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UPCOMING EVENTS

January 20-22nd

Tennessee Lions
Learning Retreat
Manchester, TN

February 24-25

District Convention
Knoxville, TN

March 4th

Lions Day at the UN
New York, NY

May 5-7th

TN State Convention
Pigeon Forge, TN

DG Paulette's Post

HERE'S to 2017

Happy New Year Fellow Lions – Are you ready to hit the ground running! We have a lot of activities coming up with the Lions Learning Retreat, Jan 20-22, our District 12N Convention, Feb 24-25, continuing Centennial Celebration activities, our State Convention May 5-7 and, of course, our big 100th Centennial International Convention June 30 – July 4th in Chicago.

What a busy 2016 we had and thanks to the support of our Lions we accomplished a lot with our Service Card Project (still on-going), awesome club visits and the overwhelming support and donations for the Gatlinburg Wildfire Relief Efforts. It is heartwarming to see how the clubs, state and nation pulled together to aid the families of this disaster. It truly makes me proud to be a Lion. Thanks to the tremendous donations that have come in to the District and our GoFundMe account we will continue to serve the needs of Sevier County as they are identified. **Thank you to all.**

For those clubs that I have not been able to visit yet – have faith, I will try my best to get to you within the next couple months! I commend those that have already done something for their Centennial /Legacy Projects and urge the rest of you to do something regarding 100. All of us need to remember to post it on MyLCI in our Service Activities.

Thanks for all you do and I look forward to seeing you at some of the upcoming events.

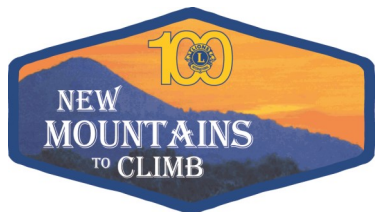
Yours in Lionism,

DG Paulette



DISTRICT CONVENTION REMINDER

Don't miss this year's 12-N District Convention! Held at the lovely Airport Hilton in Knoxville, this will be an event you won't want to miss! We will elect new officers of our district, hear exciting reports of what our fellow Lions are doing, and connect with friends from across East Tennessee! See attached registration form.



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Lions District 12N Convention
12N Charities Annual Meeting of Members
East TN Lions Eye Bank Election of Directors
February 24-25, 2017



Hilton, Knoxville Airport, 2001 Alcoa Highway, Alcoa, TN 37701
865-970-4300

Lions Room Rate; \$95.00, (2) Queens, \$99.00, King includes free parking and Wi-Fi
Rate Guaranteed till February 10, 2017

Keynote Speakers

Past Intl. Director, Haynes H. Townsend,
Board Endorsed Candidate for 3rd Intl. VP
and
Carroll Jackson and his Leader Dog "Will"

Name 1 _____
Circle one Lion Lioness LEO Guest

Name 2 _____
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Club(s) _____ (1) _____ (2)

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Registration Fee @ \$15.00 X _____ = \$ _____

Friday Dinner Meal @ no charge X _____ = \$ 0.00

Compliments of East TN Lions Eye Bank

Saturday Lunch @ \$25.00 X _____ = \$ _____

TOTAL = \$ _____

Special Dietary Need? Vegetarian, Gluten Free, Diabetic (circle all that apply)

Please bring items for the Silent Auction

Registration forms must be received by February 15, 2017

Make Payment to Lions District 12N and mail to:

PDG Dianne Wilkerson, Registration Chair, P O Box 1688, Powell, TN 37849

Prepare for our Second Century of Service



Lions have served like no one else for 100 years. To honor that century of service, we have set an audacious goal for the future. The new LCI Forward strategic plan is a road map to implement our vision of improving the lives of 200 million people per year. This new service framework will improve operations, use new technologies and make the member experience second to none. It also includes an exciting new service initiative that will help shape Lions' second century of service. Visit the [LCI Forward webpage](#) today to learn more about our vision for the future.



Encouraging Health and Inclusion at LDUN

Attend [Lions Day with the United Nations](#) (LDUN) on Saturday, March 4, 2017 at the United Nations headquarters in New York City. Discover how we can work together to change the world as we focus on making an impact through health and inclusion.

At LDUN, you will have the opportunity to connect with Lions and engage international leaders and our partners in discussions on how we can achieve the Sustainable Development Goals. You'll also be the first to learn the winners of the Peace Poster and Essay contents!

Space is limited. [Register today!](#) Follow #LDUN on social media and our [Facebook page](#) for updates.

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**The Lions Clubs of East Tennessee
have now raised over**

\$50,000

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East Tennessee Lions
efforts in Gatlinburg,
check out this video:**

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watch?v=5LzMSgHw-h0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5LzMSgHw-h0)

Adam's Archive

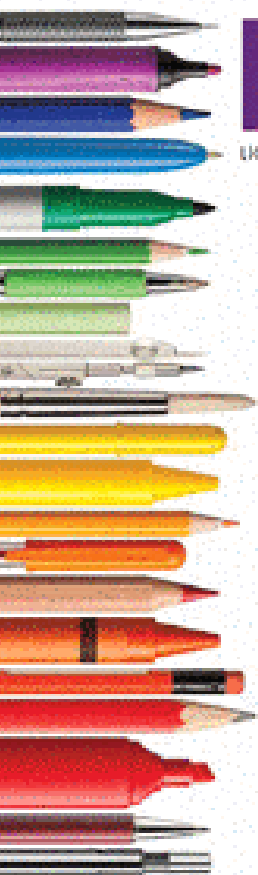
Fellow Lions, Welcome to the new year! Carol and I hope your holidays have been both pleasurable and memorable. 2016 was a busy year and 2017 promises to be an even more active year for Lions in District 12-N and around the world. I hope you are paying close attention to your calendar. We have many activities coming up in our District and of course the Lions Centennial celebration which will be in Chicago in June. Regarding the Centennial, I hope your clubs are completing your local legacy projects which will serve to raise awareness of the Lions programs for your individual communities. Our clubs must take advantage of this 100th year and put in place an advertising and marketing plan that shows off our motto "We Serve" – that while we are 1,400,000 members strong we still need new members and more financial help from our communities in order to serve our neighbors' needs. Even though membership is down at this time, we are still very much a positive force in our communities. We Lions continue to support causes in need of financial aid and service hours where the only things required are volunteer time and presence. The month of January provides an opportunity for additional training and fellowship at LLR (Lions Learning Retreat) in Manchester, TN. You'll stay out of the cold, as the Hotel Holiday Inn Express is directly connected to the Manchester Convention Center. Arrival is Friday, January 20th and departure is Sunday, January 22nd. Hope to see you there – I can tell you that this will be an extraordinary weekend! In February, District 12-N Lions should show up for our own annual convention and business meeting in Alcoa, TN at the Hotel Knoxville Airport Hilton. Arrival is Friday, February 24th and departure is Sunday, February 26th. Please remember that we have District elections and business decisions to discuss and vote on. Your club needs to provide delegates authorized to vote in its behalf. Again, we hope to see you there.



-Adam Bowling, 1st VDG

Lions 2017 Rose Float Success

Once again, Lions Clubs International had a float featured in the annual Tournament of Roses Parade on New Year's Day. The theme of the Lions float was all about the Centennial, and featured our own International President Bob Corlew. The float depicted the 1.4 million Lions in 210 countries and geographic areas serving the world in humanitarian efforts which make a positive impact on many lives through Vision screenings, Feeding the Hungry, serving Youth, and many Environmental projects. The Centennial Theme is: "Where There is a Need, There is a Lion" with the Centennial goal of serving 200 million people by July 2018.



[Peace Poster Contest Kits](#)

Lions clubs interested in sponsoring the Lions International [Peace Poster Contest](#) can order a Peace Poster Contest Kit. Kits are available in all official languages. Lions clubs must purchase a kit for each contest sponsored; one kit per school or group. Each kit contains:

Official Club Contest Guide and Rules

Official School or Youth Group Contest Guide and Rules

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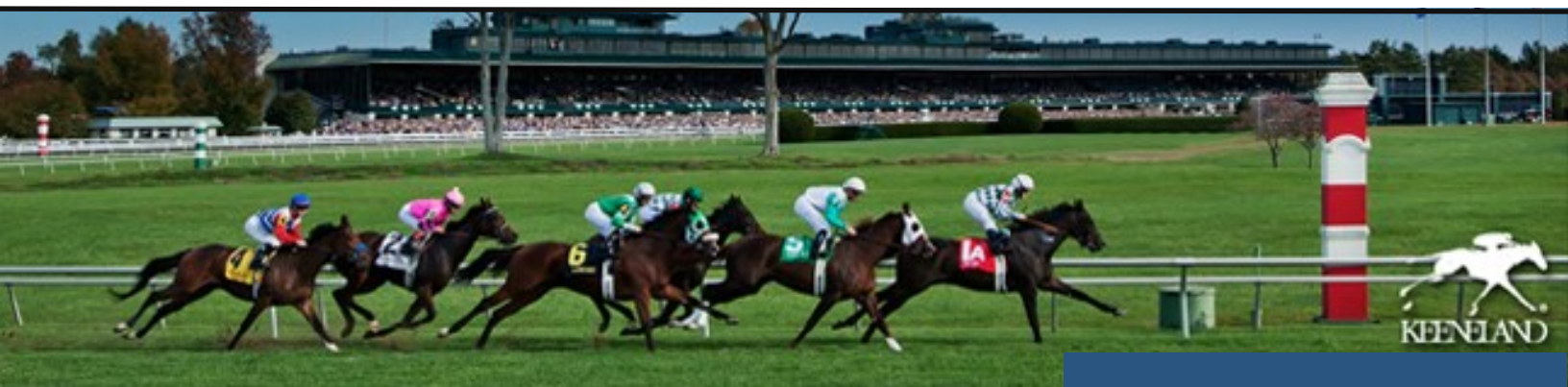
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Farragut Lions Club to take 8th annual trip to the Keeneland

The Farragut Lions Club will be taking their 8th annual bus trip to the Keeneland Race Track in Lexington, KY, on April 22. Tickets include your transportation, refreshments on the bus, entry into the park, and lunch in the Phoenix Room. Come join us! It is always a great day.

April 22, 2017 Tickets: \$125.00

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