



District 12-N News & Views

"Move to Grow"



January/ February 2010

District 12-N, Tennessee (USA)

<http://www.discoveret.org/lions12n/>



From the District Governor:

Hello, fellow Lions. Isn't it great to be a Lion? We have a great district, and it has been my humble privilege to represent it. We are starting a new decade that will be filled with events, large and small. We can make this decade the best 10 years of Lionism, but it will take all our efforts to make that happen. Our district has many wheels turning, and we need each club to be a

spoke in those wheels. Please continue to support our 12N Charities Fund. This is how we support organizations desperately needing our help. The Tennessee Eye Bank, LVBI, Recording for Blind and Dyslexic, Lions World Services for Blind, Tennessee School for the Deaf and School for Blind, Diabetes Awareness, Leader Dogs for Blind, are some of the organizations we support, and we provide direct help to those whose needs are approved by the discretionary committee. Club assistance, our Walks for Sight, and White Cane contributions have all steadily dropped over the years, and not just the last couple of lean years, even before that. We have had the most unified organization of assistance in the state, but it is only as good as our current support. I am not telling you what to give, but I ask you to give what you can, and I'm sure that's a little more than last year for most of you. Your club represents an International organization. that is organized by Districts. If we were just a neighborhood organization, we could help 10 people. If we were just a community organization, we could help 100 people. If we were just a district organization, we could help 1000. If we were just a state organization, we could help 10,000. Since we are international, we have the ability to help millions. Each Lions Club represents all these levels. All levels are important, just like every step is important on a ladder. We need your INPUT, we need your UNITY, and we need your SUPPORT. Let us begin this decade on the RIGHT foot, (or is it paw?) Thank you. Your needs are in my prayers.

Lion DG Steve

P.S. Please come to your District Convention, Feb. 26-27. Attendance to any part of it will be appreciated.

Editor's Note to all District 12N Lions: Be sure to read the proposals for 12N Charities, Hearing Aid Assistance Program and changes to the Constitution and Bylaws elsewhere in this issue as these will be voted on at The District Convention in February.

CALLING ALL MEMBERS of the District 12-N Lions Family, IT'S "SPRING" CONVENTION TIME in Tennessee!

Attached is the registration form. Please make copies for all of your Club members and please make sure all your members know the following:

Our annual District 12-N Spring Convention will be held at the Holiday Inn, Pigeon Forge on February 26–27, 2010. A weekend full of fun, fellowship, service and learning is in store for all of us.

Friday evening will begin with a silent auction and some "fun & games" to help defray costs of the weekend. Supper will be served at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday morning will feature learning & sharing opportunities.

9:00 – 10:15 a.m.

Incoming Officer's Training – General Leadership Development for your Club's team (presented by the District Leadership Team led by PDG Nancy Hall)

Fundraising Idea Exchange – share your success stories & pick up new ideas (by PDG Dave Crawford)

Orientation for New Lions -- or Refresh yourself on Basic Lionism – good for all Lions (by PDG Wendy Cain)

10:30 – 11:45 a.m.

Update for Secretaries – the latest from Lions International, great for new secretaries (by PDG Kaye Forester)

The Fun Side of Lionism – Tail Twisting & Pin Trading – having fun while we serve (by PDG Dave & PDG Clare Crawford)

Multi-Generational Lionism – make your club appealing to the younger generation (by PDG Wendy Cain)

Saturday's luncheon will honor NEW MEMBERS and those who have served Lionism for a while. A number of awards will be presented. After lunch we will hold the annual meeting, commit to the activities budget for next year, and elect our new Vice Governor and Governor for 2007-2008.

All Clubs are urged to be represented for this important meeting. A reception for our visiting International Director and our newly elected leaders for 2010-2011 will follow the meeting. Saturday evening's banquet will feature our International Guest for the weekend, ID Art Marson and some great music and dancing.

Make your reservations NOW! The hotel will hold rooms for the Lions until January 25, 2010. After that date the room cost will go up, so make your reservations right away. Be sure to mention the LIONS when making your reservations.

For additional information, please contact Convention Chair, PDG Clare Crawford at chcrawford@frontiernet.net or (865) 607-1898.



District 12-N Constitution and By-Laws Proposal to be Voted on at Spring Convention

A proposal to amend the District 12-N Constitution and By-Laws was received from a District 12-N Lions Club in good standing in accordance with Article XIII Amendments

Proposed Amendment:

ARTICLE V – District Administrative Fund

Section 1. District Administrative Fund Per Capita Dues: To provide revenue to defray the administrative expenses of the District, an annual per capita District Administrative Fund Dues of \$16.00 (includes funds for the District Newsletter) shall be levied upon each Lion member in the District in two semi-annual payments as follows: \$8.00 per member (based on members reported on July M&A) on September 10 of each year to cover the semiannual period of July 1 to December 31, and \$8.00 per member (based on members reported on January M&A) on March 10th to cover the semi-annual period of January 1 to June 30.

Explanation of Change:

The proposal raises the Annual District Dues from \$12 to \$16, and would be effective beginning July 2010. A second Vice District Governor has been added to the Cabinet by Lions Clubs International, and the additional funds would provide extra budget to reimburse travel and training expenses for the District Governor and Vice District Governors (1st and 2nd).

Respectfully submitted,
PID Bill Watkins,
District 12-N C&BL Chairperson



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

DISTRICT 12N EVENTS CALENDAR

February 23 - Tellico Village Lions Club Annual Chili & Soup Dinner (plus Antipasto Salad) Fundraiser, 4-7 p.m. at Tellico Community Church. Adults \$10 in advance, \$11 at the door. Contact Lions Bette & Cap Purvis for tickets—(865) 458-8070

February 26-27 - District 12-N Convention, Pigeon Forge Holiday Inn

March 27 - Eyeglass Recycling Trip to Roanoke

March 27 - Kingston Lions Club Annual Pancake Breakfast. Family Center of the Kingston First Baptist Church on Kentucky Street .Advance tickets will be available, and anyone wishing to be a "Table Sponsor" should contact Lion Skinner at 376-6894. 7am - 11am

April 10 - Oak Ridge Walk for the Blind, 8 a.m. Breakfast at Applebees, 10:15 a.m. Walk at Oak Ridge City Park, 11:15 a.m. Awards.

April 15-18, 2010 Southeastern Lions Leadership Institute (SELLI) Application deadline of April 1. Topics include motivation, thinking outside the box, meeting management, group dynamics & team building, & much more! Hickory Knob State Resort Park, McCormick, SC \$125. Contact Lion Wendy Cain for more information (865) 470-4867.

June 19 - A Day With the Lions/Walk for Sight, Fountain City Lions Club Park

District 12N Events Calendar Online:

<http://www.discoveret.org/lions12n/lionscalendar.php>

District 12N Lions Charities Budget 2009-2010

Lions District 12-N Charities, Inc. proposed budget for the Lions Year 2010-2011 is a follows:

Tennessee School for the Blind	\$ 2,000
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Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic	\$16,000
Lions World Services for the Blind	\$ 500
Lions Volunteer Blind Industries	\$19,000
Leader Dogs for the Blind	\$12,000
East Tennessee Lions Eye Bank	\$ 1,800
Braille Slate Project	-0-
Diabetes Awareness	\$ 500
Lions Quest Program	\$ 2,734

Expenses set by the Constitution & By Laws:

District Governor Emergency Fund	\$ 1,000
District Discretionary Fund	\$ 5,000

Operating Expenses \$ 6,000

Total Expenses to the Charities **\$68,534**

This budget is approximately 10% less than the current budget due to a lower amount of income for this past year for the Charities.

Submitted by PDG Neal Vaughan, President, Charities

**LIONS DISTRICT 12-N CONVENTION &
12-N CHARITIES ANNUAL MEETING**
February 26-27, 2010 – Pigeon Forge Holiday Inn Resort

Our speaker will be International Director Arthur “Art” Marson from La Crosse, Wisconsin.

Pre-Registration Deadline – February 10, 2010

Check if Delegate

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 _____

Telephone _____

Friday Dinner (Italian Buffet) _____ @ \$ 23.00 each = \$ _____

Saturday Luncheon _____ @ \$ 17.00 each = \$ _____

Choose one – Chicken Monterey _____ Baked Hawaiian Ham _____

Saturday Banquet _____ @ \$ 25.00 each = \$ _____

Choose one – Roast Beef _____ Roast Turkey _____

Package Deal _____ @ \$ 59.00 each = \$ _____

TOTAL DUE \$ _____

Special Dietary Needs (be specific) _____

Mail registration form and check made out to **LIONS DISTRICT 12-N** to Convention Chairman by
February 12, 2010 -- CLARE CRAWFORD

6812 Hunters Trail
Knoxville, TN 37921

HOTEL RESERVATIONS must be made directly with the Pigeon Forge Holiday Inn at **(865) 286-1110**. Identify yourself as being with the LIONS CONVENTION. Room rate is \$68.99 (2 double beds or one king bed) + taxes and will be guaranteed until JANUARY 25, 2010. Suites are available at a slightly higher rate. Rates will be higher after January 25.

Directions to the Pigeon Forge Holiday Inn –

Enter Pigeon Forge on Highway 66 from I-40 exit #407. Get into the right lane just past stoplight #5. Go THROUGH stoplight #6 in Pigeon Forge. Turn RIGHT at the hotel sign & go up the long driveway to the hotel.

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**DISTRICT 12-N
Proposal to Include Hearing Aid Assistance in the
District 12-N Charities Budget
January 8, 2010**

The Lions District 12-N has established a hearing aid program to assist local clubs in providing hearing aids to eligible recipients. Currently, the funds for providing this assistance are requested on an individual basis from the District Governor's Discretionary Fund.

It is hereby proposed that the Hearing Assistance Program be included as a District 12-N Charity and be supported by designated funds from the District 12-N Charities budget.

The details and procedures for operation of the Hearing Assistance Program as it is now operating are being adjusted to conform to this proposal. The primary difference in the current operation and the proposed operation is the source of the District funds used for 50% payment of the approved hearing aid costs.

Lion Dean Harshbarger for
Norris Lions Club President, Wayne Morris.

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click on:**
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Spring trip to Roanoke Eyeglass Recycling Center

We have scheduled the spring eyeglass recycling trip to Roanoke for Saturday, March 27th, 2010.

We'll gather at the Recycling Center about 8:30 am, get all the glasses unloaded, and sort and read glasses. We'll break for pizza lunch, and work some more. We usually break around 3pm so that the folks from the western parts of the District can be home before it gets too dark.

We're the A-team for the Roanoke Center. We get more done than just about any other group that comes in. So, let's all get together for a fun day of service and keep up the GREAT work.

If you have any questions, please contact Harry Ennis, 423.239.7681 (Home), 423.292.4161 (Cell)

Oak Ridge Walk for the Blind—April 10, 2010

All Lions are ask to help by soliciting patrons and benefactors, and most important walk teams. Our goal is to have each club sponsor at lease one team with a minimum of donation of \$100 dollars each. The goal for the walk is to raise at least \$20,000 dollars for the 12N Charities programs.

When: April 10th 2010. Breakfast at Applebee's for walkers 8-10 a.m., Walk 10:15-11:00, Awards at 11:15

Where: Oak Ridge City Park

We need all the help we can get to make this walk a success if you have can help in any of the following areas give PDG Jim McFarland a call @ 925-3334 or email him at jims6T6@aol.com: Media sponsors, signing up patron, benefactors, setting up the area, working the day of the walk as required.
