



District 12-N News & Views

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Great News!

Great News: We are doing well with our membership. At the recent State Convention, it was announced that every District in Tennessee has added a new club and has positive membership growth for the

year! District 12-N added the ETSU Campus Club and was at +2 membership growth on April 26. Clubs need to meet my most recent membership challenge to ensure that we finish the year with positive growth. If your club has inducted new members this year, please make certain they are in the Lions Clubs International (LCI) System.

Great News: We are very close to meeting our White Cane Goal for the year. Our White Cane Goal for this year was \$44,000 and we have now received \$42,000. We are just \$2,000 short of reaching our goal. Clubs need to send in their White Cane donation for the year. A number of clubs have not contributed to White Cane this year. If your club has not yet made a donation, please discuss this at your next meeting and take appropriate action. We can do this.

Great News: We now have our leadership in place for the next three years. Lion Ed Gibbons from the Johnson City Lions Club will serve as our District Governor next year. Lion Fletcher Stephens from the Farragut Lions Club will serve as our First Vice-District Governor. And Lion Paulette Bailey from the Loudon Lions Club will serve as our Second Vice-District Governor. Past District Governor (PDG) Wendy Cain from the Oak Ridge Lions Club will serve as our Global Leadership Team Chair, and PDG Dave Crawford from the Farragut Lions Club will serve as our District Membership Team Chair for the next three years.

Great News: Many individuals from District 12-N have recently been honored. At the State Convention, Lion Don Britton received the LCI Presidential Medal for his 42 years of service at Lions Volunteer Blind Industries (LBVI), and received the LCI Presidential Certificate of Appreciation for his many years of service with the Morristown Cherokee Lions Club. PDG Dean Harshbarger and Lion Nellie Harshbarger with the Norris Lions Club received the LCI Presidential Certificate of Appreciation for their three years of service as Guiding Lions for the Jellico Area Lions Club. Lion Nellie Harshbarger was honored as District 12-N Lion of the Decade and also as the Tennessee Lion of the Decade. Lion Brandon Johnson with the ETSU Campus Club was honored as the District 12-N Lion of the Year.

Three Lions were recently honored at their clubs with Melvin Jones Fellowship Awards. They are Lion Carolyn Broyles with the Greenville Lions Club, Lion Moe

Greenwood with the Knoxville Tri-County Lions Club and Lion Fletcher Stephens with the Farragut Lions Club.

Also, PDG Bill McDonald with the Campbell County Lions Club was elected by state convention voters to serve on the Tennessee Lions Charities Board of Directors for a three-year term of office.

When the going gets tough, the tough get going. I am proud that this news shows that a lot of Lions in District 12-N have gotten tough and have gotten going this year. Thanks for all of your efforts.
— DG MIKE

Club Officer Training Scheduled!

Your Lions Club officers for 2014-2015 should be elected and information submitted to Lions Clubs International.

All incoming club officers are encouraged to attend, to keep up with the requirements of their positions and discuss lessons learned and best practices with others.

- **Thursday, June 26, 2014, at Powell Presbyterian Church** (2910 West Emory Road in Powell).
- **Monday, June 30, 2014 at Lions Volunteer Blind Industries** (758 West Morris Boulevard in Morristown).

We will gather at 6:30 and start promptly at 7:00 p.m. Dinner will not be served, but light refreshments will be provided.

Please notify PDG Wendy Cain at Lion.Wendy@att.net that you plan to attend. We look forward to seeing you there!

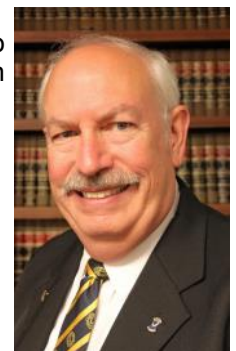
Support PID Bob Corlew's Campaign for International 2nd Vice President!

The Lions of Tennessee are looking forward to the International Convention in Toronto, as PID Bob Corlew is the endorsed candidate for 2nd Vice President! Here's how you can help be a part of this special time:

- **Go to the convention!** Be a registered delegate for you club so you can vote for PID Bob! We can also use your help with campaign activities
- **Make a donation** to help defray campaign costs.
- **Follow PID Bob on Facebook!**

Visit Lion Bob's campaign web site for more information:

<http://lionbobcorlew.org/>



District 12N Welcomes New Lions!!

Norris Lions Club



The Norris Lions Club has a new Lion, Robert Ulino. Left to right: sponsor Lion Mike Doud, Robert Ulino, District Governor Mike McDonough and Club President Roy Langhold. Welcome to Lionism, Robert!

Campbell County Lions Club



Campbell County Lions Club welcomes new Lion Trever Byrd with his sponsor, Lion Brittany Byrd, Club President Stan Pickle and District Governor Mike McDonough. Welcome to our Lions Family, Trever!

ETSU Lion Brandon Johnson wins District 12N Lion of the Year Award!



DGE Ed Gibbons awarding the District 12N Lion of the Year plaque to Lion Brandon Johnson of the ETSU Lions Club.

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

Lion of the Decade Nellie Harshbarger!

Nellie Harshbarger of the Norris Lions Club, received the District 12-N and the State Lion of the Decade award! The awards were announced at the April 26 State Convention in Memphis. Nellie is pictured here receiving the District Lion of the Decade plaque from District Governor Mike McDonough. Congratulations, Lion Nellie!!



Nellie & Dean Harshbarger receive International President's Certificate

Past Council Chair Dean Harshbarger and Lion Nellie Harshbarger of the Norris Lions Club receive the Lions Clubs International President's Certificate of Appreciation for their three years of service as Guiding Lions for the Jellico Area Lions Club. Congratulations, Lions Dean and Nellie!



Johnson City Club Auctions a Valuable Ring

Fellow Lions,

As anyone involved in eyeglass recycling can tell you, we find just about everything in our collection boxes. It finally came time to give a small collection of costume jewelry and inexpensive watches to the Salvation Army, but first, just to make sure, I took it all to my cousin the gemologist to check out – and got a surprise.

One of the rings turned out to be chrome-cobalt. Although not a precious metal, it is very popular for its wear and corrosion resistance, non-allergenic properties, and silver-blue color.

We checked a catalog and found a number of similar rings, all of which had a suggested retail price well over \$400. Here is a picture:

As you can see, it's in very good but not new condition.

It's a Size 8, and we're told it can't be re-sized.

The Johnson City club will conduct a silent auction for it, with all proceeds going to the Eyeglass Recycling Program.

The rules may be found at

<http://johnsoncity.tnlions.org/silent-auction-for-chrome-cobalt-ring/>

Bidding starts at \$100. For further information, contact us at kdg@accmachprod.com

Thanks, and good luck!



East Tennessee (District 12N) Lions Clubs Day With The Lions, Walk For Sight

**Saturday, June 7, 2014
Karns Lions Club Community Pool**

The East Tennessee Lions Clubs are presenting *A Day With The Lions, Walk For Sight Walkathon* on Saturday June 7, at the Karns Lions Club Community Pool.

Registration for the Walkathon starts at 9am and is \$25.00 per entrant. Each entrant will receive four individual day passes for the Pool. Also, *A Day with the Lions* will include a Motorcycle Run, A Car Show, Health Fair, Kid Games, and food vendors.

This is the principal annual fundraiser for the East Tennessee Lions many charities. These charities include Leader Dogs for the Blind, East Tennessee Eye Bank, Tennessee School for the Deaf, Tennessee School for the Blind, Diabetes Awareness, Lions Volunteer Blind Industries and many more.

All of these charities benefit people just like us, who, through accident or fate need help or training. No one is immune from bad luck. Many support these charities because they believe in helping our brothers. Just as importantly, supporting these charities and keeping them strong is a form of insurance that if something bad does happen to us, or someone we love, help will be available. Supporting this *Walk for Sight* makes it possible for us to provide that help on a scale that no individual can.

Bring the family Saturday, June 7, to the Karns Lions Community Pool and spend a Day with the Lions. You will have a ball.

Directions:

6618 Beaver Ridge Road, Knoxville, TN
Take Highway 62
Pool is across from Ingles Market

JOHNSON CITY LIONS CLUB — 60th ANNUAL TURTLE DERBY

The Johnson City Lions Club will kick off its 60th Annual Turtle Derby and begin selling turtles. The Turtle Derby is the Johnson City Lions Club's largest fundraiser. All funds raised go to Sight Conservation projects and other charitable programs of the Lions. Contact any Johnson City Lions Club member for more information.

WATCH THE LATEST ISSUE OF LIONS QUARTERLY

The April 2014 edition of Lions Quarterly video magazine is now online at:

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/news-and-events/lions-news-network/lq.php>

Check out these inspiring stories of Lions making a difference in communities around the world!



District 12N Events Calendar

May 2014

- May 30 – West Knox Lions Golf Tournament at Royal Oaks Golf Course in Maryville, TN.
- May 31—Farragut Lions Club Pancake Breakfast, Chili's Restaurant, Mabry Hood Road, Knoxville
- May 31 – Lions Pleasure Horse Fun Show, Rural Mount Arena in the Lowland Community, Morristown

June 2014

- June 6 – Johnson County Lions Club Turtle Derby, 6 p.m. at Ralph Stout Park, Admission is FREE
- June 7 – Day with the Lions, Karns Community Pool
- June 26—Incoming Officer's Training, Powell Presbyterian Church, Powell
- June 30—Incoming Officer's Training, LVBI, Morristown

July 2014

- July 4-8 – Lions Clubs International Convention, Toronto, Ontario, Canada
- July 19—District 12-N Cabinet Organizational Meeting, LVBI, Morristown

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Leader Dogs for the Blind Celebrates its 75th Anniversary

Leader Dogs for the Blind's puppy raising program began in 1958 when three Labrador retriever puppies were placed with members of the Oakland County (MI) K-9 4-H Club. The kids were given the puppies and told to bring them back in one year to Leader Dog. At the time, Leader Dog did not have a breeding program; all puppies and dogs were donated, purchased or rescued from shelters.

In the early 1980s the puppy raising program started to become the structured program it is today when it began to be managed in-house by Leader Dog employees. Today, there are still several 4-H members raising Leader Dog puppies.

With the formalization of the puppy program, Leader Dog began its breeding program. Starting with just six female dogs in the early 80s, the breeding stock numbers grew to 38 females and 10 males by 1992.

Currently, Leader Dog has over 100 female and male dogs in the breeding program and includes Labrador retrievers, Golden retrievers, and German shepherds.

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