



District 12-N News & Views

"In a World of Service"



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HELLO FELLOW LIONS!

If you missed "The Day with the Lions" event, you really missed a great time.

There was NO RAIN, good food, games, walk, car show, eye screenings, ear screenings, diabetes screening, blood pressure screenings, Lion Paws and face paintings.

Oh wait, did I forget that we had a dunking tank. It was great seeing everyone get dunked. There was Lion Fletcher Stephens, Past District Governor Bill Slover, District-Governor Elect Mike McDonough and of course me. We all got wet. I had never been in a dunk tank before. It's quite exhilarating! The water was cold, but that was part of the fun. You should have been there. Thank you to everyone who participated. You are an awesome group of Lions to work with.

My time is winding down and I want to say **THANK YOU** to all my cabinet officers, committee chairs, clubs and club members who have supported my efforts as District Governor to help our district during this past year. I enjoyed getting to know each and every one of you and your clubs better. Thank you for your kindness, your criticism, and your hospitality, all of which has made me grow personally.

I have asked District-Governor Elect Mike McDonough to say a few words in this edition of the *News & Views* so that you may get to know him and his goals for the 2013-2014 year. Please read what he has to say so that we may assist him in reaching his goals.

Thanks for all you do.

Diane

District Governor 12-N, 2012-2013

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District Cabinet Meeting—July 20, 2013

All Lions (especially Club Presidents, Secretaries, and Cabinet Members) are invited to the first District Cabinet Meeting of the 2013-2014 Lions year on Saturday, July 20, 2013 at the Best Western in Morristown (off Interstate 81 at Exit 8). The meeting will be called to order at 8:30 a.m. After the Cabinet Meeting, Zone/Region Chair training will be conducted.

Following Our Dreams



Dear Fellow Lions,

The 2013-2014 International Theme will be: *Follow Your Dreams to Reach New Heights*. My dream is for District 12-N to reach new heights in membership growth, charitable donations and leadership development during the next program year.

To make this dream a reality, I am challenging every club in our district

- to induct at least four to six new members,
- to increase their charitable donations by at least \$200, and
- to send at least two club members to the District Information Forum in November and to the District Convention in February.

To assist clubs with these efforts, a membership growth manual, a fundraising manual and a leadership development manual will be distributed to all clubs in July.

To recognize clubs meeting these challenges,

- a Blue Star Award for meeting the membership challenge,
- a Green Star Award for meeting the charitable donation challenge, and
- a Gold Star Award for meeting the leadership development challenge will be presented.

Clubs meeting all three challenges will receive a copy of the King Lion sketch by artist Amy Leonard.

Also, the club with the greatest membership growth as a percentage of their beginning membership will be able to honor a Lindsey Jennings Fellow (\$1,000 for Tennessee Lions Charities) on behalf of the District. The club with the largest number of new members will be able to honor a Melvin Jones Fellow (\$1,000 for Lions Clubs International Foundation).

Let's work hard next year to follow our dreams and to grow Lionism in East Tennessee.

**Sincerely,
District Governor-Elect Mike McDonough**

2013 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION: HAMBURG, GERMANY

It is our privilege to invite you and your families to the 96th Lions Clubs Annual International Convention, from July 5-9, 2013 - and the hallmark port city of Hamburg, Germany is ready to welcome you.

European culture, cuisine and music abound in Hamburg, a city where over 1000 years of history complements a modern-day lifestyle with an international flair. The bustling port of Hamburg, Germany's biggest harbor, is where cruise ships meet. Stroll through the proud architecture in the old part of the city, with more than 2,300 bridges, and visit the brick-built warehouse district where still today the smell of roasted coffee and exotic spices fills the air.

Our 96th convention in Hamburg will offer lively plenary sessions in the O2 World Arena, inspiring guest speakers, the gala International Show, our International Parade of Nations along spectacular Inner Alster Lake, and the election of LCI's 2013-2014 International President. A European Lions market right in the center of the city is also being prepared for all to see and savor.

The outstanding facilities of the Hamburg Messe und Congress will provide an ideal location for our Convention Services Center. But it is you, the Lions of the world, who will make the Hamburg International Convention a lasting memory.

Sign up today and join us "In A World of Service" - as we gather together in friendship and service - and that is what we are all about.

See you in Hamburg!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Norris Lions, Norris Day—July 4 at Norris Commons from 8:30 a.m. until fireworks are over. Road races, dog show, bicycle parade, water battles, other games, community booths, barbeque dinner, and more!

Zone Meeting for Knox County Clubs—July 15 at the Karns Lions Community Pavilion. The Covered Dish Dinner begins at 6:30 with the meeting to follow. Club can brag about last year and share plans for the new year! RSVP to Zone Chair Kathy Burrow at burrown@bellsouth.net

Rutledge Lions 21st Annual Grainger County Tomato Festival—July 27 at Rutledge Middle School. The event includes a 5K Run, Tomato Wars, Arts, Crafts, Food, Music, entertainment, Civil War encampment, and more! For more information go to: www.GraingerCountyTomatoFestival.com

Dandridge Lions Club Golf Tournament—July 31 at the Dandridge Golf and Country Club, this is our big fund raiser - come and bring a team!

District 12-N Update on the 12-N Hearing Aid Program

In 2011 and 2012, the Hearing and Speech Foundation (HSF) received 12 referrals, 8 applications and 8 Lions Clients were approved for service. There was a remaining balance of \$57 in the HSF Lions Funds at the end of December 2012. (See attached chart.)

Lions PCC Dean and Nellie received donations of hearing aids from Knox North, Norris, Halls and Campbell Co. Lions Club. The break down on how these aids are used is on the chart.

NOW, WHAT IS NEEDED: more dollars for HSF to serve District 12-N clients. Make all monetary donations to, "The Hearing and Speech Foundation". The Address is: 1652 East Broadway Avenue, Maryville, TN 37804. Please, earmark all donations (monetary and recycled aids) for District 12-N Lions. Anyone who wishes may give their donations to District 12-N Hearing Aid Program Chair, Lion Nellie Harshbarger and she will deliver it to HSF, post haste.

At the 2009 State Convention, Lion Nellie proposed a donation program for hearing aids called "Change for Charities". The collected change was to be earmarked for hearing aids and sent to the District 12-N treasurer. **This has changed, and all donations are to be given directly to The Speech and Hearing Foundation earmarked District 12-N Lions. If you are not familiar with the "Change for Charities" program we are changing it to be, "Change for Hearing Aids". (See attachment.)**

My dream is that all members would put 10 cents a day in a container to help Lions, HSF and honor Helen Keller. In that same speech in which she challenged Lions to be "Knights of the Blind", Ms Keller said, "**will you Not help me hasten the day when there shall be no preventable blindness; no little deaf, blind child untaught; no blind man or woman unaided?**" I appeal to you Lions, you who have your sight, **your hearing**, you who are strong and brave and kind".

We Lions, HSF, and the Clients, who have benefited from the support given these past couple of years, say "THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HAVE SUPPORTED THIS ENDEAVOR". For the sounds of singing birds, children crying/laughter, and to hear what is being said at a meeting with a room filled with people. *Thank you.* Keep the funds coming.

Lion Nellie Harshbarger, Chairperson
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The hearing aid form is on the following page.

– Editor.

LIONS DISTRICT 12-N HEARING AID PROGRAM

District 12-N Lions have a limited account with: THE HEARING AND SPEECH FOUNDATION, (HSF) at 1652 East Broadway Avenue, Maryville, TN 37804. The phone number is: 865-977-0981.

If a District 12-N Lions Club receives a request for hearing aids:

- The Club sends the form below (information filled in), with the person requesting the aid. Or the Club can send the request to Nellie Harshbarger.
- The person needing the aids calls The Hearing and Speech Foundation.
- If money is in District 12-N account, the foundation will set up an appointment with the patient, and advise the patient what will be needed. Please take the completed form with them to HSF.

Remember, The Foundation can only serve District 12-N Lions hearing aid requests, If the District 12-N Lions Account has funds to serve the requests.

- Lions Members donate to the account by sending your donations to the HSF at the address above. If you prefer, give the donations to Lion Nellie Harshbarger for HSF.
- Collect hearing aids. Deliver to the HSF or give to Nellie & Dean Harshbarger, they are used if possible and if not, points are receive from the donations of used hearing aids.

District 12-N LIONS REQUEST FORM, for hearing aids from:
THE HEARING AND SPEECH FOUNDATION
1652 East Broadway Avenue, Maryville, TN 37804
Patient please call this Phone number: 865-977-0981

Club Name _____ Date _____

Name of Lions Member Referring _____ Phone # _____

E-mail Address _____
or
Mailing Address _____

Name of person requesting the hearing aids _____

Address _____

Phone # _____ E-Mail Address _____

Lion member please keep a copy of the request in your Club file and send a copy to Lion Nellie Harshbarger.

Lion Nellie and PCC Dean Harshbarger, Co-Chairpersons
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Norris, TN 37828
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DISTRICT 12N EVENTS CALENDAR

July 2013

- July 4—Norris Day Celebration and Fireworks, Norris
- July 5-9 – Lions Clubs 96th International Convention, Hamburg, Germany
- July 15—Zone Meeting for Knox County Lions Clubs, Karns
- July 20—District 12-N Organizational Cabinet Meeting, Best Western at I-81, Exit 8 (Morristown)
- July 27—Rutledge Lions 21st Annual Grainger County Tomato Festival
- July 31 – Dandridge Lions Club Golf Tournament, Dandridge Golf and Country Club

For additional details on the above events and to access up-to-date District 12N events, go to: <http://tnlions.org/calendar/>



From the Editor:

As I begin another year editing the *News and Views*, I want to again express my thanks to all our District 12N Lions who submit articles and photos to me for publication. Without these submissions, there would be nothing to publish!

I want to encourage all 12N Lions to send in photos, announcements, and articles because this is the primary way to let your fellow clubs and LCI in on what you're doing in your community. It encourages other clubs and can inspire them to do fundraising or service projects they may not have considered to assist them in the mission of Lions Club International. As always, please remember the following guidelines:

If you submit photos, be sure to include a brief caption describing it.

Please make sure that the people in the photos' names are spelled correctly.

If you submit articles, be brief and to the point, as space is usually limited.

Please be sure to send in your announcements (Zone Meetings, Club and District events) at least a month in advance to make sure they get the publicity they need, and please send them in by the deadline of 25th of each month. Here's to another Lion Year!

Lion Bobby Harrington, Editor.
