



District 12-N News & Views

"Move to Grow"



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District 12-N, Tennessee (USA)

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From the District Governor:

As Lion Silvia and I have attended all the other Tennessee District Conventions, we came to realize how great the work of Lionism is happening all over our state. At the District I Convention at Henry Horton State Park, the Tennessee School for the Blind's chorus sang for us. One blind girl, abandoned by her mother shortly after she was born,

has become a talented sculptor of clay, selling her works for hundreds of dollars. At the District L convention in Jackson, the Lions showed off their Lions Mobile Eye Clinic vehicle. All the districts have special projects, but I feel none can top ours. Our Lions Volunteer Blind Industries in Morristown and Johnson City is unmatched. The East Tennessee Lions Eye Bank is one of the most successful in the country and the District 12-N Charities is the best organized effort in giving in our state. Our assistance to the Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic, Remote Area Medical, Tennessee School for the Deaf, the Braille Slate Project, and many others raises us to the top. We also lead the state in KidSight screenings. Yet, we still have some issues. Our clubs are not supporting the 12-N Charities like we used to, meaning we have to give less, even though the needs are growing. We are not the largest district anymore and District S has outgrown us without a major city in their area. District L is the only District in Tennessee with positive membership growth since last July. We have done well in bringing in new members, but are not doing as well in keeping them. Please use dropping members as a last resort. This is a large reason a dues increase was needed, as we are shrinking but the need to support our leaders and charities has not. Please support our district as a club. We are all linked together, Internationally. Let us show the others we are the best team in Lions, we are DISTRICT 12-N, it is time to ROAR!

DG Steve Lewis

Club VIBES

Lion John Buckley of the West Knox Club and his wife, Sue, both of whom are blind, have begun mentoring blind and visually impaired youth who are transitioning from school. Club VIBES (Visually Impaired and Blind Enhanced Services) is intended to supplement skills that "vision teachers" in the school system simply lack time to cover. "Our goal," John says, "is to encourage the young people to be independent and productive." The Club combines social activities with necessary skills for life after school. Sue works with the young people and John works with their parents in bi-monthly meetings. When appropriate, the Buckleys work with club members individually as well. "Parents and teachers tell us," Sue says, "that the young people are more likely to listen to us because we are blind professionals who have been there and done that." John is retired from teaching at UT, and Sue was the Sr. Vice President of the YMCA OF Memphis and the Mid-South.

On Saturday, May 22, the Club will be sponsoring a fund-raiser at the Bijou Theatre in Knoxville to expand its services. Russ and Becky Jeffers and the Smokey Mountain Sunshine Band and Phil Campbell, son of Archie Campbell of the Hee Haw TV show, will be the featured performers. Showtime is 7:30, and all Lions are encouraged to come and support the Club and have a great evening's entertainment. Tickets are \$25. and may be purchased in advance by calling Sue at 865-692-4888.

Lions Learning Retreat Gift Basket Contest Results Jan. 15-17, 2010

Norris Lions Club received \$50 for 1st Place
Tulahoma Downtown Lions Club received \$25 for 2nd place
Houston County Lions Club received \$25 for 3rd place

Thirteen Clubs participated in the contest, and together with the contest and auction of the baskets (and a few other items) around \$1,070 was collected. The Board voted for \$500 to be sent to Haiti. After paying the winning clubs, the remainder, as always, goes back into the Lions Learning Retreat for next year.

Please send your submissions to:

newsandviews12n@yahoo.com

Thank You for your submissions! -Editor

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<http://www.discoveret.org/lions12n/>

District 12N Events Calendar Online:

<http://www.discoveret.org/lions12n/lionscalendar.php>



CAMPAIGN SIGHTFIRST II
LIONS' VISION FOR ALL

INVITATION

Fellow Lions,

The West Knox Lions Club is proud to announce a dinner where the presentation of Melvin Jones awards will be made to three distinguished persons, one, the Vice-Major of Farragut, who will be the main speaker and who has been a true friend of our Lions' endeavors.

We invite you as LIONS LEADERS OF DISTRICT 12N to join us in participating in an evening of entertainment by the Concord Brass Band, some serious business, and fellowship over dinner with other dedicated Lions.

Ticket price is \$20.00 which includes everything (an excellent full dinner with drinks, desserts, tax and tip). The date is Monday evening, April 19, 2010, at 6:30 p.m., Bearden Banquet Hall, 5806 Kingston Pike, Knoxville.

Come join District Governor Steve Lewis, his wife Silvia, and the West Knox Lions in recognizing some special people, and in sharing some great Lions spirit.

To make your reservation, please call Vivian Howell (865-671-1784 or e-mail: vhowell@tds.net)

State Convention Multiple District 12

The 92nd Annual Tennessee Lions Convention in Clarksville, May 21-22, 2010. The host hotel is The Riverview Inn, 50 College Street, Clarksville, TN 37040. Rooms are available at the rate of \$79.00 plus tax per night for King or Dbl/Dbl. Group Rate identification is "Lions State Convention." Make reservations by calling 877-487-4837 or 931-552-3331. Reservations must be made by May 1, 2010 in order to get the Group Rate.

Immediate Past International President Al Brandel and his wife Maureen are the international guests. To help with the convention expenses, a Silent Auction will take place. All clubs and individual Lions are requested to bring an item for the Silent Auction. Convention registration form is attached

Spring trip to Roanoke Eyeglass Recycling Center

The Spring eyeglass recycling trip to Roanoke is scheduled for Saturday, March 27, 2010. Look for a report on this fun day of service in the coming issues! If you have any questions, please contact Harry Ennis, 423.239.7681 (Home), 423.292.4161 (Cell)

District Walk—Help Our Charities!

The Oak Ridge Walk for the Blind previously announced for April 10 has been cancelled; it may be held later.

In it's place, the District will be having the Walk for Sight at the Fountain City Lions Park on May 15, 2010

All Lions are asked to help by soliciting walkers and walk teams. We need all the help we can get to make this event a success! If you would like to help with planning or the day of the Walk, please contact PDG Jim McFarland a call @ 925-3334 or email him at jims6T6@aol.com:

DISTRICT 12N EVENTS CALENDAR

April 15 (Thu) - 2010 Southeastern Lions Leadership Institute (SELLI)

Note: Application deadline of April 1. However, participants will be accepted until filled. Topics include motivation, thinking outside the box, meeting management, group dynamics & team building, & much more! Runs through April 18. Hickory Knob State Resort Park, McCormick, SC \$125

April 26 (Mon) - West Knox Lions Club 14th Annual Golf Tournament

18 Hole Four Player Team, Select Shot, 1:00 PM, Shotgun Start. Lunch before the Tournament. Centennial Golf Course \$100.00 Per Player

May 1 (Sat) - Lions Club Incoming Officer Training

Sessions for incoming presidents, secretaries, treasurers, and membership chairs. All Lions welcome. Please register by April 28 (headcount needed for food) with PDG Nancy Hall, Leadership Chair. Coffee & pastries 8:30am. coffee & pastries 8:30am; training... LVBI, Morristown, TN

May 15 (Sat) - 6th Annual Walk for Sight

Participants will qualify for T-shirts by raising \$50; plus golf shirt by raising \$150. Funds raised support projects of the District 12-N Lions Charities, Inc. Registration 9am; Walk 10am Fountain City Lions Club Park

May 21-22 (Fri-Sat) - Lions MD-12 (State) Convention

Convenient to historic downtown Clarksville, overlooking Cumberland River. Golf Friday morning; Oldies but Goodies "Sock Hop" Friday evening. Special guests Saturday are Immediate Past Int'l President Al Brandel and his wife Maureen. Riverview Inn, Clarksville

May 27 (Thu) - Lions Club Incoming Officer Training

Sessions for incoming presidents, secretaries, treasurers, and membership chairs. All Lions welcome. Please register by May 24 (headcount needed for food) with PDG Nancy Hall, Leadership Chair. 6pm dinner by Buddy's BBQ. 6pm dinner; 7-9pm training Powell Presbyterian Church

June 28-July 2- Lions International Convention

Sydney, Australia

West Knox Lions Club Proudly presents their 14th annual Golf Tournament at Centennial Golf Course in Oak Ridge, Monday April 26, 2010. 18 Hole Four Player Team, Select Shot, 1:00 PM, Shotgun Start. Lunch before the Tournament, Entry Fee \$100.00 Per Player. For more information: Lion Ed Snow, 675-2095 or Lion Lloyd Delaney 982-4759.

From the Editor:

Fellow Lions, I apologize for this month's issue being a little late. Illness had me temporarily out of commission for a couple of weeks, which delayed me from fulfilling my duties as *News and Views* editor. I am happy to be "back in the saddle" again. I am recovering nicely and have again been reminded what a gift good health is.

Please keep sending in your submissions so the District will know what your club has been doing. As always, send in pictures, and captions describing the pictures, and I will try to publish them as time and space allows. —editor

**92nd Annual Tennessee Lions Convention
 Registration/Ticket Form
 The Riverview Inn
 Clarksville, TN 37040
 May 21-22, 2010**

Lion Name _____ Partner Name _____ Lion Y__N__
 Address _____ City _____ State ___ Zip _____
 Phone () _____ Club _____ District _____
 Email: _____ Delegate ___ Alternate _____
 Special Dietary Needs _____

Registration for ALL Attendees	# _____ @ \$10.00 = \$ _____
Friday Night Dinner and Entertainment 6:00p.m.	# _____ @ \$20.00 = \$ _____
Saturday State Breakfast 8:00a.m.	# _____ @ \$15.00 = \$ _____
Saturday Lunch	# _____ @ \$15.00 = \$ _____
Tennessee Lions Banquet Saturday night 6:30p.m.	# _____ @ \$25.00 = \$ _____
HOSPITALITY BOOK INCLUDES ALL OF THE ABOVE	# _____ @ \$75.00 = \$ _____
Golf Tournament Friday 10a.m. (includes lunch)	# _____ @ \$40.00 = \$ _____
PDG Breakfast Sunday 8:30a.m.	# _____ @ \$15.00 = \$ _____
	TOTAL PAID \$ _____

**MAIL REGISTRATION FORMS AND CHECK/MONEY ORDER MADE PAYABLE TO:
 LIONS STATE CONVENTION 2010**

MAIL TO: PCC Dan Artis, 113 N. Church St., Waverly, TN 37185

For room reservations, contact The Riverview Inn, 50 College St., Clarksville, at 877-487-4837. Mention "Lions State Convention" for the group rate of \$79.00 per night plus tax. Cutoff for group rate is May 1, 2010. Registration/Hospitality Book cutoff date is May 1st, 2010 . General Business session will be held Saturday, May 22nd at 1p.m.

Proposed Changes to MD By-Laws to be Voted at State Convention

ARTICLE V—State Committees

Section 2. International Convention Committee:
Delete Section 2 including Paragraphs A, B, C, and D. in its entirety in the MD 12 By Laws and in its place insert the following:

Section 2. **International Convention Chairman: Choice:** The Multiple District Council shall enter into a contract with ONE individual or **entity**, to serve as the Multiple District International Convention Chairman. This Individual should have knowledge about The Lions of Tennessee and their participation in the upcoming Lions International Convention. District Governors are encouraged to appoint non-reimbursed International Committee members to provide information and encourage Lions in their district to attend the LCI Convention.

Duties: This individual or entity, will have total responsibility for all pre-convention administrative activities that must be completed, as well as all on site administrative duties to insure the Lions of Tennessee are able to participate in all events deemed appropriate. The State Council shall identify and approve the specific events that must be covered, as well as the funds that will be paid to the individual to accomplish all specified duties.

Reports:

1. The State Council at the Multiple District Organizational Meeting shall report the name of the individual contracted to be the International Convention Chairman, the activities to be covered, and a budget approved for completing them.
2. The International Convention Chairman will prepare a written

report of the Multiple District's participation in the Lions International Convention which must be read at the next State Convention; filed with the permanent records of the Multiple District; and mailed to all Clubs in the State Council within sixty (60) days after the close of the Convention.

3. By the end of the fiscal year, the International Convention Committee Chairman will prepare an itemized Financial report for auditors and presentation to the State Council and at the new Multiple District Cabinet meeting and at next State Convention.

Pending State Convention approval of the Article V, Section 2 The following amendment to Article XIII, State Revenue, Section 3, International Convention Fund, Paragraph B. Budget, Item 1, Will be corrected to read:

The International Convention Committee (add) 'Chairman' shall prepare and present plans and budget----etc.

With the passage of this amendment the affective date will be July 3, 2010.

Article V, Section 6, State Trading pin Committee, Paragraph A.

A. Appointment: The members of this Committee may be any Lion in good standing and who has attended at least one (Delete) International Convention within the last 10 years (insert in its place) State Convention within the last five years. Each District Governor shall appoint one member as soon as possible --- (no further change) to this Par A.
