



# District 12-N News & Views

*"A Beacon of Hope"*



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District 12-N, Tennessee (USA)

<http://tnlions.org/>



### From the District Governor:

Well here we are, almost to the end of my year as the District Governor of 12N. I have travelled over 10,000 miles visiting clubs attending projects and conventions across the state. It has been busy, particularly in the first few month of the year. I had the opportunity to make candy with one club, eat sauerkraut and brats with another, attend special inductions and present several Melvin Jones Fellows. I have enjoyed being with all of you and as my talks related, I got a "bigger pan" as the year went along. As in every year we have had the battle with numbers and this year is no different. There are a number of clubs that are growing, a few clubs holding their own and others that are declining.

We lost three clubs this year because of several factors not least was that one was formed quickly and not well nurtured in its first year after chartering and it failed. We can be very negative about it or use it in a positive manner and develop it as a model of how not to develop new clubs. The District will be launching a bold program to start four new clubs in areas not being served by Lions in the New Year. DGE Chuck will be putting his plan into action quickly and we will learn more details on this program at the District Organizational meeting to be held on July 16<sup>th</sup>. Please make plans to attend that meeting and get all the latest information on what is happening in the District.

The District has had a lot of inclement weather conditions during the year, the worst being all the tornado damage of last month. The district was hit in Loudon County, and up north in Greene, Jefferson, Washington and Johnson Counties. I would like to express my gratitude to the Loudon, Tellico Village and Johnson City Lions Clubs which have stepped in to help with the distribution of food, clothing and cleaning materials in their affected counties.

The District sustained heavy damage to homes, with the loss of personal items, clothes, belongings, and life. Ten individuals were killed by the storms with as many as a hundred admitted to the hospital with 50 of those in critical condition. Hundreds of homes were destroyed or heavily damaged. The District is now in receipt of a \$10,000 Lions Clubs International Foundation Emergency Grant to be used to help with the humanitarian aid of those most affected by these disasters. All the funds that make up this grant have been a direct result of donations in the form of Melvin Jones Fellows, Corporate and Personal endowments to LCIF. We get back as much if not more than we give, so please continue to give. I would like to express my thanks to Lions PDG Dennis Powell and PDG Carl McDaniel for their help and assistance in obtaining the information necessary for the processing of the LCIF Grant application.

Lion Carol and I are proud to have been given the honor and privilege to serve District 12N this year, and we would like to say thanks and best wishes to Governor Elect Chuck and his wife Lion Paulette for a great and productive year in 2011-12.

In Lionism,  
DG Bill and Lion Carol McDonald



Please send your submissions to:  
[newsandviews12n@yahoo.com](mailto:newsandviews12n@yahoo.com)  
Thank You for your submissions! -Editor

**More pictures from A Day With The Lions!**



PDG Claire and friends...



Lion Paws' new ride!



Lions admiring some cars...

**Contest and Awards Chair for 2011-2102**

Lion Shaaron McFarland will be the District 12N Contest & Awards Chair for the year 2011-2012. So we will have an active contest for Club of the year, send your Club Contest Worksheet to her at [lshaaronmcf@aol.com](mailto:lshaaronmcf@aol.com)

**Guidelines for the Lions Club of the Year Award 2011-2012:**

**PURPOSE:** To define a framework within which the Council of Governors of Multiple District 12 (Tennessee) can identify and acknowledge those Lions Clubs which, by their actions, exemplify the ideals and goals of Lionism.

**ELIGIBILITY:** To receive ANY Awards from this contest, the Lions Clubs in Multiple District 12 shall have all District and International dues paid up to date, submit the PU-101 postmarked on or before March 31, 2012 and all Monthly Membership Reports and Contest Worksheets must be postmarked Not Later Than the 5th day after the reporting month.

**PERIOD OF CONTEST:** The Contest Period is from April 1, 2011 through March 31, 2012. Clubs shall be allowed to report any activity for April, May, June, July and August. A Contest Worksheet must be completed for each month using separate Club Contest Worksheets and shall be postmarked no later than September 5, 2011. If you do not wish to complete Worksheet for April, May, June and July, you shall not earn points for those months; however, you shall not be penalized for not submitting these.

You can download a Club Contest Worksheet and see how results are determined at <http://tnlions.org/recognition/club-of-the-year/>

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**From Lions Clubs International:**

Dear Lions:

Don't miss joining more than 12,000 of your fellow Lions as we gather in Seattle for the 94th International Convention. This week long celebration will help you enhance your membership and make valuable connections.

Although advance registration is now closed, you can register on-site in Seattle for no additional charge. Rooms are still available and you can reserve one now to receive the best rates by going to the [Seattle Convention Hotel Website](#). Reservations at LCI Official hotels will be available until June 16.

Will you be in Seattle on July 3? Plan to attend Lions Day at the Baseball Game on Sunday afternoon. The game begins at 1:10 PM. Each ticket holder will receive a commemorative T-Shirt. Come see the Seattle Mariners take on the San Diego Padres for an exciting inter-league game. [Purchase tickets for the baseball game.](#)

Don't forget to bring your used eye-glasses to donate for the eye-glass collection by the host Lions. The boxes will be at the Sheraton Seattle and the Washington State Convention Center.

See what Seattle has to offer and [view a special message](#) from our Host Committee Chairperson, Lion Don Shove with Tom Norwalk, CEO of Visit Seattle. Be sure to [Download the Smartphone app](#) for up-to-date schedules and other important convention information. See you in Seattle!

-LCI Convention Committee

**From Eberhard J. Wirfs, LCIF Chair**

Dear Lion,

I've promised you since the beginning of the year that we would work hard this year to improve our international platform of communication. We must better share with our Lions and the world why our global Foundation is truly like no other. And today, I am very excited to announce that LCIF has just launched a brand new Web site. The English version is now available, and all languages will launch by our convention in July.

This new site gives you more tools and resources to promote the good work we Lions are doing. On the homepage, the Recent Grants area highlights some of recently awarded funds for grant projects.

The Changing Lives area links to stories of individuals, partners and donors who have all been impacted by the work of Lions, made possible by LCIF. These stories inspire us to do even more. And you can even share how LCIF has helped in your life or community by Sharing a Story.

Our News section includes the latest information from the Foundation, including my monthly messages. In About Us, you can learn more about our history, partners and leaders.

An entire section of our new site is devoted to you, our Lions members. Our Lions Center provides information on grants, ways to donate and how to get involved in our many programs. The materials section includes ready-to-use publications, forms, videos and Powerpoints that you can share with your club, district or community. And within the Lions Center there is a section specifically for our coordinators, our well-trained ambassadors of the Foundation. Coordinators will be able to find a calendar of important dates, club visit information, forms and materials, recent news and reports.

Please visit our new site at [www.lcif.org](http://www.lcif.org). I know you'll agree that these improvements will help all of us to better communicate the impact and work of the Foundation.

With my cordial regards,

Eberhard J. Wirfs



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**DISTRICT 12N EVENTS CALENDAR**

**June 11 – American Diabetes Association *Tour de Cure***, Knoxville

**June 25 – Powell Lions Club 59th Annual Horse Show**, 3 to 8 p.m., \$3.00 12 and under free, 7142 Old Clinton Pike, Racking Horse Association Horseshow

**July 4 – Parade sponsored by Powell Lions Club**, 11:00 a.m., Independence Day Celebration, Meet in the Food City Parking Lot between 9 & 10:30 a.m., Parade starts promptly at 11:00

**July 4-8 – Lions Clubs International Convention**, Seattle, WA

**Aug. 27 – Powell Lions Club 60th Anniversary**, To be announced, 7142 Old Clinton Pike, Celebration of 60 years of community service

**To access up-to-date District 12N events,  
click on:**

<http://tnlions.org/calendar/>



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**In Memoriam:**

James Arthur Lewis, age 45, of Bean Station, passed away April 25, 2011 at the University of Tennessee Medical Center. He was a 1984 graduate of Rutledge High School, a member and president of the Rutledge Lions Club, and his passion in life was tractor pulling, NASCAR races, and his pride and joy, Brianne and Aaron to see whatever they were doing. He will be missed by his club and his many friends and family. Our condolences go out to them in their time of loss.

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