



# District 12-N News & Views

*"In a World of Service"*



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## Opportunities for Growth

Lion Jayne and I just returned from three wonderful days at the Coffee County Convention Center attending the 2014 Tennessee Lions Learning Retreat. What a great

experience! We were able to spend time with Lion friends from across the state; attend a number of very educational seminars and hear outstanding motivational presentations from Past International President Sid Scruggs, Immediate Past International Director Bob Corlew and Past South Carolina Council Chairperson Matt Jones.

I am very proud to report that a total of 23 Lions from 12 different Clubs in District 12-N attended this special event. Four members attended from our newest club, the ETSU Campus Lions Club. I hope, in the future, that even more Lions from our district will attend this retreat.

**Attending special events allows you to grow as a Lion and to gain a better understanding and appreciation of our association.**

Please remember that our District Convention will be held on Friday and Saturday, February 21 and 22 at the Best Western-Plus in Morristown. Details are in the previous *News & Views*. Immediate Past International Director and Candidate for Second Vice International President Bob Corlew and his wife, Dianne, will be giving presentations on Saturday morning. International Director Stephen Glass from West Virginia will be our luncheon speaker on Saturday.

Club Secretaries should send the names of approved delegates and alternate delegates to Credentials Checker PDG John Kelsey, 439 Hicks Lane, Clinton, TN 37716-2703 or [kelseyj4@yahoo.com](mailto:kelseyj4@yahoo.com). One vote provided for every ten members with rounding up for 5 or more.

The Tennessee State Convention will be held at the Hilton Hotel in Memphis, April 24-27. This is an opportunity to meet Lions from across our state. The event will include motivational speakers, educational seminars and some great entertainers. Details will soon be distributed by Cabinet Secretary Edna Longwell to all Club Secretaries.

The Lions Clubs International Convention will be held in Toronto, Canada, July 4-8. This is an opportunity to meet Lions from throughout the world and to participate in an international parade. There will also be lots of educational seminars. The International Show will feature singer Neil Sedaka.

Toronto is considered to be one of the most dynamic, culturally diverse and vibrant cities in the world. It is situated on beautiful Lake Ontario and is infused with arts, culture, stunning architecture and a friendly atmosphere. Attendees will be able to take a day trip to Niagara Falls. And you can vote for Bob! Contact Lion Jayne Raparelli

for more convention details at 423-871-1739.

The USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum will be held in San Juan, Puerto Rico, September 11-13. This is an opportunity to be part of a wonderful learning event. From its beautiful beaches and majestic rainforests to its cobblestone streets and centuries-old architecture, Puerto Rico will leave a lasting impression. For details and registration: go to [www.usacanadalionsforum.org](http://www.usacanadalionsforum.org).

**These are special events offering a chance for personal growth. These are important benefits of being a Lion. Take advantage of these opportunities. When the going gets tough, the tough get going. Let's get going and grow.**

## Lions reach 50 year (and more) milestones!



**TOP:** Loudon Lion Jim Pope receives 55 year service certificate from LCI, presented by DG Mike McDonough.

**BOTTOM:** Morristown Lion Billy Massey receives recognition for his 50 years as a Lion. Left to right: Morristown Club President Richard Jones, Billy Massey and DG Mike McDonough.





Congratulations to Rogersville Lions Club member John Wolfe for being Inducted into the Tennessee Lions **Hall of Fame**. Lion John has been a member of the Rogersville Lions Club since 1960 and served as District Governor of 12N in 1968-69. He served the Rogersville Club in many leadership roles covering Lions projects, and continues to do so. Can you imagine 53years of service? And he is still very active! The award was presented to PDG John at the Club's annual Christmas dinner by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor, Lion Edward Gibbons of the Johnson City Lions Club.



**Inskip Lions Christmas Party!**

Seated: May Maughn, Mike Morris, Johnny Cecil, Martha Jean Bratton Row 2: Sheri Hensley, June Ham, Bonnie Peters, Mary Lou Longmire, Joyce Morris, Mark Cecil, Sam Bratton, Rick Morris Row 3: Pat Winegar, B. J. Kitts, Steven Hensley, Phillip Clabough, John Longmire, Frances Walker -A. Susannah Clabough, photograph.

**Green Star Awards correction:**

The **Clinton, Inskip, and South Knox Lions Clubs** were mentioned in the previous issue for contributing \$200 dollars more this year than last year to the White Cane Fund. The **Harriman Club** upped their contribution from \$1000 in 2012 to \$1500 in 2013 but were not mentioned. The **News and Views** apologizes for the error. –Editor

**PROPOSED CHANGES TO DISTRICT AND 12-N CHARITIES BY-LAWS**

This notice describes the proposed changes to the District 12-N By-Laws and District 12-N Charities By-Laws that will be voted on by the delegates at the District 12-N Convention on February 22, 2014.

**District 12-N By-Laws:**

- Article VIII, District Projects-Activities Fund:
  - Allow for reallocation of current year's District Activities Budget if necessary
  - Correct the charity as a not for profit corporation rather than a foundation.
- Article IX, District Projects and Grants: Remove Direct Braille Slate Fund as a designated project
- Minor editorial updates

**District 12-N Charities By-Laws:**

- Article II, Purposes and Article V, Trustees/Directors: Allow for reallocation of current year's District Activities Budget if necessary
- Article V, Trustees/Directors: Remove regional representation, resulting in 12 at-large members.
- Minor editorial updates

The specific mark-up changes for both documents may be viewed and/or downloaded at:

<http://tnlions.org/proposed-by-laws-2014/>

**PROPOSED BUDGET FOR LIONS DISTRICT 12-N CHARITIES FOR 2014-2015**

The Lions District 12-N Charities Board of Directors/ Trustees has established a proposed budget for the Lions Fiscal Year 2014-2015. The proposed budget, shown below, is based on information provided by the Agency project chairs and the Treasurer's report of funds available. It will be presented to the membership at the Convention on February 22nd for a vote.

AGENCY	Current 2013-14	Proposed 2014-15
1. East TN Lions Eye Bank	\$ 1,050	\$ 1,000
2. Lions Vol. Blind Industries	\$19,000	\$20,750
3. Learning Ally	\$ 3,000	\$ 6,000
4. TN School for the Deaf	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500
5. Leader Dogs for the Blind	\$ 9,000	\$10,000
6. TN School for the Blind	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500
7. Diabetes Awareness	\$ 250	\$ 1,500
8. Lions Quest	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500
9. DG Emergency Fund	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
10. District Discretionary Fund	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
11. Operating Expense	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
12. World Services for the Blind	\$ 0	\$ 250
13. Braille Slate	\$ 0	\$ 0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$45,800</b>	<b>\$53,000</b>

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**Top:** Loudon Lions Club White Cane co-chairs Lions Rebecca Willis and Dewayne Arp receive the Green Star award from DG Mike McDonough for increasing Loudon's White Cane contribution by at least \$200. Way to go!



**District 12-N Well Represented at the LLR!**

Twenty-three Lions representing 12 Lions Clubs from our District attended the Tennessee Lions Learning Retreat last month in Manchester. Way to go, District 12-N Lions!

- Not Pictured:** 1st VDG Ed Gibbons (Johnson City).  
**Below-Front Row:** PDG Wendy Cain (Oak Ridge), Nellie Harsbarger (Norris), Past International President Sid Scruggs, Jayne Raparelli (Campbell County), and PDG Dave Crawford (Farragut).  
**Below-Back Row:** Sylvia and Bill Van Dyke (West Knox), Shirley Webb (Maryville), Carolyn Rinehart (Dandridge), Peggy Chander (Dandridge), PDG Ken Moffett (Knox Tri-County), Susan Shearin (Maryville), DG Mike McDonough (Campbell County), Shaaron and PDG Jim McFarland (West Knox), Amy Barton (West Knox), PCC Dean Harsbarger (Norris), PDG Clare Crawford- (Knox North), and Johnny Cecil (Inskip).



**Top:** During the Farragut Lions Club's 40th anniversary celebration on January 9, 2014, Past International Director Bill Watkins (middle) and Farragut Club President Fletcher Stephens (right) welcome John Malone (left) as the newest Lion in the Farragut Club. Congratulations, Lion John, and a big welcome to Lionism!



**Above:** ETSU Lions Brandon Johnson, Erica Briest, Destiny Weldon, and Jacob Lopez with Past International President Sid Scruggs and DG Mike McDonough at the 2014 Tennessee Lions Learning Retreat.



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**DISTRICT 12N EVENTS CALENDAR**

**February 2014**

- Feb. 21-22 -District 12-N Convention, Morristown, TN (Best Western Plus, Exit 8), "Mountain Heritage", ID Steve Glass

**March 2014**

- March 7 (8 p.m. EST), March 12 (1 p.m. EST) – Free LCI Webinar You've Been a Club President. . . What's Next?
- March 8-10 - Advanced Lions Leadership Institute, Oak Brook, IL
- March 12 (1 p.m. EST) – Free LCI Webinar You've Been a Club President. . . What's Next?

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**OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE ON BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR 12-N CHARITIES!**

Nominations are being accepted for Lions who wish to serve on the Board of Directors of Lions District 12-N Charities, Inc. This group recommends annual allocations for the 10 charitable agencies that are supported by the District. Nominees will be voted on during the Spring Convention, where one person from each Region will be elected to serve on a panel for a term of three years. Any Lion in good standing with a Club in the District can serve. If you are interested in serving, please contact: VDG Ed Gibbons (423-914-9991 or ed.gibbons@wataugainsurance.com) or PDG Clare Crawford (865-947-1891 or [chcrawford@frontiernet.net](mailto:chcrawford@frontiernet.net)).

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**District 12N Cabinet Meeting Convention Voter Certification**

**For delegates to vote at the District 12N cabinet meeting they must be certified. Each club is allowed 1 delegate for each 10 members or major fraction thereof and 1 alternate delegate for each 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 M&A report will be the bases for determine 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.**

Voter certification will be held in conjunction with registration at the Spring Cabinet Meeting and will be available during all hours that registration is open. Please have each club secretary submit names of each delegate and alternate delegate that will be attending the cabinet meeting at least one week before our Spring Cabinet meeting to the Cabinet Credentials Committee.

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