



District 12-N News & Views

"In a World of Service"



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It is time to Get Going!

Our District 12-N Convention was held last month. We had a total of 78 Lions in attendance on Friday and 101 Lions in attendance on Saturday. Governors and others from all five districts in Tennessee attended. Thanks to all for your attendance.

By all accounts, attendees enjoyed the entertainers, appreciated the opening ceremony, were touched by the necrology service, gained knowledge from the presentations, were inspired by the program on service projects from around the world, were motivated by the keynote speaker, loved the meals, accomplished necessary business, elected great officers, honored a number of members/clubs and got some good deals at the silent auction! If you were not there, you missed a special time with fellow Lions.

As of Feb. 26, 2014, District 12-N has added 83 new members and has lost 86 members for a net membership change of -3 for this year. We now have 957 members but need 1,250 to be considered as a healthy district. A number of clubs have not added any new members this year. **FOR THREE REASONS, WE NEED TO GET GOING, TO DO MORE AND TO GROW OUR MEMBERSHIP.**

First and most importantly, if your club is not adding new members, then your club is dying. New members are needed to bring new ideas to a club, to assist existing members with service projects and fundraising, and to add new energy to a club. It is VERY IMPORTANT for every club to grow. We have just four months remaining in this program year. **So, for your club, Get Going!**

Second, on a very personal level, I have devoted a lot of my time, resources and energy over the last eight months serving as your District 12-N Governor. I would really like to end my term of office with a positive membership growth for our District and we are now so very close. **So, for me, Please Get Going, Just Ask People and Do Your Best to Add New Members to Your Club!**

Third, as you know, Past International Director Bob Corlew from Tennessee is campaigning to become our Second Vice-International President at the Lions Clubs International Convention in Toronto in July. It is very important for his home state to produce positive membership growth this year. District 12-N needs to contribute to this effort by growing our membership. **So, for Bob, Get Tough, Get Going and Get Growing!**

I am calling on all Lions in District 12-N to become part of this effort during the next four months. I have also mailed a special membership challenge to all club presidents with a very specific goal and with some very specific strategies identified. Please support your president and assist him/her in accomplishing this challenge. **Remember - When the Going Gets Tough, the Tough Get Going!**

District Governor Mike

Mobile Vision Lab Update!



On January 22, 2014, the Mobile Vision Lab had its first mission at the Fountain City Lions Club clubhouse. The Lions served 51 people and had to only order 15 pairs of glasses. WBIR-TV Channel 10 was there to film the event that aired the same day. Their article can be located here: <http://northknox.wbir.com/news/news/635382-new-vision-van-helps-lions-club-provide-glasses>

Another event was held February 19, 2014 at the Fountain City Lions Club location. More information regarding people serviced at this event will be in an upcoming issue of the *News and Views*, as well as upcoming mission locations and other information... Stay tuned!

Please send your News & Views submissions to:
newsandviews12n@yahoo.com

Leader Dogs Summer Experience—Live Independently

If you know a blind visually impaired youth who is 16 and 17 you may want to urge him/her to apply for Leader Dogs Summer Experience, a free, one-week camp experience for 16 and 17 year olds that is all about fun, learning new things, challenging him/herself and making new friends.. This year's Summer Experience will be June 20-27, 2014. The application is available at leaderdog.org. In addition

- This service is provided at no cost to participants including air travel (certain travel expenses not covered).
- 1:3 instructors to student ratio to ensure a personalized experience for all participants (maximum of 20 participants).
- Participants have their own room with bathroom, TV and mini-fridge.

But most importantly... it's one week of strengthening the campers' independence in new ways. To the campers Leader Dog says this about the experience:

- **"Be yourself.** This is a place to be physically active, learn new skills, share experiences and hang out with new friends in a community designed just for you.
- **Try something new.** You'll be outdoors, climbing rock walls, kayaking, riding a tandem bicycle—we'll literally have you swinging on ropes.
- **Enhance your skills.** Not only will you have the chance to live and work with a Leader Dog, we'll give you a new Kaptan PLUS GPS device and teach you how to use it. When you leave here, your Kaptan PLUS goes with you so you can practice your new travel skills at home.
- **Develop your leadership ability.** Learn how having a can-do attitude, learning about others and focusing on having fun can make you a great leader."

Submitted by Elaine and John Berkheiser, MD-12 Leader Dog Coordinators

DISTRICT 12N EVENTS CALENDAR

April 2014

- April 4 (8 p.m. EST) – Free LCI Webinar Is it Your Dream to Become a District Governor?
- April 9 (1 p.m. EST) – Free LCI Webinar Is it Your Dream to Become a District Governor?
- April 12 – District 12-N Eyeglass Recycling Work Day, Roanoke, VA
- April 24-27 – Multiple District 12 (Tennessee) Lions Convention, Memphis, TN
- April 24. East Tennessee Lions Eye Bank annual meeting

To access up-to-date District 12N events, and additional details for above events, go to:

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

DG Mike and Lion Jayne at Tennessee School for the Blind's Lion's Day



Spring 2014 District 12N Work Day Eyeglass Recycling Center

The Spring 2014 District 12N work day at the Virginia Lions Sight Foundation Recycling Center in Roanoke has been scheduled for April 12, 2014. We'll meet at the center around 8:30 to sort, read, and package glasses for distribution. We'll have lunch together, and wrap up to head back home around 3pm.

The 12N Lions are the stars of the Center: we get more done and do a better job than any of the other groups up there. Let's have a great turnout, and show the true Volunteer spirit of 12N Lions. NOTE: This is not the same date that is published in the District directory.

Harry Ennis
District 12N Eyeglass Recycling Chair



Past District Governor Carl McDaniel of the Halls Community Lions Club receives his 50-year service pin from District Governor Mike McDonough. Congratulations, Lion Carl, and thank you for your 50 years of dedicated service!

More Photos in the Next Issue!

District Convention Photos—February 21-22, 2014



Lions Volunteer Blind Industries Executive Director Lion Don Britton during a tour of LVBI with Lion Cindy and International Director Steve Glass.



District Tail Twister Stan Pickle (Campbell County Lions Club) is relieved after being freed from jail by defense attorney Lion Brandon Johnson (ETSU Lions Club) at the District Convention. Lion Stan had been arrested by police officer William Bailey for extortion.



Left - Jerry Isaacs and David West entertaining Friday night. Center - Fausto Crapiz and Mike Searcy entertaining during Saturday lunch. Right - Lions Ashley Gibbs from the ETSU Lions Club providing a history of Bluegrass music in East Tennessee and entertaining during Saturday's business meeting.



Clockwise beginning above:

- Haylynn Willis
- District Governor Mike McDonough
- Past International Director, and Candidate for International 2nd Vice President, Bob Corlew
- Tennessee School for the Blind student Brittany Wolf with DG Mike McDonough
- LVBI employee Lion Mark Sheridan with Executive Director Lion Don Britton



Special Recognitions

The following Lions, Clubs and Individuals were honored during our recent District Convention:

International President's Certificate of Appreciation – Lion Lon McNeil of the Fountain City Lions Club and C.B. Willis of the Johnson City Lions Club received this special award for their many years of dedicated service.

International President's Dream Team Award for Second Quarter – District 12-N earned this award for new club establishment, membership growth and membership retention. DG Mike McDonough, 1stVDG Ed Gibbons, 2ndVDG Fletcher Stephens, DMT Chair PDG Dave Crawford and GLT Chair PDG Wendy Cain all accepted special dream team pins.

Lions Clubs International Club Excellence Award – Clinton Lions Club received this award for meeting all criteria. PDG John Kelsey and PDG Neal Vaughan accepted the club award.

Lions Clubs International Leo Chair Achievement Award – Lion Brandon Johnson of the ETSU Lions Club received this award for his work last year on planning and conducting the first successful Tennessee State Leo Conference.

District Governor's Certificate of Appreciation – Lion Don Britton of the Morristown Cherokee Lions Club received this award for his 42 years of dedicated service at Lions Volunteer Blind Industries.

Peace Poster Contest Winners – Shulin Liu of the Campbell County Lions Club placed first, Elizabeth Bolton of the Campbell County Lions Club placed second and Graycie Murphy of the Norris Lions Club placed third.

Environmental Photo Contest Winner – Thomas Nitz of the Farragut Lions Club placed first.

Guiding Lion Certification – Lion Erica Briest of the ETSU Lions Club, Lion Ed Gibbons of the Johnson City Lions Club, Lion Jayne Raparelli of the Campbell County Lions Club and Lion Brandon Johnson of the ETSU Lions Club received their certifications as Guiding Lions.

Blue Star Award for Membership Growth – The Farragut Lions Club, Campbell County Lions Club, ETSU Lions Club, Halls Community Lions Club and Jellico Area Lions Club received this award.

Green Star Award for Increasing Charities Donations – The Farragut Lions Club, Campbell County Lions Club, ETSU Lions Club, Inskip Lions Club, Dandridge Lions Club, Kingsport Lions Club, Clinton Lions Club, Loudon Lions Club, Harriman Lions Club, Greeneville Lions Club, Newport Lions Club, Sevierville Lions Club and South Knox Lions Club received this award.

Gold Star Award for Leadership Development – The Farragut Lions Club, Campbell County Lions Club, ETSU Lions Club, Halls Community Lions Club, Inskip Lions Club, Dandridge Lions Club, Kingsport Lions Club, Johnson City Lions Club and West Knox Lions Club received this award.
