huffaker
Floyd Brackett	Tellico Village	Bob Youngstead
Edward Roeber	Tellico Village	Curt Isakson
Ruth Reynolds	Tellico Village	Marv Hennen
Robert Buesse	West Knox	
Eleanor Gibson	West Knox	Jim McFarland
November 2011		
Freddie Miller, Sr.	Campbell Co.	
Travis Hurdle	Dandridge	Patrick Garrow
Travis Henderson	Fountain City	Gilbert Galyon
Fred Johnson	Fountain City	Preston Ryan
Kevin Storberg	Maryville	Andrew Ten Eyck
Bobby Bowlin	Morris Blvd.	Joyce Lawson
Barbara Gail Garrett	Morristown	Lisa Starnes
Dennis Hibbard	Morristown	Gene Honeycutt
William Bailey	Morristown	Gwen Porterfield
January 2012		
Mary Gail Pickle	Campbell Co.	Stanley Pickle
James Shepard	Clinton	John Kelsey
William O’Connell	Dandridge	Myron Speer
ReJane Winttter	Dandridge	Lloyd Bible
Gina Berry	Farragut	Kathy Burrow
James Paveglio	Johnson City	John Merriss
Colin Taylor	Morristown	Dave Edmonds
Wanda Cates	Newport	Alma West
James Harrell	Norris	Jim Hayes

In Memory

The Lions of District 12-N extend our condolences to the families and Lions Clubs for the passing of the following Lions:

- Lee Kite, Newport Lions Club
- Suzanne Arp, Loudon Lions Club
- Curtis Walker, Karns Lions Club
- Eugene Hensley, Karns Lions Club
- Robert Finchum, Dandridge Lions Club
- DeWayne Babb, Tellico Village Lions Club

PROPOSED CHANGES TO 12-N CHARITIES BY-LAWS

The 12-N Charities Board will recommend some minor changes to its By-Laws at the Spring Convention. The first proposed change inserts First in Article V, Paragraph 3, to clarify which Vice District Governor will be entitled to vote to break a tie vote by the Trustees/Directors. The second proposed change (to Article V, Paragraph 5) asks that the District Governor appoint a nominating committee for the 12-N Charities’ Board approximately 90 days prior to the Spring Convention. The current By-Laws specify January 1, which does not allow enough time for news releases if the Convention is scheduled early in the year.

Mobile Eye Lab Update!

Exterior painting and repairs are completed on the Mobile Eye Lab donated by Remote Area Medical. Next to come are the interior repairs and the Lab will be ready to serve!



**To access up-to-date District 12N events,
click on:**

<http://tnlions.org/calendar/>



District Treasurer representing 12N at LLR???

Volunteers Needed for Remote Area Medical at Bristol April 13-15, 2012

District 12-N will be offering a Remote Area Medical event on April 13, 14, and 15, 2012 at the Bristol Motor Speedway in Bristol, TN. During the clinic in October 2010 we were very much in need of additional eye care professionals.

All Lions Clubs in District 12-N and Southwest Virginia are being asked to help recruit professional volunteers: Ophthalmologists, Optometrists, and Opticians.

What is needed from Lions:

Appoint a committee to PERSONALLY contact your local area vision professionals. Ask them to consider helping with this worthy cause. (Download a letter to share with potential volunteers).

These contacts need to be completed no later than the first week of December. Having worked this last year, I know that it takes PERSONAL contact with these professionals.

SAVE THE DATES ~ April 13, 14, and 15, 2012. They DO NOT have to work all three days to participate.

In the letter to download, I have asked for the professional to send me their information. It would be extremely helpful to me if you could also send a list of potential volunteers. This way I can contact you if I have not received information from them.

Send the list of those professionals who are volunteering and their email addresses to: Lee Bryan, RAM Vision Chairperson at bryansdesigns@aol.com Applications for this event will be available after the first of the year.

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I will contact everyone at that time. RAM does all scheduling for this event. Once the applications are processed, RAM will send out confirmation letter to all volunteers.

Although RAM would like our eye professionals to work for the full day we will take whatever time they are able to help. Nonprofessional volunteers are needed as well. RAM does ask that these volunteer be able to work the complete day. Volunteer will need to arrive about 6:00 a.m. and work approximately twelve hour day on Friday and/or Saturday. Sunday is a shorter day of about six to eight hours.

Lee Bryan, Kingsport Lions Club
RAM Chairman/Vision

Eyeglass Recycling Workday—March 24

The District 12-N Spring trip to the Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center in Roanoke, VA is scheduled for Saturday, March 24. As in the past, Lions will meet at the Center (501 Elm Avenue) around 8:30 am., and we'll head back to East TN around 3 p.m. It's always a fun (and rewarding) time sorting, cleaning, reading, and packaging used eyeglasses for beneficial reuse! If you would like more information (logistics, hotel recommendations, etc.) or have glasses that need hauled to the Center, please contact Lion Harry Ennis at hrennis@chartertn.net or (H) 423-239-7681.

DISTRICT 12N EVENTS CALENDAR

- Feb. 17-18 – District 12-N Convention at the Crowne Plaza, Knoxville
- Feb. 29 – Deadline for Club Nominations for Lions Hall of Fame
- Feb. 29 – Deadline for Club Nominations for Virginia Lindsey Leadership Award
- March 24 – Eyeglass Recycling Workday, Roanoke, VA
- April 13-15 – Remote Area Medical, Bristol Motor Speedway
- May 4-5 – Multiple District Convention, Marriott's MeadowView Resort and Convention Center, Kingsport
- May 19 – Walk for Sight, Fountain City Park

***Please send your submissions to:
newsandviews12n@yahoo.com
Thank You for your submissions! -Editor***

In Memoriam:

Robert (Bob) G. Ross, a longtime member of the Kingston Lions Club passed away January 15th after a long illness. The Lions of District 12N wish to extend our condolences to Lion Ross' family, friends and the Kingston Lions Club in their time of loss.
