



# 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:



I wish to thank the members of Lions District 12N for their support of my nomination and election as District Governor for the year 2010-11.

I hold that trust in the highest regard and will try to the best of my ability to maintain the highest standards in accomplishing the goals placed before me by the District and its club members. I know that a year is a short time to accomplish many things, but it is a period in which a person can change direction, start new projects, finish former leaders' goals and continue those projects that have endured the test of time. Change is not good if there is no practical reason for it. Change of direction is only valid if you have a reason and purpose for that change. To modify, add, or delete a District Project is only as good as the planning and preparation going into the proposed change.

Dreams are what our Goals and aspirations are based on. The first regular scheduled Cabinet meeting will be held at the Lions Volunteer Blind Industries in Morristown, starting at 8:30AM, on Saturday July 31<sup>st</sup>. The presentation of reports will be held to a minimum to conserve time for training. We will be offering training for club officers, as well as Zone and Cabinet Chairs. We will be conducting short and long range planning meetings at the District 12N Cabinet meeting following the business meeting at 1PM. Bring your dreams and ideas to the meeting so we might be able to move the District forward and provide the best services possible to our community.

The Planning meeting will be held with all PDGs and interested Lions to help us plan for our future in Tennessee Lionism. Lunch will be provided, and yes, even though I will be there, we will be having steak. Please plan to attend and let's have a great new year. Please reply to Cabinet Secretary Edna at E-mail [elongwell@yahoo.com](mailto:elongwell@yahoo.com) or phone 423-967-8377 if you plan on attending.

Again, thanks for letting me serve you and your clubs in the coming year. Lion Members are the reason we exist for without him or her we can do nothing. Be a Beacon of Lionism in your community.

DG Bill McDonald

## John Wolfe Honored for 50 Years Service



John Wolfe was recognized at the Rogersville Lions Club meeting with one of the highest recognitions Lions Club International has to offer. Bob Maes quoted from a letter from the International Office which read, "On behalf of 1.4 million Lions Club members worldwide... it is a pleasure to congratulate you on attaining the 50 Year Monarch Milestone Chevron Award."

Very few clubs have members that have served in leadership for 50 years. Over the 50 years, Wolfe has been responsible for most of the clubs fundraising efforts which raises money for eye testing, blind schools, blind industries, seeing eye dogs and other rehabilitation efforts for blind people around the world.

Many local residents remember the light bulb sales and more recently mop and broom sales which raise most of the clubs money for it's efforts. Wolfe also is found manning booths at most local events selling popcorn or cotton candy for the Lions Club.

John has worked with other club members to make hundreds of visits to schools where children are screened for eye problems. New technology can detect and diagnose problems for children as young as 18 months and John has led efforts to visit area day cares doing testing for youngsters.

Wolfe has served 17 terms as president of the local Rogersville Club, has served as Cabinet Secretary for the State of Tennessee, Zone Chairman, and served as District Governor overseeing 62 clubs from Rockwood to Mountain City and north and south from Tellico to Newport.

The local club has supported many local non-profits and efforts and has sponsored a little league team under Wolfe's leadership. Now he has been honored receiving the coveted Melvin Jones Fellowship.

**Message to Lion Leaders from  
International President Eberhard  
Wirfs**



Greetings. As we approach the final weeks of 2009-10, I'm again very pleased to report that Lions all over the world have indeed "Moved to Grow!" Our net membership growth through May has reached plus 33,817. This compares to a net positive growth of 23,729 for the same period last year - making for an unprecedented 42% improvement.

This is by far the best net membership growth through May that our association has experienced in decades. My congratulations to all of you who have helped produce these remarkable, historic results.

While not every one of LCI's seven constitutional areas are positive (two - USA and Canada -- are slightly down), all areas have improved significantly over historic trends. Our total worldwide membership now stands at 1,352,136. And we are now on track to realize the best membership growth in LCI's modern history if we can keep up the momentum through June.

We know that June is when some clubs drop members more than in other months. Before you drop a member who has not been active lately, please reach out to them and let them know you care. Ask them to consider coming back and let them know their presence is missed. I know that all us as human beings really appreciate it when someone calls to say they miss us. You may be surprised by the number of positive responses you get.

In the meantime, as we work toward the most successful membership growth year in Lions history, let me share two more special success stories:

***New Country***

I am proud to report the LCI will soon be adding its 206th country and geographic territory to our international family. The Kingdom of Bhutan, nestled between India and China, will join our ranks this month. The country's home minister will be joining me on stage in Sydney to celebrate this historic event.

***Women at Lions***

The number of women members continues to surge ahead this year. We have a net gain of +23,233 women members this year, bringing the grand total of women members to 298,592. I sincerely hope we can cross the 300,000 mark by the end of the June.

I am convinced that the continued success of our association - and its growth - will be based on the dual strategy of forming new clubs and bringing in new members on the one side, and working to grow the size of existing clubs to control long-term retention. Our 51 new ginkgo winners have proven it can be done. And to help us move even faster into the future, I am also pleased to report that the Joint Board Committee working on a plan and concept for restructuring MERL is nearing completion. The new plan, which will be reviewed at the upcoming Sydney board meeting, will result in the Global Membership Team being expanded down to the district

level; in "retention" being refashioned into a "club success" function complete with new tools such as the Club Excellence Process; and with leadership being elevated to its own platform under a new structure and team to be called the Global Leadership Team. This is just one more example of how we have worked on many levels to Move to Grow our great association.

The continent of Africa will also be helping us move to an even brighter future. I traveled there last week with our executive director to discuss the LCI board's recent decision to treat Africa as its own distinct area similar to a constitutional area. They are now working to Move to Grow like never before, and they wanted me to relay their sincere thanks and gratitude to all of you.

So my fellow Lions, let's all do what we can in these final weeks to bring our association to heights it has never reached before. And thank you again, from the bottom of my heart, for all you have done to make this a truly remarkable year.

With cordial regards,  
Eberhard J. Wirfs  
International President  
MOVE TO GROW



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Lake City Lions Club installed new officers for 2010-11, Monday night at Shoney's. Seated left to right are outgoing president Bill Prewitt, next is new president Fabian Mott, directors Christy and Juanita Elliott, standing left to right are board of directors Carl Johnson, Dan Altshuler, Cotton Tucker, Helen Prewitt, Joyce Holder, Phil Holder and L.C. Madron. Buck Wilson was absent.

## Region Zone 2 Club meeting changes

**Bulls Gap Lions Club** no longer meets at the Bulls Gap First United Methodist Church. They are now meeting at "Pizza Plus", 410 Hwy 11E, Bulls Gap, TN 37711 (423) 235-9200 on 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 6:30 pm.

### **East Hawkins County Lions Club:**

They still meet at the Pasta Palace; 4340 Stone Dr; Kingsport; however, their meeting days have changed. They meet on the 1st Thursday at 6:00 pm 805 Mimosa Dr; Kingsport (Board Meeting). The regular club meeting is the 3rd Thursday at 6:00 pm Pasta Palace. This has changed from the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays.

ZC Edna Longwell

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### **From the Editor:**

As I enter my third year as editor of the *News And Views*, I am constantly amazed at all the wonderful work our District and Clubs do in our region. I would again like to thank all of you for sending your submissions to the newsletter. As a reminder, I'm going to reiterate the guidelines regarding submissions to the *District 12N News and Views*, which should help me compile and edit it more accurately and efficiently and meet my deadlines.

- Remember, keep the text in the same font, size, and color, preferably black, to reduce formatting time.
- Keep the text submissions or articles brief and to the point, since space is limited.
- When submitting pictures, please include a brief caption describing the picture as well as any accompanying article if so desired.
- When describing any club events or announcements, please include the club name in the body of the article to help me in accurately assigning the club to the event. I try to do my best in this, but it takes considerable time to go back to the e-mail submissions to find out which club sent in the submission.
- Prior to submitting event information, please provide all the pertinent information and verify its accuracy, especially when dates, times, locations, contact info and directions are involved. The information you send in will only be correctly published if it is sent in that way.
- Also, please provide a contact number in case I need to contact the submitter if I have any questions or need more information.
- The submission deadline is the 25th of each month.

Again, I appreciate everyone in our district who submits information to the *News and Views*. Hopefully, by following these guidelines, we can accurately report the exciting work each club is doing in District 12N, and get the information out in a timely manner.

Lion Bobby Harrington, Editor,  
*District 12N News and Views*

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**Please send your submissions to:**  
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## **DISTRICT 12N EVENTS CALENDAR**

### **July 24 (Sat) - West Knox Lions Club Pancake**

**Breakfast**—All you can eat pancakes and sausage! Proceeds go to support the West Knox Lions local charities. 8-10am Applebee's restaurant, 6928 Kingston Pike, Knoxville \$5

### **July 28 (Wed) - Dandridge Lions Club 31st Annual**

**Golf Tournament** - at the Dandridge Golf and Country Club on Wednesday, July 28, 2010. Lunch will be served at 12:00 and shot gun start at 1:00 p.m. Would like to invite all who would like to come and play or just come and visit with our golfers.

### **July 30 (Fri) - Tellico Village Lions Club "Road Block"**

The Club is using this event to raise funds supporting the LVBI expansion.

### **August 14 (Sat) - 8th Annual Open Car Show "Pre-Harvest Fest 2010"**

West Knox and Farragut Lions Clubs. Kroger's 11238 Kingston Pike, Concord, TN

### **August 28 (Sat) - Knox North "Roaring Lions Poker**

Run" Proceeds for Knox North Lions Club projects.

### **September 23-25 USA/Canada Lions Leadership**

Forum Milwaukee, WI

## **Club Happenings:**

### **Dandridge:**

PDG Wendy Cain installed our newest member Lion Mitzi Donahoo and installed the officers for 2010-2011.

King Lion Pat Garrow presented Appreciation Certificates to: David Poehler, Myron Speer, David DeZan, Peggy Chandler, Ray Partridge, Raymond Lindsey, and Carolyn Rinehart.

Lion Doug Dykstra was given his 30 year Chevron and Lion Jim Cavagnini was presented with his membership Key.

### **Kingston:**

On July 2<sup>nd</sup>, the employees of the City of Kingston invited several hundred citizens to celebrate the dedication of the new Pavilion. All the City officials were present, as well as some from the County and the State. The members of the Kingston Lions were invited to attend, particularly because of our donation of \$1200 toward the cost of the building. As the City Attorney, Sandy McPherson said. "It is possible that this pavilion would not exist without the predecessor pavilion designed, built and paid for by the Kingston Lions." So, we are involved in at least two ways with this very beautiful structure. It is reserved for our use on September 13<sup>th</sup> for our annual "Bates Fish Fry".

We were represented by ten members at the pavilion dedication. Of particular interest, included in those attending were the oldest member, Lion Henry Wattenbarger, and our newest member, Lion Larry Strickling.

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### **Roaring Lions Poker Run - August 28**

The Knox North Lions Club will hold its first "Roaring Lions Poker Run" on Saturday, August 28. We will begin registering bikers & riders at about 8:00 a.m. in the parking lot in front of St. Mary's Health & Fitness Center on Emory Road in Powell, just east of the I-75 interchange. There will be 3 intermediate stops and lunch will be served at the final destination. Contact Lion Clare Crawford for more information at 865-607-1898

