



District 12-N News & Views

"Move to Grow"



November 2009

District 12-N, Tennessee (USA)

<http://www.discoveret.org/lions12n/>



FROM THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR:

I asked PDG Bill Howell what the difference is between the clubs when he was District Governor in 1972-73, and now. He said the members were younger. In other words, many of those dedicated then are still dedicated now, but are much older. What's missing is the next generation of Lions to carry on. Now obviously

there is a sprinkling of us younger ones, I just turned 56 and am considered young in Lionism. That's both good and bad. Good that so many of the older ones are still around, but bad that they seem to be the majority. Where are the thirty and forty year olds? The younger we go, the fewer there are. There are reasons of course, small children, work schedules, and busy lives, However, those were part of the same reasons the last generation of Lions had, they joined anyway, and made our District strong. We are presently riding their coattails. Exclude our members over age 65 and how many are left?

I have faith we will carry on, and the hope that we will find those service-hearted younger members that will be our future. This organization is worthy of our best effort, let us give it, and keep true to our cause, cause we are LIONS,

We Serve.
Lion DG Steve

FROM THE EDITOR:

To all our News & Views readers in District 12N and beyond,

I wish to offer my sincere apologies for offending some of you in expressing my concerns for the future of Lions Clubs International in the last newsletter. While I still stand by my opinion, I am fully aware that the apolitical and nonsectarian nature of our organization is a primary cornerstone of our philanthropy and unity of purpose. I inaccurately expressed my concerns for the future of Lions Clubs International. For this I humbly beg your forgiveness for causing offense. It is my hope that those whom I have offended will not think ill of me and that we can continue together in the spirit of unity to fulfill the missions of Lions Clubs International.

Sincerely,
Lion Bobby

Please send your submissions to:
newsandviews12n@yahoo.com
Thank You for your submissions! -Editor



District Governor's Club Visit Schedule:

November

2nd-Clinton; 3rd-Sullivan County; 5th-Norris; 9th-Oneida; 17th-Unicoi County; 18th-Morristown Morris Blvd.; 19th-Bulls Gap; 23rd-Morristown. All others to be announced.

The Greeneville Lions helped inflate and distribute helium balloons at the Greeneville and Greene County Day for Kids. Approximately 1300 attended the event. It was great fun for the kids and parents, as well as the for the Greeneville Lions!

AmeriChoice
by UnitedHealthcare

GRAND RENTAL STATION

Greeneville & Greene County

Day for Kids

Sunday, September 13, 2009
2 pm to 5 pm
at the Greene County Fairgrounds
Free Fun & Games for Kids

This Event is Sponsored by
**AmeriChoice, the Boys & Girls Club
and Grand Rental Station**

A fun filled day with free inflatable rides and games, a dunking booth, face painting & many more fun things to do for kids. So bring a son, daughter, relative or any kid and share in this day to celebrate our youth!

For More Information on Day for Kids call the
Boys & Girls Club of Greeneville & Greene County at 787-9334 or 787-9322

DISTRICT 12N EVENTS CALENDAR

December 7 (Mon) - Region I Zone 2 Meeting. Guest speaker will be 1st VDG Bill McDonald. Please RSVP your reservation by November 25th, 2009 to John Wolfe, President of the Rogersville Lions Club. 6pm The Sweet Tooth, Main St., Rogersville \$14

December 11, 2009 (Fri) - Lions Day at the Tennessee School for the Blind. All Lions Invited! Donelson, TN

January 9, 2010 (Sat) - District 12-N Cabinet Meeting, Lions Volunteer Blind Industries. Parking Lot 758 W. Morris Blvd., Morristown

January 15-17, 2010 (Fri-Sun) - Lions Learning Retreat "Growing to Move" Manchester--Coffee County Convention Center Register before Nov. 15, 2009- \$95

District 12N Events Calendar Online:

<http://www.discoveret.org/lions12n/lionscalendar.php>

2010 LIONS LEARNING RETREAT **JANUARY 15-17**

**Manchester Conference Center
Manchester, TN**

Theme:

“GROWING TO MOVE”

(MY-SELF, MY-FAMILY, MY-CLUB, MY-COMMUNITY, MY-DISTRICT, MY-STATE, MY-COUNTRY, MY-WORLD)

“I CAN , YOU CAN, WE CAN”

The planning committee is working toward a fun and educational weekend of seminars, speakers, and fellowship! We will also have the choir back by popular demand, if you are interested in joining!

We hope you are making plans to attend!

Registration Fees are:

- Prior to Nov. 15, 2009 \$95/person
- After Nov. 15, 2009 \$105/person
- At the Door \$120/person

Costs include four banquet meals as well as all materials and speakers for the weekend. The applications are available to download at:

<http://www.discoveret.org/llr/>

If your club is planning on entering the basket contest, please let Lions Nellie Harshbarger know (squillpot@bellsouth.net). Door prizes would also be appreciated!

Welcome, New District 12N Lions!

Lion Linda Heatherly, Campbell County L.C.

Lion William McDonough, Campbell County L.C.

Lion Jayne Raparelli, Campbell County L.C.

Lion Colleen Walker, Halls Community L.C.

Lion Terry Walker, Halls Community L.C.

Lion Russell Scott, Harriman L. C.

Lion Kimberly J. Sepesi, Knox North L.C.

Lion Traci Crowe, Powell L.C.

Lion Myrna Searey, Rogersville L.C.

Lion David Bishop, Tellico Village L.C.

Lion Mark Crawley, West Knox L.C.

From Lion Gene In Morristown:

I thought you all might want to see some pictures from our "Boofest" participation in Morristown. For those of you who were not there we gave out treats to over 5,000 children. Smokey and Lions Paws were big hits. We got some good PR and I think I can speak for those who were there we had a good time. Thanks to everyone who helped and all those who brought and sent candy. We can't go wrong doing things like this that benefit so many children.



LIONS VOLUNTEER BLIND INDUSTRIES:

Lions Volunteer Blind Industries (LVBI) had an article appear in the Citizen Tribune on Sept. 27 that highlighted its history since 1951 and current operations. Excerpts of the article by Staff Writer Glenna Howington are below.

LVBI also held a special Veterans Appreciation Event on Tuesday, Nov. 10.

Building a Foundation LVBI establishes strong workforce

The history of Lions Volunteer Blind Industries in East Tennessee can be traced back nearly 60 years to an idea shared by two men who spent years striving to improve the lives of blind people in rural areas. . . Grady Weaver of Elizabethton (who was blind) and Dave Day of Kingsport (a rehabilitation counselor).

Currently, LVBI has annual sales of \$13 million. The Lions Clubs, whose members have supported the nonprofit corporation since its inception, raise funds annually for LVBI, estimated at \$35,000.

"Although our governing authority is made up of Lions Club members, we must function as a revenue-generating facility to stay in business," Don Britton (Executive Director) said.

There is a combined workforce of 150 at the facilities in Morristown and Johnson City, and 121 blind employees are on the payroll.

LVBI products include mattresses, box springs, sleep accessories, paper products, safety tiles, Army IPFU pants, military sleep accessories and helmet covers.

Plans for the future of LVBI include seeking property that will allow the workshop to continue to grow.

Those who have a vision for the future of LVBI would like to broaden the company's employment options and expand the commercial customer base while maintaining the Federal marketplace share.



All Lions Are Invited! TENNESSEE SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND Annual Lions Day and Christmas Party

The students have a special holiday program for the Lions and then Lions have the opportunity to present gifts to the students from their districts.

Mark **Friday, Dec. 11** on your calendar, and contact DG Steve or Lion Silvia Lewis (j.slewis@ymail.com or 865-385-5707) for more information.

CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS:

Greeneville Lions Club: Our club will be participating, as we have for the last ten years, in a downtown event called "Halloween Happenings" on October 30th. We coordinate a Halloween Costume contest for the children and give prizes to the winners. A great event that the children (and Lions) really enjoy. We are also planning special membership meetings on a quarterly basis where our current members invite prospective members for a special program with door prizes and lots of fun. Our first will be on September 24th. Membership Chair, Lion Chris Orr is in charge of the planning.

Powell Lions Club Christmas Parade: December 5, 2009. Start lining up at the Food City parking lot at Clinton Hwy and Emory Rd at 4:00pm. We will depart the parking lot at 5:00pm. Previous participants need not register. Contact Lion Diane Wilkerson at 865.640.1053 for more info.

Dandridge Lions Club - November 26 - Thanksgiving Dinner deliveries. **December 19** - Delivery of Christmas Food Baskets and children's shopping trip.

**To access The District 12N web site,
click on:**

<http://www.discoveret.org/lions12n/>

On the Road with Lion Paws

Where will I show up next? Well, that's up to YOU! I love going to Lions projects, so let me know about your club activity and I will try my best to attend!

Email event information to: Requests@Lion-Paws.com

Learn more about me and my adventures online at:

<http://www.Lion-Paws.com/>

It's GREAT to be a Lion!

On Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/lionpaws>



At Morristown's BooFest

LIONS DISTRICT 12-N CHARITIES, INC.
NEWS & VIEWS
P.O. Box 12289
Knoxville, TN 37912-0289

Non-Profit Org
US Postage Paid
Knoxville, TN
Permit # 466

ZONE MEETINGS:

Monday Night, December 7, 2009, starting at 6:00 pm, in Rogersville, TN, hosted by the Rogersville Lions Club. The cost is \$14.00 per person. It will be held at "The Sweet Tooth" in Rogersville, right on main street. The address is: The Sweet Tooth; 114 E Main St; Rogersville, TN 37857. The phone numbers for the restaurant are (423) 921-7400 or (423) 345-4800. Our guest speaker will be 1stVDG Bill McDonald. He and his wife, Carol, will be our special guests at this meeting. Please RSVP your reservation by November 25th, 2009 to John Wolfe, President of the Rogersville Lions Club. John's phone number is : (423) 272-2463. It is important to contact John for RSVP so we know how many meals to prepare for so we don't overspend our budget for the caterer. I look forward to seeing you there. There will be a raffle to defray from the cost of three guest meals. It will be fun.

ZC Edna Longwell
e_longwell@yahoo.com Ph #: (423) 967-8377

Corrections: Please note the following corrections for Lake City Lions Club. President is John W. "Bill" Prewitt-Phone number is 865-426-2456
Club now meets at Shoney's of Clinton on Hwy. 61.
Meets at 6:30 p.m. March through October
Meets at 6:00 p.m. November through February
Thank you,
Secretary-L.C. Madron

Corrections, cont'd:

Corrections:

From Immediate Past District Governor Jim McFarland: please correct my zip code on Page 109 of the 2009-2010 directory. It should be 37938.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Lion Roy E. "Toad" Farrar, Jr., age 85, of Dandridge, TN passed away Saturday, October 24, 2009. A life-long funeral director, he was active in the Dandridge community where he was a charter member of the Dandridge Volunteer Fire Department and the Jefferson County Rescue Squad, and a member of the Dandridge Lions Club where he earned the Melvin Jones Fellow Award.

Lion Sandra Moats, Lenoir City L.C.
Lion Frank Greene, Jr. Rogersville L.C.

We honor the Legacy of caring and service from these Lions, and our thoughts and prayers are with their families and their Clubs.