



DISTRICT 12-N NEWS AND VIEWS



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From the DG's *Desk*

Happy New Year, Lions!
We are at the half way point. Six more months to go, and you can make this your best year ever as Lions. You have performed many service projects, projects that have touched the lives of

many, and I know you will touch many more as we move into our second half of the year.

It is great to be a Lion. Lions serve. We help people. We care about our communities. We also give others the opportunity to serve as Lions. You are the key to our future as Lions. I am calling on you because we need member. Membership has decreased. We are well below where we started in July of 2015. So, let's get growing and finish this year strong and membership healthy.

Club visits continued in December. Thank you Bulls Gap, Rogersville and Jellico Area Clubs. Jackie and I so much appreciate the hospitality and great conversations. Your clubs rock! Keep up the great work you do.

Our District Convention is coming soon

(February 19th and 20th), please take time to use the registration form included in this edition of the News and Views, fill it out and send it in ASAP - before February 1st if possible. We want to see you there! If you need more information contact me at fletchlk@gmail.com.

I would like to say thank you to Carolyn Broyles and Adam Bowling for all you do for our District. You have stepped up and meet the challenge as District Officers. Thank you!

DG Fletcher Stephens

-Fletcher



Paulette's Post

Lions Sharing in Celebration

We certainly have an awesome group of Lions in District 12N who believe in sharing their time to help another group of Lions celebrate a very special occasion

The Loudon Lions Club (my home club) just celebrated our 80th Anniversary! A special thank you goes out to individuals from Campbell County, Clinton, Elizabethton, ETSU, Farragut, and West Knox who all came to help us celebrate. The special guest speaker, was ID Jerome Thompson from Alabama. He issued three Presidential Certificates as follows: Erica Briest, Elizabethton Charter President; Loudon Vision Chair Joe Malloy for his Vision Conservation service and Loudon Jim Pope for his 50+ years of dedicated service to the club serving in a variety of positions both in the club and district. ID Jerome even got to induct a new member for the ETSU club, Haley Mooney. The night was capped off with ID Jerome presenting two Melvin Jones Fellowships to KL Paulette Bailey and Lion Waller Henry. A very special occasion indeed.

80 years of service is quite a major accomplishment in these tough times of keeping our clubs alive and vibrant. I do not have the magic answer other than perseverance, hard work and the desire of the core club members to keep the club alive. I believe the real answer is listening and acting upon fresh ideas whether from existing club members or, better yet, gaining new members who bring enthusiasm and an eagerness to make a difference in their community. Engage them right away and allow them to get that great feeling of serving others.

My warmest wishes to you and your families.

VDG Paulette Bailey

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Keynote Speaker: International Director Bob Libin from New York

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Special Dietary Need (be specific)

Mail registration form by Feb 1 and check payable to LIONS DISTRICT 12-N to:

PDG Clare Crawford, Convention Chair
6812 Hunters Trail, Knoxville, TN 37921



2VDG Adam Bowling inducts new Lion T. Scott Jones at the last cabinet meeting.. Lion T. Scott is one of East Tennessee's most respected attorneys. He was sponsored by District Governor Fletcher Stephens. #WeServe2Win

EAST TENNESSEE LIONS EYE BANK

The East Tennessee Lions Eye Bank nominations committee members are PDGs Clare Crawford and Neal Vaughan, co-chairs.

Anyone in good standing in a District 12-N Lions Club can become a member of the Board of Directors. If you have ever wondered what the East Tennessee Lions Eye Bank and its Board of Directors do, now is your chance to find out.

The election will be held at the District 12-N Convention February 19, 2016, which is being held at the Doubletree Inn in Oak Ridge. The Eye bank is currently in the top ten in the world for tissue placement and is one of the leaders in using the latest technology available.

If you wish to be placed on the ballot for a three year term of service please let PDG Clare or PDG Neal know. We will be electing five (5) members to the Board. We will not accept any names for the ballot after January 4, 2016. PDG Neal Vaughan's e-mail is neallion@comcast.net and PDG Clare Crawford's e-mail is lionclare1987@gmail.com. If you wish to submit your name to be put on the ballot, please include a short bio of yourself.

UPCOMING EVENTS

**JANUARY 15-17—TN Lions Learning
Retreat**
Manchester, TN

FEBRUARY 19&20— 12N Convention
Doubletree Hotel, Oakridge, TN

APRIL 22&23—MD12 Convention
Chattanooga, TN

JUNE 24-28—LCI Convention
Fukuoka, Japan



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IPDG Ed Gibbons traveled to Woodburry, Tennessee, to celebrate their 80th Club Anniversary. In attendance was Woodburry's own PIP Austin Jennings and IPIP Joe Preston.

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