



District 12-N News & Views

"Where there's a need—there's a Lion"



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From the DG's Desk

Aloha, Lions of District 12-N!

I'm currently writing you from the Lions International Convention here in Honolulu, Hawaii. Some 10,000 Lions from across the world attended. Jackie and I met some wonderful folks, and

made friendships that will last a lifetime. It was great to hear firsthand about the work other Lions are doing in their districts and counties. Lions are strong across the world!

Our newly elected International President, Dr. Jitsuhrio Yamada, is a colorful person. Despite some minor difficulties with English, he was still able to deliver three incredible speeches in English. His presidential theme of "Dignity. Harmony. Humanity" is supported by central elements of peace, hope, determination, teamwork, and unity through service. This new theme was apparent throughout the convention.

As always – membership was on the frontlines of nearly every training session. Membership is so vital for our organization. We know that wherever there is a need, there is also a Lion. We must recruit the best of the best to continue performing service.

To stand behind my dedication to getting members – we are going to get a little messy. From July 1st 2015 through January 31st of 2015, the club with the most net gain in membership will be able to pie me in the face! That's right – it's going to get messy. Oh, and no worries...the pies will be furnished!

I'm excited to join you and your club in this year's dedication to service. I know it will be a GREAT year. We have a great team in the 12-N Cabinet. Please, let us know how we can help you.

I'm looking forward to visiting your club.
See 'ya soon!
-DG Fletcher Stephens.

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Congratulations to our New Officers!

As of July 1st our clubs and district have new officers and I would like to be among the first to congratulate them in their new positions. Thanks go out to those of you who have stepped up to SERVE.

Serving as an officer, whether at the club or district level can be very rewarding if you put forth the effort and strive to make a difference. It's true that it might take a team to get a certain project accomplished but it takes good leadership and officers to get the team motivated.

Though some of you may have been in the position before, we can always learn something new. Let's learn from our fellow lions and utilize the LCI website and their various resources such as training manuals and webinars available on line. Help is available if you just ask. The 2015-2016 District 12N Cabinet follows. They can use your help as well as your support:

District Governor – Fletcher Stephens
1st Vice District Governor – Paulette Bailey
2nd Vice District Governor – Adam Bowling
Cabinet Secretary – Carolyn Broyles
Cabinet Treasurer – Kathy Burrow
Global Leadership Team – PDG Wendy Cain
Global Membership Team – PDG Dave Crawford

Again, congratulations to the new officers of 2015-2016 – here's to a great year!

-1VDG Paulette Bailey

Meet Lions Clubs International President

DR. JITSUHIRO YAMADA

Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada, of Minokamo, Gifu, Japan, was elected to serve as president of Lions Clubs International at the association's 98th International Convention held in Honolulu, Hawaii.

President Yamada is a neurosurgeon. A member of the Minokamo Lions Club, Yamada has been a Lion since 1985. He has held many offices in the association, including district governor and GLT constitutional area vice leader. He served on the international board from 2005 to 2007 as a member of the Executive Committee and the Long Range Planning Committee and Vice Chairperson of Convention Committee. Yamada also served as a board appointee for 2011-2012.

In recognition of his service to the association, Yamada has received numerous awards, including the Humanitarian Partners Award, eight International President's Awards and an Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor the association bestows upon its members. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lion activities, Yamada is chairperson for several organizations including the Social Medical Corporation Koseikai, the Kizawa Memorial Hospital, the Social Welfare Corporation Jikeikai, Nozominooka Hospital and Ajisai Nursing College. He is a standing director of the Japan Hospital Association and an affiliate professor at Gifu University.

Dr. Yamada has been active in the area of international relations, serving as president of the Gifu-Hungary Friendship Association, Gifu-Morocco Association and Gifu-Salzburg Association. He is a recipient of the Order of Merit of the Republic of Hungary, the Medal of Honor of the Alaouite Dynasty of the Kingdom of Morocco and an honorary citizen of Beijing City, China, in recognition of his service to international friendship building.

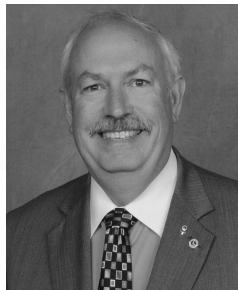
President Yamada and his wife, Dr. Toshiko Yamada, also a Lion and a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, have one son, one daughter and three grandchildren.



Corlew Elected 1st Vice International President

Tennessee's very own Bob Corlew of Milton, Tennessee, was elected to serve as a 1st Vice International President of the Lions Clubs.

Lion Bob will be installed as International President next year at the international convention in Japan.



Aggarwal Elected 2nd Vice International President

Naresh Aggarwal, of Delhi, India, was elected to serve as a 2nd Vice International President of the International Association of Lions Clubs at the association's recent international convention in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Lion Naresh is an accomplished businessman, and a dedicated Lion.





IPDG Ed Gibbons with Lion Nola Sharp of the East Hawkins County Lions Club. Lion Nola has been a Lion for 21 year—and is 100 years old.



Congratulations to Lions Cathy Willis, Sammy Sams, Wayne Smith, and Dennis Humphrey for joining the Kingston Lions Club!

Club Anniversaries

Clinton Lions Club - 70 years

Celebration: August 1 at the Museum of Appalachia

Loudon Lions Club - 80 years,

Celebration: November 19 at Loudon High School

ELIZABETHTON LIONS CLUB REQUESTS YOUR PRESENCE AT THEIR CHARTER CEREMONY WITH PAST INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR BILL WATKINS

JULY 9, 2015 AT 6:00 P.M.

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2015 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum

September 17-19, 2015 –
Grand Rapids,
Michigan - The Mission of
the USA/Canada
Lions Leadership Forum

is to develop leaders, motivate and educate
attendees, provide an open exchange of ideas and
support programs and goals of Lions Clubs.

The Leadership Forum is for any Lion who wants to
enhance leadership capabilities in an atmosphere
that is non-stop learning and fun. There are over 60
seminars to choose from. Registration Forms can
be obtained from 1VDG Paulette Bailey or go to
the forum website at www.lionsforum.org

DISTRICT 12N EVENTS CALENDAR

**June 26-30, 2015, 98th Lions Clubs Inter-
national Convention, Honolulu, Hawaii**

**July 18, 2015, 12-N Cabinet
(Organizational)**

**Meeting at LVBI, Morristown, TN, 9:00
AM**

**Sept. 17-19, 2015, Grand Rapids, MI,
USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum**

**Nov. 14, 2015, 12-N Cabinet Meeting at
LVBI,
Morristown, TN, 9:00 AM**

**Feb. 19-20, 2016, 12-N Convention,
Doubletree Hotel, Oak Ridge, TN**

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2015-16 President's Theme

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