

# District 12-N NEWS & VIEWS

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## District 12-N Dates to Remember 2017-2018

District 12-N Cabinet Organizational Meeting/Training  
Lions Volunteer Blind Industries (LVBI)  
Morristown, TN  
July 15, 2017

MD-12 Regional Lions Learning Institute  
Tennessee School for the Blind  
Nashville, TN  
July 14 & 15, 2017

USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum Meeting/Training  
Portland Convention Center  
Portland, OR  
September 20-24, 2017

District 12-N Eyeglasses Recycling Day  
Lions Eye Bank  
Roanoke, VA  
October (TBA), 2017

District 12-N Information Fall Forum Meeting/ Training  
Walters State Community College  
Morristown, TN  
October 21, 2017

## DG Paulette's Post



PHEW – where did the year go!?! THANK YOU District 12N Lions for your support and your encouragement throughout the year. THANKS for your hospitality and courtesies during my club visits, supporting our membership drives, our service and legacy projects and our cabinet meetings and seminar events.

We are ending the year strong with the chartering of TWO NEW CLUBS: Sevier County Lions Club and the Knoxville East Lions Club. Thanks to the teams that worked so hard canvassing and putting these clubs together - It truly is a team effort! A special thanks to PDGs Ed Gibbons, Diane Wilkerson, Chuck Bailey, Dave Crawford and Jim McFarland as well as others who were volunteers during the recruiting process and thanks to our Guiding Lions who will be mentoring the clubs moving forward.

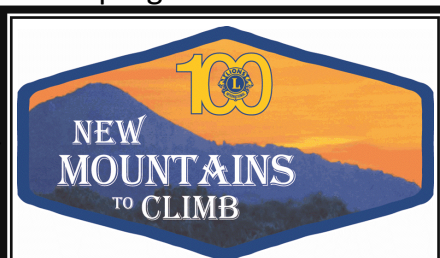
It was such an honor to have Int'l President Bob and Lady Dianne Corlew with us at the recent MD12 State Convention in Pigeon Forge. The clubs across the state were well represented and we enjoyed marching in the Dolly Parton Homecoming Parade albeit a little wet!

I was also proud to represent Int'l. President Bob Corlew at the recent Karns All-Inclusive Playground speaking on behalf of LCI and our grant partner, Anthem-Amerigroup and their healthy heroes program.

I am humbled and honored to have served as your District Governor this year and I wish you all the very best in your lives and service in Lionism. Let's finish the 2016-2017 Lions year stronger than ever!

With Warmest Regards,

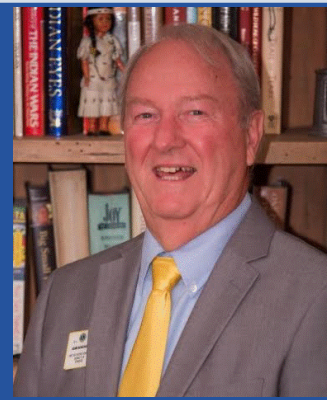
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# Adam's Archive



Adam's Post – May 2017

Greetings, fellow Lions! A new fiscal year is about to begin and Lions Club International will be celebrating its 100-year birthday. Hope to see many of you at the Convention enjoying Chicago and the many Lion activities (especially the parade).

After the Convention and the return home to TN, we in District 12-N will hold our First Cabinet Meeting get-together at LVBI in Morristown at 8:30 AM on July 15, 2017. We had hoped to return to Walters State for this, but due to summer break, their thermostats will be turned up to save on energy costs. We felt this would be detrimental to our morning organization meeting and afternoon training sessions. We will, however, return to Walters State for our Fall Forum in October and our Second Cabinet Meeting in November.

I would like to share with you some of our District objectives that you will hear about at our First Cabinet Meeting. As you know our membership numbers are down for the District even though we added two new clubs this past year. This points out that while adding new clubs is healthy, to stop the trend of smaller numbers we need to focus on retention even while adding new clubs and members. We will be, more than ever, focusing on identifying leaders and providing training for them. We especially need “Guiding Lions” to assist with new clubs and to help with clubs having problems.

To accomplish our growth objectives, we have doubled our resources at the District and Multiple District (State) levels. We now have *two* GMT and two GLT positions (Global Membership Team and Global Leadership Team) versus our normal *one* of each position at both District and State. This action will make getting help for your club and answers to your questions quicker and easier. We need your club's help to accomplish our net growth targets. “JUST ASK” is alive and well and we intend to see that it stays that way. Please ASK for help if your numbers aren't growing.

Governor Paulette, thanks for a good year and all that you have done for our District!

Adam Bowling, DGE, 12-N

May 23, 2017

## Karns All-Inclusive Playground Dedication

6618 Beaver Ridge Rd, Knoxville

The Karns Lions Club has built the only All Inclusive Playground in Knox County that will be for children with and without special needs. It is 13,000 sq. ft with artificial turf and will be able to serve 200-300 kids and there is another 8,000 sq ft turf area for free play. The equipment is built so handicap children have easy access and can be used by all. There is also a 20'x20' playhouse with musical instruments and murals on the walls. There is a musical garden with seven instruments that was donated by East TN Lions Eye Bank. There are four shades over the playground and a 20'x40' covered pavilion with picnic tables and two handicap bathrooms. Come see the pavers that Lions clubs and members have donated. The playground is open dawn to dusk 7 days a week – come enjoy!



## Pass the Plate for Healthy Eating, Get Painted into Chicago History!

Unable to attend the convention in Chicago, but still want to join in the celebration? Enter the Pass the Plate social media photo contest! Post photos on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram of Lions and Leos feeding the hungry, serving healthy food, planting community gardens and more with the hashtag #LionsPassThePlate. The winning image will be painted into a graffiti mural in Chicago during the centennial celebration at this year's convention!

## *Campaign to Elect Judge Haynes Townsend*



Dear Lions:

It is great to be a Lion!! ... and the Lions of Georgia are excited to have our own PID Judge Haynes Townsend running for 3<sup>rd</sup> International Vice President. To show our support for PID Haynes, we have created a campaign T-shirt. We will proudly be wearing these shirts at the International Convention in Chicago. We hope to use these shirts for the next couple of years as PID Haynes progresses to International President. As PID Haynes and Lion Donna have traveled, many of you have asked what you can do to help. Because of your support, we wanted to give Lions in other states an opportunity to order a T-shirt.

There is a T-shirt order form included. It would be great if all members of a club would submit their orders on one order form. This will be helpful for delivery of the shirts or if we have questions. The cost of T-shirts (S, M, L, and XL) is \$10. The cost of T-shirts 2X and 3X is \$14. All checks should be made payable to "Lions of Georgia" and mailed to PCC Grace Clower at the address shown on the order form. **Orders need to be placed ASAP so we can get the shirts ordered and delivered.**

Thank you for your support of PID Haynes' campaign. If you have any questions, please contact PID Kembra Smith or me. "We Serve"

Yours in Service,

PID Kembra Smith, Campaign Coordinator  
Phone: 404-593-2710 Email: Kembra@gmail.com



# State Convention! Photos



**Fridays Parade—Dolly Parton**



**Parade Banner**



**Parade Marchers**



DG Paulette giving DGE Adam Bowling a jar of marble s



Secretary Carol Bowling crazy pen and Krazy Glue



**12N Lion of the Decade – Dr. Paul Wittke**



**Council of Governors**



Inducting George Swisher of new Sevier County Lions Club



**Charter Appl signing – Knoxville East Lions**



**Presidential Medal**



**Presidential Recognition Medal**



**FDI Award Brandon Johnson (right)**



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**Int. Pres. Bob Corlew & Wife Dianne**



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## Induct New Members on June 7, 2017!

On June 7, 1917, Lions Clubs International was born. There are many ways for your club to celebrate this historic day! Induct new members during a special Lions birthday ceremony. Organize a hands-on service activity with friends, family and community leaders. Plan a ribbon-cutting ceremony for your Lions Legacy project. Or, record a short video of your club singing "Happy Birthday" and post on Instagram with the hashtag [#Lions100bday](#). This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to celebrate Lions' 100 years of humanitarian service! Find more ways to celebrate at [Lions100.org](http://Lions100.org).

## Start Planning Your Final Centennial Year Today

We're celebrating Lions Clubs' Centennial through June 30, 2018, so your club has one more year to serve in honor of this historic milestone. Make a difference by planning now to participate in all of the [Centennial Service Challenge](#) Campaigns and by implementing a [Legacy Project](#) that will make your club visible in your community for years to come. The best part is that you get to decide when to serve and which projects are right for your club and your community. Get started today!

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