

# District 12-N News & Views

"In a World of Service"



May—June 2015

District 12-N, East Tennessee (USA)

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Lions of District 12N,

Great News! District 12N has a new club! It is the Elizabethton Lions Club located in Elizabethton. I just received confirmation from LCI that it is a go. There are 26 new Lions to start the new club. I am so excited for this club. The Charter night is July 9<sup>th</sup> at the

Carter at Main mansion/restaurant in Elizabethton. I would like to see some support for this new club from other clubs in the District. I will be sending out invitations in the near future. Any support can be sent to me or to their address (PO Box 1391, Elizabethton, TN 37644).

We had a great Lions State Convention in Clarksville. Congratulations to PDG Jim McFarland who received the Presidential Award from the current Lions International President Joe Preston. Yes, we had the President of LCI at our State Convention. Congratulations to PDG Clare Crawford who received the Presidential Leadership Award from LCI President Joe Preston. These two Lions are two of the hardest working behind the scenes Lions; they are very deserving of finally being recognized for their dedicated work. I was honored to submit their names for the awards to LCI President Joe Preston. Lion Brandon Johnson was also honored by receiving the Virginia Lindsey Leadership award presented by President Joe Preston.

Lions Club Conventions are very rewarding; I encourage every Lion to add attending the Lions State Convention as well as the International Convention to your bucket list at least once during your lifetime. Perhaps you will consider attending the 2017 LCI Convention in Fukuoka, Japan when our own Tennessean, Lion Bob Corlew, will become our 100<sup>th</sup> Lions Clubs International President.

Fellow Lions, this is probably my last newsletter. District Governor Elect Fletcher Stephens will take office July 1<sup>st</sup>. Being District Governor has been extremely rewarding for me. It has always been a goal in my life – and now I can mark it off my bucket list. Thank you, Lions of District 12N for being so hospitable to me on my visits to your clubs. Thanks to the clubs that helped me meet

my goals of a Plus One in Membership for this year (some have really surpassed Plus One) and thank you for helping start a new club in District 12N. All in all it has been a great year. I will miss each of you. Thank you for doing what you do to promote Lionism in your community - and the entire world. You make me proud!

In Lionism,

DG Ed Gibbons



### KEEP YOUR FUNDS SEPARATED



Do you have two separate funds for your club finances

Administrative/Operating Fund and Service/Project/Charities Fund. This is required by Lions Clubs International.

ADMINISTRATIVE/OPERATING FUNDS are used for day-to-day operations of the club; i.e., paying district, state or international dues, printing/mailing newsletters, postage, guest meals etc. Money in this fund can be generated through club dues collection, donations from club members, tail twister money and fundraising such as a 50/50 or silent/live auction held at club meetings. When members of a club receive pay for work they perform (not charity work) their remuneration may also be placed in the this fund.

**SERVICE/PROJECT/CHARITIES FUND** is money received from the general public through fundraising events and donations. This money can **ONLY** be spent on service projects and used for donations to club charities etc. It cannot be used for the general operation of a Lions club. Some Lions have the misconception that 10% of the net proceeds from a public fundraiser can be used for administrative expenses. **That is not true!** 

It is permissible but not necessary for a club to have two separate bank accounts. All funds may be deposited in and drawn from one account as long as the Club Treasurer keeps accurate and separate records for each fund.

I thought I would share this with all the new incoming officers for the 2015-2016 Lions year since you will soon be working on your new budgets. This information is in the LCI Constitution and By-Laws.

Yours in Lionism, Paulette Bailey, 1<sup>st</sup> VDGE

# **Club Officer Training**

The Officer Training in preparation for the 2015-2016 Lions Club year has been scheduled. This year, we are trying to make this training more convenient by offering four different locations throughout the district, so please try to attend one that fits your schedule.

June 2 (Tuesday evening) – Shoney's Restaurant, 1809 S. Roane Street, Harriman (I-40/Exit 347). Gather to eat 6:00 p.m. Training 7:00-9:00 p.m.

**June 11 (Thursday evening)** – Fountain City Lions Club Building, North Broadway, **Knoxville**. Gather 6:30 p.m., Training 7:00-9:00 p.m.

**June 13 (Saturday morning)** – Lions Volunteer Blind Industries, 758 W. Morris Blvd., **Morristown**. Gather 9:00 a.m., Training 9:30-11:30 a.m.

June 16 (Tuesday evening) – Shoney's Restaurant, 2120 N. Roan Street, Johnson City (I-26/Exit 20-B). Gather to eat 6:00 p.m. Training 7:00-9:00 p.m.

This training has been developed for all members of your club's Board of Directors. We encourage Presidents, Vice-Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers, Directors, Tail-Twisters, Lion Tamers, and Membership Chairs to attend.

# Highlights from the Tennessee State Convention in Clarksville, May 8-9, 2015



PDG Jim McFarland receives the Presidential Medal from International President, Joe Preston and DG Ed Gibbons.



Lion Brandon Johnson receives the Virginia E. Lindsey Leadership Award from International President, Joe Preston.

### **Club Anniversaries**

**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

#### **District 12N Lions Charities Raffle**

Time is fast approaching for the first District 12N Lions Charities Raffle. Remember this raffle replaces the Walk for Sight of A Day with the Lions so your help is needed. Sales are slow. Please step up and support our charity. The odds of winning are very good: The Drawing will be at the Fountain City Lions Park starting at 6 PM on the 6th of June. We will only sell 200 tickets and the following is a list of Prize Money that will be given out.

1st Ticket out \$100.00 50th Ticket out \$200.00 100th Ticket out \$300.00 150th Ticket out \$400.00 Last Ticket out \$2000.00

If all tickets are sold the district would gain \$16,500.00 after expenses. This would go a long way in helping out our White Cane agencies. The costs of the tickets are \$100.00 each. I know that some feel that this is too much, however, it was decided to keep the numbers low and the people that pay for a ticket would have a better chance of winning. We will need all clubs to help with this project as well as all Lions. It has been suggested that your club might consider taking funds out of your activities account to buy a ticket or two, and replace the funds after you win

If any Lion wants a ticket, please call PDG Bill Slover at Home 865-272-3117 or Cell 865-803-2198 or PDG Jim McFarland at 865-556-9091.



PDG Clare Crawford receives the Leadership Medal from International President, Joe Preston and DG Ed Gibbons.



Any Lions Club can drop-off or mail in brochures etc. advertising their club or any upcoming events. ETLEB will place these materials on the tables at the 50<sup>th</sup> celebration at Calhoun's on the River that will be held on June 14<sup>th</sup>.



# 2015 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum

September 17-19, 2015

– Grand Rapids, Michigan - The Mission of the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum is to

develop leaders, motivate and educate attendees, provide an open exchange of ideas and support programs and goals of Lions Clubs International.

The Leadership Forum is for any Lion who wants to enhance leadership capabilities in an atmosphere that is non-stop learning and fun. There are over 60 seminars to choose from. Registration Forms can be obtained from VDG Paulette Bailey or go to forum website at <a href="https://www.lionsforum.org">www.lionsforum.org</a>

As Lions, We are Not just About Glasses...

# We are About Helping Wherever There is a Need

The world gets better and problems get smaller when Lions unite to serve in their own communities and around the world – through humanitarian projects and hands-on service – to help our neighbors who live next door as well as people on the other side of the world – people we may never meet. We truly roar!

While service is at the core of what every Lion does, being a Lion is also about leading your club, growing your club, and developing valuable skills that can help strengthen your club. There are many leadership programs, on line webinars through Lions Club International to help you. The stronger your club is, the bigger of an impact you can make in your local and global communities.

### **DISTRICT 12N EVENTS CALENDAR**

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

July 18, 2015, 12-N Cabinet (Organizational) Meeting at LVBI, Morristown, TN, 9:00 AM

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

Nov. 14, 2015, 12-N Cabinet Meeting at LVBI, Morristown, TN, 9:00 AM

Feb. 19-20, 2016, 12-N Convention, Doubletree Hotel, Oak Ridge, TN

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# **District 12N Welcomes New Lions!!**

Lion SUKIE M PERKINS, Bulls Gap Lions Club Lion BARBARA JEAN WILLIAMS, Bulls Gap Lions Club Lion JEREMY ADCOCK, Coalfield Lions Club Lion KAYLA JUSTICE, Coalfield Lions Club Lion JUSTIN MULLINS, Coalfield Lions Club Lion KRISTI MULLINS, Coalfield Lions Club Lion MATT ROBERTS, Coalfield Lions Club Lion GREYSON JENNINGS, ETSU Lions Club Lion CLAYTON ODELL, ETSU Lions Club Lion JAMES BRIEST, Elizabethton Lions Club Lion SONJA BROYLES, Elizabethton Lions Club Lion PEGGY CAMPBELL, Elizabethton Lions Club Lion BARRY CARRIER, Elizabethton Lions Club Lion JERRY COLE, Elizabethton Lions Club Lion CAROL FORRESTER, Elizabethton Lions Club Lion MARY GOUGE, Elizabethton Lions Club Lion JOHN HOLLAND, Elizabethton Lions Club Lion SHIRLEY HUGHES, Elizabethton Lions Club Lion LEON HUMPHREY, Elizabethton Lions Club Lion KRISTI JOHNSON, Elizabethton Lions Club Lion GARY KEMP, Elizabethton Lions Club Lion JEROME KITCHENS. Elizabethton Lions Club Lion DAVID MILLS, Elizabethton Lions Club Lion TERRY MONTGOMERY, Elizabethton Lions Club Lion ANDREA RUSSELL, Elizabethton Lions Club Lion MIKE C M SELLERS, Elizabethton Lions Club Lion SARA A SELLERS, Elizabethton Lions Club

Lion YOLANDA C VESTAL, Elizabethton Lions Club Lion DAVID RINGLEY, Fountain City Lions Club Lion MICHAEL THOMAS, Fountain City Lions Club Lion KELLY A EDENS, Greeneville Lions Club Lion MICHAEL FRENCH. Greeneville Lions Club Lion JESSICA E. HOLMAN, Inskip Lions Club Lion SAMMY SAMS, Kingston Lions Club Lion WAYNE SMITH, Kingston Lions Club Lion FLORENCE M N'DIAYE, Knox Cty North Lions Club Lion HENRY J. RAINS, Loudon Lions Club Lion SHAWN SNYDER, Loudon Lions Club Lion GARY L MAYES, Morristown Morris Blvd Lions Club Lion MARY ANN FORREST, Norris Lions Club Lion RONALD FORREST, Norris Lions Club Lion MELVILLE BAILEY, Rogersville Lions Club Lion PAMELA R COLLIER, Rogersville Lions Club Lion RANDALL L COLLIER, Rogersville Lions Club Lion LESLIE S CRUMLEY, Rogersville Lions Club Lion JODY FUGATE, Rogersville Lions Club Lion JIM L SHANKS, Rogersville Lions Club Lion MARTHA WALLACE, Rogersville Lions Club Lion GERALD S EDGELL JR., Tellico Village Lions Club Lion WAYNE N HOWARD, Tellico Village Lions Club Lion DONNA PALMER, White Pine Lions Club

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