

# District 12-N NEWS & VIEWS

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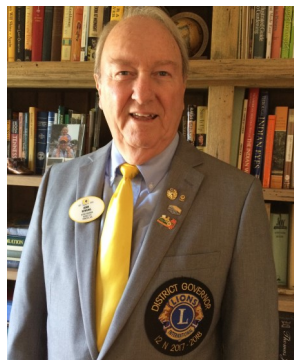


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## District 12-N Dates to Remember 2018

DISTRICT 12-N  
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING  
Twin Cove Marina, Caryville,  
TN July 28, 2018

## DG Adam's Post



As our Lions fiscal year comes to an end, I have searched for the “right” subjects to write about. I’d like you to know that Carol and I gave it all we had to give for a successful year. We have had a good year but we failed to achieve all of our objectives. I will summarize what we did accomplish. I choose to discuss the softer items I observed and felt as the year unfolded. There are three distinct stories to follow: 1) Club visits, 2) District 12-N and Multi-District 12 meetings, and 3) District conventions.

Carol and I both agree that the Club meetings were arduous because of scheduling and travel, but were most enlightening and fun during the visits. The Clubs show a great deal of respect for the District Governor’s visit. We were treated very well and have fond memories of all of our visits. Without fail, the Clubs offered us their friendship and generous hospitality and for that we are grateful. Thank you most sincerely! We observed that many of our Clubs have very small member numbers. Even so, that did not dampen the spirit and the desire to carry out our Lions’ motto, We Serve. However, it should be noted that scheduling the visits truly is a most difficult task. I really believe an improved process and buy-in from the Clubs would reduce the time spent and lessen the stress on both parties. Please help your next DG with that.

In addition to Club visits, a major segment of our year was spent driving to and attending District 12-N Cabinet meetings and Multi-District 12 meetings. The District meetings were necessary to carry out local business conversations and to discuss strategic direction coming from Lions Club International and from the Multi-District here in Tennessee. Thanks to all Cabinet members and all committee chairs for your time and service to the District. The Multi-District get-togethers introduced us to the “power brokers” in Lionism and allowed us to become close friends with many very fine people from around our state. At these meetings, the five sitting Tennessee Governors were shown a lot of respect but we quickly realized that the Past District Governors in attendance may have more knowledge of Lionism. We learned more about the role that our state has played in LCI’s history. Each of our four International Presidents has left his mark on the services that we Lions provide today. We have very good reason to be proud of our TN heritage in Lions! I urge every Lion in the District to try to attend at least one 12-N or MD-12 meeting to witness the training and management of the business of Lionism. Carol and I wish to thank our mentors for the time and love spent to train us.

We attended the five District conventions (12-L, 12-I, 12-O, 12-N, and 12-S), as well as the MD-12 convention. This year our local convention was in Kingsport. It is “The Test” of the DG’s ability to pull together a major event, cover the required business items, provide some education, host an International Director and visiting dignitaries, feed everyone well, show attendees a good time, and come in within budget. We felt that the 2018 12-N convention was successful, judged on these criteria. Carol and I wish to thank the many 12-N Lions who supported the convention by giving of their time and money. A special thanks to our chair PDG Diane Wilkerson, the Kingsport Lions Club, and our potters whose efforts raised \$4,250.00 for LCIF through the Truly Tiny Houses initiative. We appreciate every donation made to our humanitarian Foundation through this Centennial project!

Thanks to each of you – it’s a great day to be a Lion!

Adam Bowling  
District Governor 12-N



# Brandon's Share

Lions,

As I write you now, I am in Las Vegas taking the final training to serve as District Governor. I'm joining 741 fellow Lions from across the globe who are also taking on this challenge, and proudly serving under the first female International President.

Since I wrote you last, my travels have been PACKED!

I spent a good deal of time with the Powell Lions, who have done a great job of recruiting new, young members. I was honored to attend their annual 5K and install their officers. And no, I didn't run!

The Sevier County Lions and the Tri-County Lions also let me install their incoming leaders. Trust me when I say that our district is in great hands with club presidents like these!

I spent a causal Friday night attending a new project of the Fountain City Lions and was blown away. Their club has started a "Concert in the Park" that's bringing hundreds of attendees. What a great way to fellowship and show others that Lions have FUN!

Other highlights of the last few weeks include helping the Oak Ridge Lions when they set up at the Secret City Festival, and attending the Karns Lions Low Country Boil.

If there is a club event that I can attend with your club, please let me know. I'm here to support your club, your goals, and your service!

In Lionism, - DGE Brandon



# CAROL CALLING!

ROAR LIONS! There's only a few days left in the year. It has been a pleasure to work with you.

I would like to commend all the clubs that made donations to White Cane this year. The year started out with a bang with

some clubs able to donate twice their usual donations. As of the 31st of May over \$33,000.00 has been donated and I know this figure is higher now as some clubs wait until the end of the year to donate from their unbudgeted excess.

I would like to acknowledge these clubs for their donations; Bulls Gap, Clinton, Dandridge, Farragut, Greenville, Hamblin County, Harriman, Inskip, Johnson City, Karns, Kingsport, Kingston, Knox North, Knox Tri-County, Loudon, Maryville, Norris, Oakridge, Oneida, Powell, Rogersville, Tellico Village, West Knox and White Pine.

I am looking forward to serving you as your 1st Vice next year.

Carol McDonald, 1st VDGE District 12-N



## CENTENNIAL PROJECTS UPDATE

Submitted by: Paulette Bailey, District 12N Centennial Coordinator

Congratulations District 12N! We have 33/42 clubs or 79% that have participated in the 2014-2018 Centennial Service Challenge with 23/42 or 55% participating in two or more of the focus challenges of Youth, Environment, Vision, Hunger and Diabetes Awareness. That's awesome!



## LEGACY PROJECTS

11/42 clubs or 26% participated by doing a Legacy Project! Three clubs have more than 2 Legacy Projects and Kingsport had 7 (5 Level 1 and 2 Level 2)

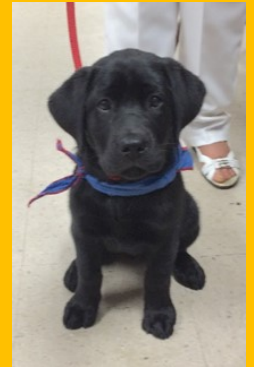
Way to go Kingsport!



# Around the District

District Governor Adam and West Knox Club President Tim Hilliker with three generations of Lions from the McFarland family. Pictured are Lions Anthony, Nicholas, Jonathan, Jim – and brand-new Lion, Karen. Lion Shaaron, where are you?

More Club visits, the VERY BEST thing a District Governor can do!:



## The Sevier County Lions Club was in the news this month!

The Sevier County Lions Club and Remote Area Medical partnered for a one day eye clinic in Sevierville. More than 75 Lions, RAM staffers and other volunteers were able to provide 265 pairs of glasses for an estimated \$55,580 value in free vision exams and other services.



# Farragut Lions Club Third Annual *Charity Car Show*

Saturday, October 6, 2018

Rain Date October 13, 2018

**NO REGISTRATION FEE**

8:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

**Location:** First Baptist Church  
11704 Kingston Pike  
Farragut, TN



FREE to the Public  
FREE Breakfast for  
    first 100 cars registered  
FREE: Lunch for  
    all cars registered  
Live Entertainment  
50/50 Raffle  
Vendors on site



***PRIZES DRAWN EVERY HALF HOUR***

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ALL PROCEEDS (100%) GO TO COMMUNITY PROJECTS  
**NO ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS**

SMOKY MOUNTAIN LIONS CHARITIES, INC  
A501(c)(3) non-profit corp. (FEIN80-0122774) and a registered TN Charities Org.





**July 28th**  
**3-5:30 PM**

**Twin Cove**  
**Marina**

**1835 Ridge**  
**Road**  
**Caryville, TN**  
**37714**

*Lions on the Lake*

**District 12-N Organizational Meeting**

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