



District 12-N News & Views

“Strengthen the PRIDE”



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Getting Going

My theme for the past year was ‘When the going gets tough, the tough get going.’ Well, now it is my time to really get going. I am now your Immediate Past District Governor!

Lion Jayne and I wish to thank all of the clubs we visited for your wonderful hospitality. It was a great experience for both of us to meet the many dedicated members throughout our district and to learn about all of the important community service projects being operated by the clubs in our district.

I offer a sincere thanks to my cabinet officers, district committee chairs, region chairs, zone chairs and club presidents for your work and support this year. A special thank you is given to PDG Diane Wilkerson for all of her advice, support and work this year.

We have completed a good year: Added new members, Increased charitable donations, Developed future leaders, Conducted a successful District Convention and Had Some Fun. And we ended the year by participating in the election of PID Bob Corlew as our association’s Second International Vice President.

I now ask all Lions in East Tennessee District 12-N to get going and to fully support District Governor Ed Gibbons and District First Lady Theresa Gibbons as they take on the challenge of Strengthening the Pride.
IPDG MIKE



Message from DG Ed Gibbons

First of all my utmost appreciation goes to PDG Mike McDonough for a great year as District Governor of 12N. It has been a pleasure to serve under him this past year and I am looking forward to his leadership as State Council Chair.

When you read this article I will have returned from the International Convention in Toronto. What an amazing experience in Lionism! And, what an accomplishment for the Lions of Tennessee as we helped elect PID Bob Corlew as Second Vice President of Lions Clubs International. This office puts Bob in line to be the Lions International President for the 100th Anniversary of Lions Clubs in 2017. As you may know, the State of Tennessee had the 50th Lions International President and now we will have the 100th President!

I saw a lot of hard working Tennessee Lions campaigning for Bob in Toronto – and they were led by our own PDG Wendy Cain. Thank you Wendy!

Our Lions International President this year is Lion Joe Preston from Arizona. Lions, we have a lot of work ahead of us this year as we follow International President Joe Preston’s motto “Strengthen the Pride”. Take a moment to think about this motto and how you can apply it to yourself and your club. We must all set individual goals and collective club goals in order to take pride in our club. We **MUST** grow our membership in order to extend our service to our fellowman. Don’t rely on another member – WE ARE ALL VOLUNTEERS - and we are all responsible as we strive to accomplish our goals. District 12N – **you can Strengthen the Pride!**

I am excited to get the New Year started and I hope to see at least three or four of you from each club at the District 12N Cabinet Meeting on July 19 at 8:30 a.m. at Volunteer Blind Industries in Morristown.

See you there ~ DG Ed Gibbons



Ed Gibbons at the 2014 Toronto International Lions Convention shortly before President Joe Preston conferred the title of District Governor on him



Past International Director Bob Corlew accepting the nomination for 2nd International Vice President at the 2014 Toronto International Lions Convention. He was elected to that position and will eventually become the 100th President of LCI.



Volunteers campaigning for Bob Corlew with the expression, "Vote # two for Corlew".



Tennessee delegation marches in the International parade with PIP Austin Jennings in the lead.



Leader Dogs for the Blind Celebrates its 75th Anniversary

Leader Dogs for the Blind's puppy raising program began in 1958 when three Labrador retriever puppies were placed with members of the Oakland County [MI] K-9 4-H Club. The kids were given the puppies and told to bring them back in one year to Leader Dog.

At the time, Leader Dog did not have a breeding program; all puppies and dogs were donated, purchased or rescued from shelters.

In the early 1980s the puppy raising program started to become the structured program it is today when it began to be managed in-house by Leader Dog employees. Today, there are still several 4-H members raising Leader Dog puppies.

With the formalization of the puppy program, Leader Dog began its breeding program. Starting with just six female dogs in the early 80s, the breeding stock numbers grew to 38 females and 10 males by 1992.

Currently, Leader Dog has over 100 female and male dogs in the breeding program and includes Labrador retrievers, Golden retrievers, and German shepherds.



Karns hosts the June 7th 2014 Day with the Lions



DANDRIDGE LIONS CLUB
34th ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT
WEDNESDAY, JULY 31, 2013
DANDRIDGE GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB

One of two of the Dixie League baseball teams that the Campbell County Lions Club sponsors. Posing with the team is PDG Bill and Leader Dog Puppy Sundance.



Campbell County Lions Baseball Team!!



Lion Brandon Johnson, President of the East Tennessee State University Campus Lions Club, was selected by his fellow Lions at the Senior Lions Leadership Institute, to receive a Melvin Jones Fellow award. PDG Wendy Cain presents the plaque to Lion Brandon at a Region I Zone Meeting at ETSU in Johnson City.



VDG Fletcher Stephens receiving the Melvin Jones award from DG Mike McDonough at Farragut Lions Club meeting.



Lion Carolyn Broyles receiving her Melvin Jones award from DGE Ed Gibbons at the Greenville Lions Club Board meeting.

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DISTRICT 12N EVENTS CALENDAR

July 19, 8:30 AM – Noon, District 12-N Cabinet Meeting at LVBI in Morristown TN. All are welcome, but at least Presidents and Secretaries from each club are expected to attend.

November 15, 8:30 AM—Noon, District 12-N Cabinet Meeting at LVBI in Morristown TN. All are welcome, but at least Presidents and Secretaries from each club are expected to attend.

January 16-18, Lions Learning Retreat at Coffee County Convention Center in Manchester, TN

Feb. 20-21, District 12-N Convention in Johnson City, TN

May 8 -- 10 2015, Tennessee State, MD-12 Convention at the Riverview Inn, Clarksville, TN

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District 12N Welcomes New Lions!!

Lion Bill Haskins	Bulls Gap Lions Club
Lion Teresa Clinton	Campbell County Lions Club
Lion Gary Smith	Campbell County Lions Club
Lion Jerry Smith	Campbell County Lions Club
Lion Lynn Murray	Dandridge Lions Club
Lion Ann Roback	Farragut Lions Club
Lion Zafer Roback	Farragut Lions Club
Lion Lora Stephens	Farragut Lions Club
Lion Jackie Davis	Kingsport Lions Club
Lion John James	Loudon Lions Club
Lion Janet Hiers	Maryville Lions Club
Lion Gregory Parman	Morristown Cherokee Lions Club
Lion Robert Ulino	Norris Lions Club
Lion Troy Brantley	Union County Lions Club
Lion Marty Smith	Union County Lions Club
Lion Chris Upton	Union County Lions Club
Lion James Harrington	West Knox Lions Club
Lion Evelyn Hollenshead	West Knox Lions Club

District 12-N loses a Past District Governor

PDG FRED SHERRON (1978-79), - age 89, of Knoxville, passed away Friday, June 13, 2014. Fred was born in Knoxville, Tennessee, member and past president of Knoxville Downtown Lions Club; past district governor of District 12 N Lions, past president of East Tennessee Lions Eye Bank and served on its board of directors.
