



District 12-N News & Views

"A Beacon of Hope"



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District 12-N, Tennessee (USA)

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From the District Governor:



Either this year is half over or we have half to go. Either way we have a lot of work ahead of us. This year has started with our membership numbers still going down and our gains lagging. What can we do about our membership? Well I just had the

pleasure of inducting a new Lion, a 25 year old young lady, into the Coalfield club a few nights ago. She is eager to begin her Lion's life by getting involved in the activities of the club and by attracting new members to her club. We need that eagerness and willingness in all of us. We need to look to our family, friends and coworkers in an effort to revitalize our clubs.

Our annual convention is just around the corner and a lot of planning has already gone into what I hope will be one of the best attended events in recent memory, February 18-19, at Rothchild's Convention Center, Knoxville. We will have a great guest from the international family, International Director Anne Smarsh from Kansas, as our speaker. Saturday she will also be attending our annual business meeting that afternoon. Friday night will begin with registration followed by a buffet. We will be having an old fashioned "Sock Hop" after dinner until 9 or 10PM. Registration forms are in the News and Views and on our District 12 web-site at www.tnlions.org. Please get them into 2nd Vice District Governor Diane Wilkerson before January 31st. We will be conducting a silent auction to help offset the cost of the convention, so bring in those items you wish to auction on Friday night.

We will need information on your next year's selection of new officers in the next couple of months, so be looking to those you might want to have as your new leaders for the coming year. Interested in a cabinet position? If so, let 1st VDG Chuck Bailey know as to your intent so you might be considered for the position. There are over 60 positions on the cabinet and not all are filled. We need someone interested in the Awards program, Zone Chairs and others. We are finding that in this era of recession that the requests for needs, particularly glasses, are even greater than before. Our donations are smaller so we need to be even more careful as to how we spend our limited funds. It is very disheartening to hear that clubs in our district are turning away those in need because of either a lack of funds or the lack of members to help those in need. We can come together as clubs, Zones, Regions and the District to help those clubs that need assistance in helping their communities. Please let the District Chairs know of your needs and we at district will help your club's the best way we can.

Have a great and safe new year, and let's all be a plus one by the end of June. **-DG Bill**

Delegate Voter Certification Notice!

For delegates to vote at the upcoming 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.

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..

FOUNTAIN CITY LIONS ANNUAL BICYCLE DRIVE IS HUGE SUCCESS

It was right before Christmas when Fountain City Lions put out the news- Their goal was to purchase bicycles for students in the Appalachia area schools.

Shiny new bicycles for 104 deserving boys and girls were needed,

The Lions Club request for donations was quickly heeded. The gift of a Christmas bicycle is the Club's way to share, With those less fortunate and let them know we care.



Emmette Thompson, Executive Director of the Mission of Hope, and Bill Williams, Mission of Hope Volunteer, show their appreciation for the bicycles given by the Fountain City Lions Club.

Can you remember the excitement and happiness you felt upon receiving your first, brand new shiny bicycle? This feeling of joy and excitement is what the Lions Club brought to 104 needy and deserving students. The Club gave the bicycles to Mission of Hope. Fountain City Lions Club raised \$5200 to purchase these bicycles which were given in memory of Michael Williams, the son of Knoxville's well-known WBIR-TV personality Bill Williams. MOH volunteers then make their annual Christmas visits to 26 schools in the Appalachia area of Tennessee and Kentucky, delivering new toys, Bibles, hygiene items, clothing and food boxes to over 16,000 students and their families during Christmas.

The staff at each of the schools selects two boys and two girls who have shown the most improvement in the classroom or who are especially needy children to be the recipients of a bicycle. The Lions Club is most thankful to the many individuals, churches and businesses in the community whose donations made for a brighter and happier Christmas for 104 boys and girls in 2010. Lion Gib Galyon is Chairman of this annual project.

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

Congratulations!

King Lion Jim Pope, Loudon Lions Club, has recently received the Distinguished Service Award from The Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation. King Lion Pope was one of five state-wide recipients of this award. In addition to serving as president of the Board of Directors of Loudon County Farm Bureau, King Lion Pope was recognized for his community service in the Loudon Lions Club, Loudon County Planning Commission, Mile of Dimes and 52 years in the Loudon County and state livestock associations. King Lion Pope has been a Volunteer 4-H Leader for 43 years and was twice named "Shepherd of the Year" by the Tennessee Sheep Producers Association. The Loudon Lions Club is proud of King Lion Pope for his service to his community. Semper Fi, CDR Lion Joe Malloy, USNR-ret.

Proposed Budget for Lions District 12-N Charities Projects 2011-2012

The Lions District 12-N Charities Board of Directors/ Trustees has established a proposed budget for the Lions Fiscal Year 2011-2012 to be voted upon at the District 12-N Convention on February 19, 2011.

The budget is based on information provided by the project chairs and the Treasurer's report of funds available. The available balance is 27.2% less than the prior year, so significant cuts had to be proposed.

The allocation for Lions Volunteer Blind Industries (LVBI) will be applied to the LCIF-supported capital expansion, which will provide a 10,000 square foot building and add 50 new jobs in the District. The Diabetes Awareness allocation will support plans to conduct health fairs on Diabetes and a District-wide essay contest.

AGENCY	Proposed 2011-12	% Change 2010-11
East TN Lions Eye Bank	\$ 1,500	-16.7
Lions Volunteer Blind Industries	\$18,000	-4
Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic	\$11,857	-25.9
TN School for the Deaf	\$ 1,500	-25
Leader Dogs for the Blind	\$ 9,000	-25
TN School for the Blind	\$ 1,500	-25
Diabetes Awareness	\$ 850	+70
Lions World Services for the Blind	\$ 0	-100
Braille Slate	\$ 0	no change
Lions Quest	\$ 1,500	-45.1
DG Emergency Fund	\$ 1,000	no change
District Discretionary Fund	\$ 2,000	-60
Operating Expense	\$ 1,000	-83.3
Total	\$49,707	-27.2

For more information, contact Lion Doug Haseltine, Lions District 12-N Charities President at e-mail: haseltin@chartertn.net or phone: 423) 239-9178

**LIONS DISTRICT 12-N CONVENTION &
12-N CHARITIES ANNUAL MEETING
“Stuck in the 50’s Again”**

February 18-19, 2011, Rothchild’s Convention Center, Knoxville, Tennessee
Pre-Registration Deadline – February 1, 2011

Our speaker will be **International Director Anne Smarsh** from Colwich, Kansas

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: Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone _____

<u>Meal</u>	<u># of Meals</u>	<u>Total</u>
Friday Buffet Dinner _____	@ \$18.00 each	= \$ _____
Saturday Breakfast _____	@ No Charge	
Saturday Luncheon _____	@ \$ 25.00 each	= \$ _____
Saturday Evening Buffet _____	@ \$ 25.00 each	= \$ _____
Package Deal _____	@ \$55.00 each	= \$ _____

Special Dietary Needs (be specific) _____

Seminars Saturday (9:00-10:20 and 10:40-12:00) Choose two per attendee.	1	2
“What is the Typical Lion?” PID William Watkins	X	X
“East Tennessee Lions Eye Bank, Valerie Stewart Executive Director ETLEB	X	X
“Horses for Hero’s” Lion Richard (Dick) Kolasheski, USA Colonel Retired	X	X
“Situational leadership for Lions” 1st Vice District Governor Chuck Bailey	X	X
“Tennessee School for the Deaf” Lion Oliver Lang, Director Lions Services	X	X
“Southern Hospitality or who sits where?” DG Bill McDonald	X	X

Mail registration form and check made out to **LIONS DISTRICT 12-N** to Convention Chairman by **February 1, 2011** --

2nd Vice District Governor Diane Wilkerson
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DISTRICT 12N EVENTS CALENDAR

January 14-16, 2011 - Tennessee Lions Learning Retreat, Manchester-Coffee County Convention Center, Manchester, TN

February 18-19 2011- District 12-N Spring Convention & Cabinet Meeting, Rothchild's Convention Center, Knoxville

Feb 25, 2011 Farragut Lions Club Hoe Down
6:30 PM Square Dance Hall 828 Tulip Ave., Downtown Knoxville. Barbeque dinner and square dancing, \$20.00 per person. For tickets: Call Kathy Burrow 693-5449

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

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

WELCOME LIONS!

(Through 12/2010)

Lion Ben Traywick
Lion Addison Larry Binkley

Morristown Cherokee
Tellico Village

Correction:

There was an error in Doug Haseltine's email in the article about Lions District 12-N Charities Opportunities. His email should be: haseltin@chartern.net The corrected News & Views PDF file is available on the District web site for download at: <http://tnlions.org/member-resources/district-newsletter/>

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:

We remember and celebrate the life and service of
Lion Carl Morgan Morris Blvd. Lions Club

From the Kingston Lions Club Newsletter:

“The month of November was darkened by several losses. There was the loss of long-time member, Henry Doyle Wattenbarger who was a member for over 60 years. Also, Lion Don Wright lost his wife, Nancy, after a long illness. Lion Martin Skinner lost his daughter, Mary. To all families and friends, sympathy wishes are sent.”

The *News and Views* and all District 12 N Lions wish to express our condolences to the Kingston Club and their families and friends in this time of loss.

