



District 12-N News & Views

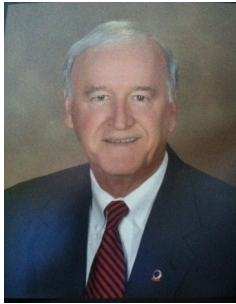
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District 12-N, East Tennessee (USA)

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Lions of 12-N,

Wow! What a great 12-N District Convention we had in Johnson City! With apologies to the other District Governors, it was the best one yet! The Carnegie Hotel accommodations were great and the food was excellent. Thanks again to the East Tennessee Lions Eye Bank for the Friday night meal. Special thanks to our speaker, Past International President Jim Ervin. It was an honor having PIP Ervin at our convention and we appreciate the excellent job he did with his enlightening presentation. It was also great to have Past International President Austin Jennings in attendance. We appreciate his encouraging response to our speaker's remarks. Everyone enjoyed our entertainment Friday evening with our own ETSU Lion Ashley Griggs as well as the barbershop quartet Mellow Fellows.

Even though the snow we had Saturday morning made it impossible for a few Lions to return for the Saturday meeting, our attendance was still good. During the Saturday meeting the District 12N Charities elected new officers and approved their budget as well as collecting checks for the District Charities projects. District 12N elected 1VDG Fletcher Stephens as DGE (Yea) and 2VDG Paulette Bailey as 1VDGE and Lion Adam Bowling from the Kingsport Lions Club as 2VDGE. I am so proud of these Lions for stepping up to lead the District. We are so fortunate to have this excellent leadership for the next three years. The East Tennessee Lions Eye Bank elected their officers after the Friday evening meal. Considering all the inclement weather, District 12N had a successful convention.

As you know, one of the three goals I have for your club is a plus one (or more) in growth. As I look on the LCI membership page, I see congratulations go to the following Lions clubs that have shown a positive growth. They are: Bulls Gap, Clinton, Dandridge, ETSU, Fountain City, Inskip, Karns, Knox Tri-County, Loudon, Morristown and Norris. Of these clubs LCI shows Dandridge leading with 5 plus members and ETSU and Norris with 4 plus members. If you have new members, please have your secretaries report these to LCI so we can get your club in the plus category.

International President Joe Preston's Centennial Service Challenge goal was to help 100 million people worldwide in a service project. Within the first six months this Lions challenge helped 20 million people worldwide. It looks like we are on our way to making his goal. If your club is interested in helping and reporting your service activities, you can find more information at Lions100.org. Start

planning your centennial service project today.

Mark your calendar for the Lions Multi-District State convention May 8-10, 2015 in Clarksville, Tennessee. Our International President, Joe Preston will be our guest. We certainly need a lot of Tennessee Lions in attendance to show our support for him. In addition, Tennessee's own 2nd Intl. VP, Bob Corlew, will be attending and we certainly want to support him. There is a registration form at the end of this newsletter -- so get signed up. I sure would like to see a lot of 12N Lions there.

Thank you for your service as a member of the largest service organization in the world, with over 1.35 million members and 46,000 clubs in 210 countries. Where there's a need, there's a Lion. Remember to Start One, Ask One, and Keep One!

In Lionism,

District Governor Ed Gibbons



District Governor Ed Gibbons congratulates next year's District Officers as they prepare to take office in July.



District Governor Elect, Fletcher Stephens accepting his new office.



1st Vice District Governor Elect, Paulette Bailey accepting her new office.



2nd Vice District Governor Elect, Adam Bowling accepting his new office.



Have you ever wondered what happens to the used eyeglasses you collect for Lions?

You may know that they get shipped off to the recycling center in Roanoke VA, but then what happens? Here is your chance to get first hand

knowledge of what happens to them. Harry Ennis, Eyeglass Recycling Chair, has announced that the next work day for Lions of District 12-N is April 11 in Roanoke, VA at the Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center, 501 Elm Ave. NW, Roanoke, VA. Lions work sorting, measuring, and packing from about 8:30 AM to around 2:30 PM with lunch provided. It is a fun day. You learn a lot. And you come away with a feeling that you made a difference for somebody you will never meet but who will be able to see again because of your efforts.

For more information, Harry Ennis can be contacted at (423)239-7681.

District Governor's Club Visitation Schedule

March 5 th	Powell Lions Club
March 19 th	Norris Lions Club
April 6 th	Coalfield Lions Club
April 16 th	White Pine Lions Club

Club Anniversaries

Greenville Lions Club - 75 years, Celebration May 7 more info to follow

Clinton Lions Club - 70 years, Celebration August 1 at the Museum of Appalachia

Loudon Lions Club - 80 years, Celebration November 19 at Loudon High School

Election Time for East Tennessee Lions Clubs

By now your Lions Club should have identified the "Slate of Officers" for next Lions year and will shortly be voting to elect them into office. Here are 2 reminders;

1. Report new Club Officers to LCI using MyLCI, "Officers", select term, "next year" or paper PU101 by April 15
2. Be sure new Club Officers attend one of several "New Officer Training" sessions.

GROWING OUR LIONS FAMILY



New members are the lifeblood of our Lions clubs. Attracting men and women who are vital, capable, enthusiastic and committed is the key to our future. They can bring new ideas and a fresh direction going forward. We need to invite family, friends and community members with like minds to join our clubs. Being part of a family unit increases quality family time plus a family unit gets a discount on dues. Inviting younger adults can bring new energy and diverse skills into the club and ensure its existence for years to

come. Baby boomers generally have the time and resources to make a significant contribution to lion's activities. Students and Leos are the young leaders of our future bringing new energy, inspiring fresh ideas for service and providing increased support for local and international projects. Finally, tapping into our Veterans who want to give back and have a lot to offer with the ability to turn plans into action, provide practical and leadership skills and that have a strong sense of dedication and commitment with a real sense of understanding team work.

All Lions have some measure of time, talent and treasure. The abilities vary depending on the individual. It is not what we have to offer but how we put it to use to benefit our club and communities.

Lions treat strangers like friends and friends like family. With all that we do to help those in our communities who have sight problems, health issues, hunger or other needs, we treat strangers like friends. One of the best things about being a Lion is knowing you belong to a worldwide family. A family of those we've helped and of those who help as volunteers.

If we could take time to share this feeling of belonging and achievement with those around us and ASK them to come join us, all of our clubs would have enough members to take on the largest challenges we could imagine! JUST ASK 1.

Yours in Lionism,

Paulette Bailey

97th Annual Tennessee Lions State Convention
Registration/Ticket Form
May 8-10, 2015
Riverview Inn
Clarksville, TN

Name 1 _____
Check one: Lion Lioness Leo Guest Club _____/Delegate _____
Name 2 _____
Check one: Lion Lioness Leo Guest Club _____/Delegate _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____
Zip _____
Telephone (____) _____ E-mail _____

Registration for All Attendees: # ____ @\$10.00 = \$ _____
Friday Night Dinner # ____ @\$24.00 = \$ _____
Saturday Lunch # ____ @\$18.00 = \$ _____
Tennessee Lions Banquet Saturday Night # ____ @\$30.00 = \$ _____

Hospitality Book (Includes all of the above) # ____ @\$80.00 = \$ _____
Golf Tournament Friday 9:20 a.m. (does not include lunch) # ____ @30.00 = \$ _____
Total: \$ _____

Please specify any special needs _____

Room reservations at Riverview Inn may be made by calling (931)552-3331. Please tell them that you want a reservation with the Lions Club State Convention. Room rate is \$84.00 per night, plus tax. (includes free Wi-Fi and free breakfast) Room reservations must be made by April 8, 2015. MAIL REGISTRATION FORMS AND CHECK OR MONEY ORDER MADE PAYABLE TO LIONS STATE CONVENTION 2015.
To: Patsy Milom 1125 Leo Baker Rd.—Ashland City, TN 37015 (615) 307-3679
The PDG meeting will be Sunday morning, May 10th, at 9:00 AM. Breakfast is included with room rate, therefore no charge. Meeting will be in the Montgomery Room.
First Business Session at 2:00 p.m. Friday

Proposed Change to MD-12 Constitution & By-Laws to be voted on at 2015 State Convention

Resolution I Constitution change, (2/3 majority vote)

Add the words *current* or to first sentence to read:

ARTICLE VI

Officers and Council of governors

Section 1. **COMPOSITION.** There shall be a Council of Governors, also referred to as the "State Council" or "Council", composed of all the district governors in the Multiple District and shall also include one *current* or past district governor who shall serve as council chairperson. The officers of this multiple district shall be the members of the Council of Governors. Each member of the Council of Governors, including the council chairperson, shall have one (1) vote on each question requiring action of the council of governors. The council chairperson shall serve for a one-year term only and cannot serve in that capacity again. The council chairperson shall be one member of the Immediate Past District Governors selected by the District Governors no later than 30 days after they are officially installed.

Resolution II By-Laws change, (simple majority vote)

Delete current MD-12 BY-LAWS, ARTICLE III, Section 2 and replace with following:

MD-12 BY-LAWS

ARTICLE III

Duties of Multiple District Council of Governors

Section 2. **MULTIPLE DISTRICT COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON.** The multiple district council chairperson shall be the administrative facilitator of the multiple district. All actions are subject to the authority, direction and supervision of the multiple district Council of Governors. In cooperation with the Council of Governors, the council Chairperson shall,

- Further the Purposes of this association;
- Assist in communicating information regarding international and multiple district policies, programs and events;
- Document and make available the goals and long range plans for the multiple district as established by the Council of Governors;
- Convene meetings and facilitate discussion during council meetings;
- Facilitate the operations of the multiple district convention;
- Support efforts initiated by the International Board of Directors or the Council of Governors that are intended to create and foster harmony and unity among district governors;
- Submit reports and perform such duties as may be required by the multiple district constitution and by-laws;
- Perform such other administrative duties as may be assigned by the multiple district council of governors; and
- Facilitate, at the close of his/her term of office, the timely presentation of all multiple district accounts, funds, and records to his/her successor in office.

JUSTIFICATION

These changes bring these 2 sections in compliance with latest version of LCI Standard form Multiple District Constitution & By - Laws as stated in LCI Board Policy Manual.

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DISTRICT 12N EVENTS CALENDAR

April 11, 2015, Eyeglass recycle work day for District 12-N at Roanoke, VA

May 8 - 10, 2015, Tennessee State, MD-12 Convention at the Riverview Inn, Clarksville, TN

June 26-30, 2015, 98th Lions Clubs International Convention, Honolulu, Hawaii

Sept. 17-19, 2015, Grand Rapids, MI, USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum,

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

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newsandviews12n@yahoo.com

District 12N Welcomes New Lions!!

Lion JOSEPH D CLINTON, Campbell County Lions Club

Lion ALAN WILSON, ETSU Lions Club

Lion WILLIAM FUGATE, Powell Lions Club

Lion PAM MAYO, Rogersville Lions Club

Lion TIMOTHY HILLIKER, West Knox Lions Club



Just imagine if every Lion,
1.36 Million, asked one person to join their club.....

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