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District 12-N Dates to Remember 2018

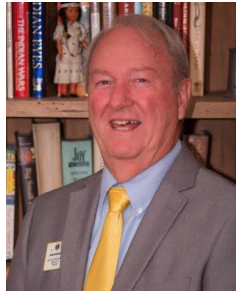
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April 14, 2018

MD-12 TN State Convention
Embassy Suites
Murfreesboro, TN
May 4 & 5, 2018

**Summer Cabinet Meeting
(#4)**
Embassy Suites
Murfreesboro, TN
May 5, 2018

Lions 101st Int'l Convention
MGM Grand
Las Vegas, NV
June 29-July 3, 2018

DG Adam's Post



Once again District 12-N held its Convention in February. Our Convention was a success by many standards but outstanding were our Keynote Speaker, International Director N. Alan Lundgren; the Kingsport Lions' LCIF Donation project "Tiny Houses for Sale"; the presentation regarding Childhood Cancers given by Dr. Abigail Cruz of our local St. Jude's Clinic (affiliated with Niswonger Childrens Hospital in Johnson City); and the Diabetes presentation by PDG Chuck Bailey. The Convention

Team, under direction of the very talented PDG Diane Wilkerson, thanks each of you who attended and those who gave their time and financial resources to make the Convention such a success. Again, Carol and I wish to thank you for your kindness and service to 12-N and to Tennessee MD-12 Lions.

I would like for us in 12-N to take time to congratulate our newly-elected 2018-2019 district officers: 2nd VDGE Millie Burke, 1st VDGE Carol McDonald, and DGE Brandon Johnson. Please show them the respect and kindness that you have shown to Carol and me and to our Cabinet. Thank you.

However, before we forget, we still have four months to go in 2018 in which to accomplish several District and Multi-District goals. To remind us of those, I have listed below my continuing priorities:

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| 1. Membership (new Clubs) | 6. Implement "Global Teams" (GMT, GLT, GST) |
| 2. Membership (rebuild Clubs) | 7. Train new officers (Club & District) |
| 3. Membership (retention) | 8. Implement changes to District By-Laws |
| 4. LCIF 100% Club participation | 9. MD-12 Webmaster |
| 5. White Cane (hearing aids & 12-N raffle) | 10. MD-12 Treasurer training |

Regarding the Membership Growth goal of positive numbers, the following Clubs have honored us: Morristown Morris Boulevard (3), Karns (5), Elizabethton (5), West Knox (10), Knoxville East (20). Four of these Clubs were recognized in the Convention mid-year contest.

In addition, I do wish to commend the most recent successes regarding new membership in the Newport Lions Club and Tellico Village Lions Club. I also wish to recognize once again the four individuals to whom International Director Alan Lundgren presented with our International President's Certificates, our Association's 4th highest honor: *Lion Mike Walker* of West Knox Lions, *Lion Kim Osborne* of Sevier County Lions, *Lion Shirley Hughes* of Elizabethton Lions, and *Lion Cory Payne* of Powell Lions. These four "young Lions" have stepped up in leadership and service and exemplify the heart of Lionism.

Thanks for all you do for your communities and for your fellow Lions. Your service is important.

Adam Bowling
District Governor 12-N



Convention Wrap-Up

Ten Clubs submitted entries to the Convention's PR Board Contest - the District's effort to help Clubs with self-marketing. Clubs were asked to create a display board that will help them be more visible in their community. And what wonderful boards we saw! Winner was determined by \$1 votes. All Clubs kept all dollars in votes cast for them. The winning Club was Campbell County, with \$44! This very informative board was created by Sue Vernick.

Thank you, Campbell County Lions, for the magnificent treats in our Hospitality Room. Who knew that diabetic-friendly food could look and taste so good?

We appreciate Lion Carol Hellmund (Halls) for managing the Silent Auction. Great job, Carol!

Property for Sale! Three potters from the Lions Club of Kingsport, along with several potter friends, created 102 Truly Tiny Houses representing the 101 International Presidents of LCI - plus our founder, Melvin Jones. At the 12-N Convention, our "Realtors" collected \$2,950 in donations for LCIF for 72 of the handmade pottery houses. The selling prices ranged from \$20 to \$250. *What a fun way to raise money for our Lions Club International Foundation!* And what will we do with the 30 remaining tiny houses? We'll sell them as donations, of course! The purchaser gets a Quitclaim Deed, their tiny house, and full donation credit in their name to LCIF. For a list of properties remaining, please contact Lion Carol Bowling (carol.bowling@northlander.org). Thank you, wonderful volunteers!



To everyone who planned, tweaked, built, glazed, fired, printed, sold, kept records, made tree cookies, arranged, and more – thank you all

Notice of upcoming Constitution and Bylaws action at the MD-12 State Convention, May 4-5, 2018, Murfreesboro, TN

At the last International Convention in Chicago, delegates voted extensive changes to the Constitution and Bylaws ushering in the Global Action Initiative that involves the addition of a Global Service Team with redefined roles for the Global Membership Team, Global Leadership Team and LCIF Coordinators. These additions have been implemented in the Lions Clubs International Constitution and Bylaws and are flowed down to the Multi District, District and Club Constitutions and Bylaws.

Due to the extensive nature of the changes to the MD – 12 Constitution and Bylaws a draft of the Document is posted on the Lions Clubs of Tennessee Website at: www.lionssoftennessee.com/documents for your perusal prior to the MD – 12 State Convention during which time delegates will vote to adopt the massive changes.

CAROL CALLING!

ROAR LIONS!

This year is quickly coming to an end and it's been quite a year.

The time for White Cane fundraising is short. Your hard work, (and for some of us it is difficult to stand outside a business asking people to donate their hard-earned money), will be a blessing to so many people in ways we can only imagine. Thank you from me, and those we will not meet. If your club has not held your fundraiser yet I want to encourage you to go out there and show our Lions spirit. Let's finish strong.

4 out of 6 zones have held 1 to 3 zone meetings each. Thank you to those who have hosted a meeting and those who attended. We learn so much from each other when we get together to share our ideas. Some club, and I hope it's your club, will host 1 more meeting. I hope you will make it a point to attend.

P.S. White Cane raffle tickets will be available for sale soon. Be on the lookout for them.



Carol McDonald, 2nd VDG District 12-N

District Governor's Proposed Visit Schedule

White Pine	March 15	Johnson County	March 22
Rogersville	March 19	Morristown	March 26
Rutledge	March 20	Farragut	March 27
Knox North	March 21	West Knox	March 29



TIME TO VOTE

It's time for New Officer Elections for the 2018-2019 Lions Year. During March and April Lions Clubs are to elect the New Officers and have their Secretary post them on MyLCI. Prior to posting PLEASE make sure all of the Officers' contact information is current; especially phone numbers and emails. The information provided to LCI is the information that is used for the District 12N Directory.

In this regard, we will have four (4) regional training sessions for the New Officers during the mid-May to mid-June timeframe. Date/Time/Location info is as follows:

NEW OFFICER TRAINING

Saturday, May 12th – 10:00 – Noon - First Baptist Church of Lenoir City, 2085 Simpson Rd., E., Lenoir City

Thursday, May 17th – 6:30 – 8:30 PM – Watauga Insurance Offices, 201 W. Watauga Ave, Johnson City

Saturday, May 19th – 1:00 – 3:00 PM – Powell Presbyterian Church, 2910 Emory Rd., Powell

Saturday, June 2nd – 10:00 – Noon – First Baptist Church Seveville, 441 Broadway, Sevierville

CENTENNIAL PROJECTS – UPDATE

THERE'S STILL TIME to submit your Centennial Service Challenge and Legacy Projects! We have until June 2018 to report our service activities in the area of Vision, Hunger, Environment, Youth and Diabetes Awareness. And, **THERE'S STILL TIME** to submit your Centennial Legacy Project through the MyLCI reporting system. A big **THANK YOU** to all clubs that have participated in these projects so far!

MD12 Centennial Scrapbook – **THERE'S STILL TIME** to submit your club or individual scrapbook pages to be included in the MD12 Scrapbook to be presented to Past Int'l President Bob and Dianne Corlew at the State Convention in May. Scrapbook pages are due to Paulette Bailey by April 1st. We want to see your photos and hear your stories! You can contact Paulette at ladippee@gmail.com or 423/371-9738!



News from Leos Clubs

Maury Middle Leo Club, chartered by Dandridge Lions Club, contributes to community by raising funds to help others and by performing acts of public service. This year's club has 16 active members in grades 6 – 8. Typically they have anonymously provided coats, scarves, and gloves to children, holiday gifts and food baskets for families in need, and various items to students who have been affected by fire. The MMS Leos have made monetary donations to local and regional charities such as the Humane Society, Ronald McDonald House, and Make-a-Wish Foundation, and to MMS food pantry which helps feed families during the summer when the school meal program is not in operation. They help Dandridge Lions collect on White Cane Day and have visited seniors in Jefferson County Nursing Home,

toured LVBI in Morristown and hosted trainers and service dogs for visually impaired and other disabilities.

Two members of the Jefferson County High School Leos, sisters Rachel and Lauren Eccles, have recently conducted a multi-campus service project with the four campuses of Walters State and the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. They set up a dozen eyeglass collection boxes and arranged for multiple emails and social media postings to be sent to all faculty, staff, and students from December through March about the mission of Lions Club. Let's "Give It Up" for the Leos of 12-N!

Newport Lions Club is ALIVE!

2/27/18 Induction of Newport Lions Terri Hall, Lisa Herndon, Wendy Ball and Karen Hannah



News from Lions Volunteer Blind Industries

A change in political climate has increased the demand on Department of Defense items needed from our customer, the Defense Logistics Agency. Our military textile items are at the highest levels since 2011. We are currently producing items for the Army, Marine Corp, and Navy. With the current demand, we have jobs available. So if you know anyone who is visually impaired or blind who wants to work, contact our HR department 423-586-3922 ext. 117 tracey.johnson-webb@volblind.org.

Every April LVBI hosts the Board of Governors meeting at our facility in Morristown. Each club President and our current Board of Directors make up the Board of Governors. This year's meeting will be held on April 26th at 6:00, please RSVP to Michele Love at Michele.love@volblind.org. A meal will be served, please RSVP if you plan to attend so we can plan accordingly. At this meeting, FY 2019 Board of Directors will be voted on. If you cannot attend and would like to give your proxy to the current Chairman of the Board of Directors Keith McCord, please email Michele indicating such.

LVBI would like the opportunity to come and visit your club to give a more in-depth update to your members. Please email Michele and schedule a time for one of our employees to visit with your club. Thank you for the support of District 12-N and the support you provide our mission.

Trevor Southerland, CEO

Brandon's Share



WOW - what an honor it was to be elected to serve as your next District Governor! This is a position that I've been looking forward to for some time, and I am looking forward to trying to make some positive changes.

Candidly, I am tired of Lions constantly preaching about membership. It's a fact that we all know needs to be improved, and so the goals I want to push us to this next year will center around communication and publicity. So often one club may have little to know idea what is happening with the club in the next town over, and it's time we change that. Likewise, nearly every week I have someone ask what the Lions do. To be the largest humanitarian service organization in the world, we sure are a well kept secret! Lets change that. Lets start to share the great things that Lions are doing throughout our association.

My recent District travels took me to the West Knox Pancake breakfast and I was incredibly impressed! They hosted the breakfast at "Bravo! Cucina Italiana", and my sources tell me they raised over \$2,000. I'm looking forward to joining the West Knox club at their upcoming 50th anniversary, and then seeing them again in June for their golf tournament.

I also attended the Fountain City Lions Club's annual chili supper. The place was packed! I was very impressed by how they incorporated a Girl Scout Troop and the local football team to help them at the event. Exposing the youth to what Lions do is key, and many hands always make light work!

We have some incredibly exciting things planned for this next year. VDGs Carol and Millie are already joining me on weekly planning sessions to execute goals. Your support, and help, is key in advancing our association. Thank you for all that you do!

In Lionism,

-DGE Brandon



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Special Dietary needs: Vegetarian, Gluten Free, Diabetic (circle all that apply)

Registration forms must be received by April 20, 2018

Make Payment to Lions MD-12 State Convention and mail to:

PCC Richard Kulp, Registration Chair

208 Winding Way Lane, Normandy, TN 37360

Cell #(931) 571-1278 (Home) #(931) 563-7576 email: rkulp@charter.net

There will be a golf tournament Friday morning at the Old Fort Golf Course. Tee off time is 8:30. Contact PDG Tom Irwin at (615) 683-7363 or email tomwin327@dtccom.net for details.

There will also be a hospitality room beginning on Thursday evening for early check in for the golf tournament.

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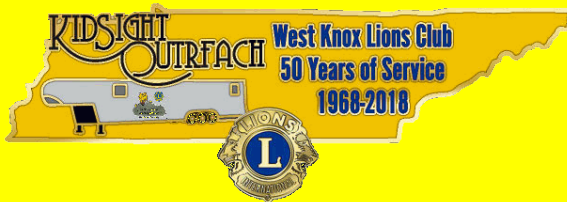
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West Knox Lions Celebrate 50 Years

The West Knox Lions are celebrating their 50th anniversary on March 23rd at the Holiday Inn on Cedar Bluff Road in Knoxville at 6:30pm. Their special guest speaker will be Lion Dianne Corlew, the wife of Past International President and Chairman of the Lions Clubs International Foundation, Bob Corlew. Cost is \$30.00 per person. The club has created a nifty fifty year pin for the occasion. Contact Lion Ron Riehn at ron.riehn@gmail.com or (865) 690-2557 or go online to knoxvillewestknoxlionsclub.org and www.facebook.com/WestKnoxLionsClub/



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