



District 12-N News & Views

"A Beacon of Hope"



February - March 2011

District 12-N, Tennessee (USA)

<http://tnlions.org/>



Many things have changed in Lionism over the years. One of the things that hasn't changed, is our Code of Ethics, especially, the last part: "TO BE CAREFUL with my criticism and liberal with my praise; to build up and not destroy."

I have heard over the past few months from club members on how they have recently been treated by other club members, particularly on how their leaders have addressed them in public.

Being rude and discourteous to fellow Lions is not an option. You should never criticize in public and by all means never dress anyone down during a meeting. In all my training in leadership it has always been proper to criticize in private and praise in public. I can't believe that anyone would think it could be considered alright to belittle and berate anyone during a meeting and not be held responsible for that action. If you have a problem or issue with anyone it is your duty to maintain a sense of decorum and handle the matter properly and with respect to all involved.

Finding leaders in Lionism is becoming more and more difficult. If I have heard anything this year as I travelled between clubs, it is how hard it has been to fill the leadership positions in the clubs. I personally saw this last year when trying to fill the Zone Chair positions.

We need good leadership and we need to nurture them as they mature in Lionism. To be critical of anyone and their failures is self defeatist and does nothing to help in mentoring young Lions. Lions Clubs are a vehicle to be able to do great things within our communities and without members we will have a difficult time doing those projects of service. When in doubt, remember the last part of our Code of Ethics to which we all pledged to uphold, "TO BE CAREFUL with my criticism and liberal with my praise; to build up and not destroy."

I will change the tone of this letter now and extend my personal thanks to all those Lions who helped the District to have one of its best attended conventions in several years. I would like to thank the members of the West Knox and Farragut clubs for stepping up and helping us with the convention and the Hospitality room.

Congratulations are extended to our new District Governor Elect Chuck Bailey and First Vice District Governor Elect Diane Wilkerson in their successful election for the upcoming year. Thanks too, go out to the presenters of the Seminars at the convention. Their preparation and excellent presentations have been well received.
(continued at right)

PDG Dave Crawford Receives Vision Award



The inaugural Vision Award for exemplary dedication to the ideals of Lionism was given to Lion Dave Crawford at the Farragut Lions Club, Farragut, TN, Annual Wine Tasting, Dinner, and Auction. Over the last 30 months the Farragut Lions Club has spent \$22,662.00 on vision assistance. The club has been able to supply 871 people with exams and/or glasses. This is an average of \$26.02 per person. Lion Dave administers this program alone. He recruits the optometrists and ophthalmologists, receives and screens the applications from prospective patients, sets appointments and, in many cases, arranges transportation. Lion Dave is not new to Lions service work. He has served as President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer in four different Lions clubs in Virginia and Tennessee. He is a Melvin Jones recipient and Past Lion of the Decade on a club, district, and multi-district level.

Lion Bob Harrington Honored in LIONS magazine.

The January issue of *Lions* magazine honored Lion Bob Harrington of the West Knox Club as the recipient of the Senior Master Membership Pin for sponsoring over 25 members into the West Knox Lions Club. District Governor Bill McDonald made the presentation during his recent official visit to the West Knox Club. Lion Bob is a charter member since 1968. Our congratulations go out to him for this recognition!

I would hope that all the Lions that attended, enjoyed themselves and will consider attending next year's convention in Knoxville and bring new members.

Please remember the State Convention coming up in April in Chattanooga at the Chattanooga Choo Choo and the International Convention in Seattle this July.

DG Bill

Lions Help the Salvation Army at Christmas

Several District 12N Lions Clubs assisted the Salvation Army by ringing the bells this past Christmas. The Farragut, West Knox, and other Clubs participated in this worthy cause. Please consider this a possible project for your club next Christmas.



Lion Carl Leonard of the Farragut Lions Club takes his turn ringing bells for the Salvation Army in front of Earth Fare at Turkey Creek in Farragut (Knoxville) on Dec 11.

LIONS QUEST

Maybe some of you have asked this question: Why is Lions Quest important to us as Lions? Eberhard J. Wirfs, Chair, LCI Foundation says "Why is Lions Quest important to us as Lions? It gives hope to youth. It gives hope to communities. Most importantly it gives hope for a better tomorrow."

Lions Quest provides a professional course for teachers that helps them deliver not only facts to their students, but life skills for more harmony and success—life skills.

This is the only youth program in the world that is in more than 60 countries, most recently in Egypt, Indonesia, Uruguay, the Philippines, bringing character building, life skills to young people from elementary through high school. Half-a-million teachers have been trained in how to teach service learning, student learning through assessing needs in their communities, deciding on a project, fund-raising to make the projects possible, doing the work of the projects, and publicizing it in the community. (Sounds like great training for becoming a good Lion, doesn't it?)

One example in our own District 12N is one that perhaps you've heard about: the accomplishments of students in Scott Co. Supervised by their Lions Quest trained teacher, these students looked around, talked to others, and decided their community could use a museum. They did their research, got the vacant land next to their school donated, raised money for a log building, visited McClung Museum in Knoxville to learn what is contained in a museum (even got some donations from McClung who became excited about their project), built the museum, and now dress in period costumes and

act as docents for other students and adults. They speak to other community groups and share their experiences. There's a place for all students to be included and involved.

Can you imagine what these students learned in the process? These young people are our future Lions, learning how to be useful, successful citizens—good Lions.

A single workshop for teachers costs \$500/per teacher (30 teachers x \$500 = \$15,000). The teachers pays \$40, each Lions district contributes, LCIF contributes, government grants provide some funds—working together to make LQ possible.

We had 2 workshops this spring, one in Knoxville, and plans are being made for this year's training sessions. I will continue to attend these workshops representing you, the Lions of District 12N, and thank you for helping make this amazing program possible, with a place for all students, including potential drop-outs—developing life skills, character building, enthusiasm for school and helping others. What a bargain our investment in Lions Quest is!

Vivian Howell, 12N Lions Quest Chair

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

JANUARY 2011 PROPOSED CHANGES TO 12N CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS ARTICLE VI, DISTRICT ACTIVITY FUND

(NOTE: Changes are in bold italics— Editor)

Section 1.

Section 2. ...All monies in this fund will be deposited in federally insured interest bearing accounts in a financial institution that is approved by the District Cabinet requiring the signature of the District Governor and Cabinet Treasurer or the Cabinet Secretary to remove these funds. The Vice District Governor's name may be added to these accounts and he may sign in place of the District Governor if the District Governor is not available.

The District Cabinet shall determine the amount of surety bond for persons authorized to sign checks, and approve the surety company issuing said bond.

ARTICLE V

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE FUND

Section 1. ...

Section 2. Use of Funds: All administrative funds shall be deposited in a financial institution that will be approved at the first Cabinet Meeting. Dispersals from these funds will require at least the signatures of the District Governor and Cabinet Treasurer or Cabinet Secretary. The Vice District Governor's signature may be added to these accounts and he could sign for the District Governor if the District Governor was not available. ***The District Cabinet shall determine the amount of surety bond for persons authorized to sign checks, and approve the surety company issuing said bond.***

REASON: This change brings the 12N C&B in line with MD-12 and LCI C&Bs.

LIONS DISTRICT 12-N CHARITIES, INC.
NEWS & VIEWS
P.O. Box 444
Powell, TN 37849-0444

Non-Profit Org
US Postage Paid
Knoxville, TN
Permit # 466

Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center Spring Trip

The Lions District 12-N Spring 2011 trip to the Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center in Roanoke, VA is scheduled for Saturday, April 2, 2011. As in the past, Lions will meet at the Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center, 501 Elm Avenue, around 8:30 am. We'll work, have lunch, work some more, and head back to East Tennessee around 3:00 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 about the work day (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.

Paris Lions Club 90th Anniversary

<http://tnlions.org/paris-lions-90th-anniversary/>

Saturday, May 21, 2011 5:30 p.m. Convention Center Hampton Inn, 1510 E. Wood St. Paris, TN
Speaker for the banquet will be Lions Past International President J. Frank Moore, III. If you plan to stay overnight you can make reservations at Hampton Inn, 731-642-2838, Paris Landing State Park, 1-800-250-6614 or Super 8 Motel, 731-642-7008. The meal will consist of a steak dinner with all the trimmings, drink & dessert and will cost \$20 each. All reservations should be mailed to:
PCC B.J. Gallamore, 1020 N. Market St. Paris, TN 38242
Phone 731-642-1145 or cell 731-333-1145
Reservations must be received by May 10, 2011

From the Editor:

To all our contributors; when you send in your club announcements or upcoming events to Lion Wendy for publication on the District 12 N web site, please cc: to newsandviews12n@yahoo.com so I can make sure your event is published in the newsletter for our Lions without Internet access. Thanks!
-Editor

In Memoriam:

Long time Secretary of the Lake City Lions Club, Christy Ross Elliott passed away February 1. He was 92 years old at the time of his passing. He and his wife Lion Juanita were married 71 years. They have been active in the Lake City Lions Club until late last year. They were both elected to the Board of Directors for the year 2010-2011. Both were inducted as directors in July and served until they were unable to be active in late fall. Christy will be remembered for his many years of service to the club and the community. He is survived by wife Juanita, daughter Pat Shrull, son Chris Elliott, grandchildren and great grandchildren. He will be missed by the club and his many friends.

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

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