



District 12-N News & Views

"I Believe"



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Fellow Lions of District 12-N,

Today is Memorial Day as I sit here to write this final letter to you as District Governor of 12-N. Thank you for the opportunity to serve you in this capacity and thank you for the confidence you placed in me three years ago when I was elected to become the first Second Vice District Governor in our district. That event began the three year journey to becoming your District Governor.

I also want to thank those on whose support I relied on in order to fulfill the mission of DG. For fear of omitting someone, I won't list all the names, but a big Thank You to all of you. The Cabinet members, Zone Chairs, GLT/GMT teams, Convention Chair, Newsletter editor and distributor, and Committee Chairs all expended extra effort to make our District the best in the state of Tennessee.

Congratulations also go out to those Lions who were recognized by awards from our Multi-District, Lions Clubs International and the Foundation for Melvin Jones Fellowships. The service by you toward your fellow man can only be partially recognized by these awards. Keep up the good work.

We cannot forget the service provided by the deceased Lions in our district. Thank you. We wish you peace in your eternal rest and comfort to your living loved ones.

Being Memorial Day, it would be a tragic oversight if I omitted a big Thank You to our founding fathers and all who served our great country to preserve the freedoms we enjoy today. I pray for the day when we truly have peace on earth and those in uniform who place themselves in harm's way to protect the ideals of our country can return home to enjoy the fruits of their efforts they valiantly fought for.

The next "12-N News & Views" you see will have a message from our next District Governor, Diane Wilkerson, from the Powell Lions Club. She will be leading a team of Vice District Governors; Mike McDonough from the Campbell County Lions Club and Ed Gibbons from the Johnson City Lions Club. They are all dedicated people committed to serving you and District 12-N. They want to see 12-N increase in membership so that Lions can serve more people and to build a cadre of future leaders to replace themselves. With our continued support, they will be successful... I will continue to be available to serve in whatever way I am able.

Thank you for all you do and for this opportunity to serve you.

--Chuck--

Norris Citizens Gather to Remember

A day that heralds the beginning of summer to most began at Hensley's Happenings, where Norris citizens met to remember those who have died serving our country. As for many in the nation on Memorial Day, this was a day of observance with fellowship, prayer, a new memorial wreath, the solemn beauty of twenty-four notes played on a bugle, and the lowering and raising of the Colors.

Hensley's opened their doors at 8 a.m. for a breakfast just for this special Norris memorial service. Pastor Wayne Hedrick of the Norris United Methodist Church offered the prayer. It was a time of community fellowship and a time to reflect on the cost of freedom. There was plenty for the some 45 Norris citizens who came to consider:

It is estimated there are over 1,300,000 American war dead in the history of our country.

There are 146 national cemeteries in America – 130 maintained by the Veterans Administration, two by the Department of the Army and fourteen maintained by the National Park Service. Twenty-four overseas military cemeteries and twenty-five memorials, monuments, and markers memorialize over 219,000 American War Dead. These are taken care of by the American Battle Monuments Commission. There are at least 105 state veterans' cemeteries.

Across the country, many private cemeteries, like Oak Ridge Memorial Park, have set aside free burial sites for veterans. There are also veterans' cemeteries within the Indian Nation tribal lands.

Tennessee earned its nickname "The Volunteer State" for sending a large number of volunteers to the War of 1812 and to U.S.-Mexican War in 1846.

Memorial Day—first called Decoration Day—was originally designated to honor some 620,000 soldiers who died on both sides in the carnage of the War Between the States. After subsequent wars, the observance came to include these war sacrifices as well. Though the name of the holiday changed in 1882, Federal law did not declare "Memorial Day" the official name until 1967, a day to be observed on the last Monday of every May.

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Just before 10:00, the group moved outside into the shade of the giant maple. The halyard knocked lightly against the flagpole as Norris Lions Club president, Jim Gilson, Master of Ceremonies, spoke. There was time provided for individual remembrances. Then LTC William Grieve, U.S. Army (retired) placed a new wreath next to the bronze plaque displaying the names of soldiers who were killed, missing in action, or held as prisoners of war during World War II and Viet Nam—men, once boys at Norris High School. Della Sutton read their names. Lion Lloyd Farrar's bugle rendered the somber "Taps," mourning their passing, heralding their bravery. The Color Guard, Grant Hull, Wyatt Hull, and Brandon Headrick, young men from Boy Scout Troop 73, lowered the flag. The ceremony ended with the Colors being raised to full staff. A simple ceremony... not without with pride and tears.

Welcome New Members!

Member	Club	Sponsor
March 2012:		
Tamera Milner	Campbell Co.	Sandra Pemberton
Robert Goodman Jr.	Clinton	John Kelsey
Jack Miller	Farragut	Gerri Crutchfield
Donna White	Farragut	Kathy Burrow
Christopher Clendenen	Fountain City	Ben Easterday
Daniel Dresser	Karns	Anthony Fleming
Teri Branam	Knox North	Clare Crawford
Paul Young	Oneida	
Rick Harris	Rogersville	John Wolfe
Judie Caygill	Tellico Village	Alexandra Madsen
April 2012		
Derek Kidwell	Harriman	Joe Williams
Chris Estes	Kingston	
Mamie Whittenbarger	Kingston	Salvatrice Stokes
Melissa Lawhorn	Lenoir City	Darrell Moats
Tommy Francis	Morgan Co.	Reinstate

Jellico Area Lions Club Charter Members:

Jake Bennett	Jerry Llewellyn II
Kimberly Brewer	Allen McClary
Crystal Creekmore	Larry Meadows
John Davenport	Christy Rigney
Tina Davenport	Kevin Shelley
Marie Dunaway-Mead	Doris Stiers
Alvin Evans	Les Stiers
China Hackler	Gary Taylor
George Hackler II	Mark Tidwell
James Kilgore	Erik Wangsness

In Memory

The Lions of District 12-N extend our condolences to the family and Lions Club for the passing of:

- Lion Mildred Lovett, Inskip Lions Club
 - Lion Robert Ross, Kingston Lions Club
 - Lion Edwin Arnold, Loudon Lions Club
 - Lion James Keirstead, Tellico Village Lions Club
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Fellow Lions of District 12-N,

The last issue of the District 12-N *News & Views* contained an article, "12N Rezoning." Unfortunately, it was a reprint of the original proposal for rezoning in which comment was requested from the clubs. I apologize for the publication error and any consternation it may have caused. Much valuable comment was received from the original proposal that caused us to alter the allocation of clubs to zones. Thank you to all who contacted me with the needed revisions.

Listed below is the allocation of clubs to Zones as they will be published in the upcoming Lions Directory.

Region I, Zone I

East Hawkins LC
Elizabethton LC
(Erwin LC)
Greenville LC
Johnson City LC
Johnson County LC
Kingsport LC
Rogersville LC

Region II, Zone I

(Alcoa LC)
Dandridge LC
Knoxville Tri-County LC
Maryville LC
Newport LC
Sevierville LC
White Pine LC
Jefferson County Leo
Maury Middle School Leo

Region II, Zone II

Bulls Gap LC
Hamblen County LC
Morristown LC
Morristown Cherokee LC
Morristown Morris Blvd. LC
Rutledge LC

Region III, Zone I

Farragut LC
Fountain City LC
Halls Community LC
Inskip LC
Karns LC
Knox North LC
Powell LC
South Knox LC
West Knox LC
CAK Leo
Westside Leo

Region III, Zone II

Campbell County LC
Clinton LC
Jellico Area LC
Lake City LC
New Tazewell LC
Norris LC
Oak Ridge LC
(Oliver Springs LC)
Oneida LC
Anderson County HS Leo
Campbell County HS Leo

Region IV, Zone I

Coalfield LC
Harriman LC
Kingston LC
Lenoir City LC
Loudon LC
Morgan County LC
Tellico Village LC
Loudon HS Leo
Philadelphia Elementary
School Leo

Once again, I apologize for any consternation the "District 12-N News & Views" article concerning redistricting may have caused. Thank you for all you do.

--chuck--

Please send your submissions to:

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Thank You for your submissions! -Editor

Day With the Lions 2012 pics!

Day With the Lions participants...



Walkers...



Car Show...



NORRIS DAY APPROACHES

WEDNESDAY, JULY 4, 2012—Mark your calendars!

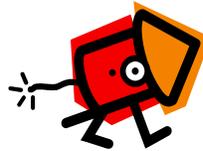
The Norris Lions Club brings you the 44th Annual Norris Day celebration in downtown Norris.

Running enthusiasts can begin the day with the Firecracker Road Run sponsored by the Norris Recreation Commission. Later the children's Dog Show will be held on the Norris Commons, followed by the (one-mile) Fun Run. No one will want to miss the children's Big Wheel Race followed by the Water Balloon Toss and the Water-ball Battles.

One of the highlights of Norris Day is the delicious barbecue dinner. You'll find these barbecue pork and chicken dinners served by the Norris Lions Club in the Norris Middle School cafeteria from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Tickets for the dinners will be on sale in front of the Norris Post Office prior to July 4th as well as in the cafeteria that day. Proceeds from the ticket sales will fund many of the community projects supported by the Norris Lions Club each year.

Stop by the booths you'll see on the Norris Commons and on the grounds of the Norris Middle School where many of our community organizations will have displays. This is an excellent way to learn more about their activities and how they serve us.

The evening program beginning at 6:30 p.m. will be held in the Norris Lions Community Pavilion. At this time, a special organization will be recognized that exemplifies the best tradition of serving others. Then, Norris Day concludes with a fireworks display on the Norris Commons, an event funded by the Norris Fire Department and the Norris Lions Club.



There's no better way to spend the 4th of July than Norris Day!

To access up-to-date District 12N events, go to:

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

EAST TENNESSEE LIONS EYE BANK HONORS 3 FOR LONG-TIME SERVICE

Past District Governors John Sanders, Fred Sherrod, and Joe Dailey have been offered appointments as an Emeritus Board Member of East Tennessee Lions Eye Bank. In letters from Executive Director Valerie Stewart, it was conveyed:

You have been an outstanding Board Member at ETLEB and it is most fitting that you be recognized for your contributions by being awarded Emeritus status. This appointment will allow you to continue playing an active role in the life of the East Tennessee Lions Eye Bank and entitles you to continue receiving all information provided to the Board of Directors and to attend and participate in any Board Meetings you wish to attend without obligating you to any attendance policy.

We thank you for your outstanding contributions to the Lions Eye Bank. It is still a pleasure to have you on our Board and we look forward to continuing that relationship in your emeritus position.

FROM THE EDITOR:

As we draw to the end of another Lion year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your contributions to the *News and Views*, and to encourage you all to keep sending them in.

This newsletter would be a pretty dull publication without the Lions of District 12N sending in their articles and pictures of their club activities. I am looking forward to hearing from you about these activities for the upcoming year, and count it a privilege to serve as editor in helping you get the word out about what you and your clubs are doing.

– Lion Bobby, editor

DISTRICT 12N EVENTS CALENDAR

June 22-26 – 95th Lions Clubs International Convention,
Busan, Korea

July 4 - Norris Day Celebration, Norris, TN



FROM THE CAMPBELL COUNTY LIONS CLUB:

Lion Stanley has collected 91 pair of eyeglasses this month. He is sorting them in his garage. Does that mean that the next time he goes to Roanoke he'll have less work to do?
