



# District 12-N News & Views

*"A Beacon of Hope"*



November 2010

District 12-N, Tennessee (USA)

<http://tnlions.org/>

## From the District Governor:



As we approach Thanksgiving this month, I was reflecting on my 36 visits to the clubs of our district, thinking about what I could be thankful for on those encounters. One is that I have had the pleasure of meeting hundreds of Lions that I haven't met before

and starting up new friendships. The conversations and fellowship has been, as they put it in that credit card commercial, "priceless". Another one of the pleasures of my visits is I have to drive a lot to get to the clubs so I have had the pleasure of seeing some of the most beautiful country in the world right here in east Tennessee. I have learned a lot about the history of Lions in our area and the history of Tennessee, too. I didn't know that Tennessee was about to become two different states during a time in our early history. The numerous battlefields from the revolutionary and civil wars are right here in our backyard. I have seen in the faces of our Lions history of days gone by, and of new things to come. We must remember our past to build a stronger future and it isn't any different in Lionism. We learn from our failures and build on them, as we do with our triumphs. Even when we have a not so productive project but gain two new members because of it, was it really a bad outing? I would say "No". Positive attitude is a real key in building clubs. We can go a long way with a positive attitude and just as far in reverse with a negative one. I am thankful for an organization that helps people. I have seen it in the past year with the floods in central Tennessee and Kids Sight here at home. Lions Volunteer Blind Industry is another organization helping those who couldn't earn a living a few years or months ago, to gain steady employment and that self respect that comes with a job well done. Hearing the positive news of gains in our White Cane project this year, even in a time of a downturn economy, is heartwarming. Even as the pilgrims were thankful for the corn and meat that was provided by the Indians, we can be thankful to our communities and neighbors for the help they have provided in donations of time and money during this year in assisting us so that we could make gains with our projects and fundraisers. We have lost a number of Lions from our Pride this year through death and I ask that we please remember their families in our prayers and thoughts. I am grateful that I have had the opportunity to serve you this year and look forward to great gains in Lionism in 2011 and beyond.

-DG Bill

Please send your submissions to:  
[newsandviews12n@yahoo.com](mailto:newsandviews12n@yahoo.com)

Thank You for your submissions! -Editor

## The District 12-N VISITATION PROGRAM is up and running!

All Lions can get credit for visiting another Lions Club meeting, Lions Club activity or fundraiser, White Cane agency, District event, LCI event, Forum, etc. All you have to do is e-mail your report to PDG Clare Crawford at [chcrawford@frontiernet.net](mailto:chcrawford@frontiernet.net) or go to the District 12-N web site (<http://tnlions.org/>) and complete a short form.

Almost anything Lions-related counts, as long as you are doing it away from your own Club. For instance:

- You visit another club for a regular meeting, or
- You buy a hamburger from another club at their fundraising booth, or
- You enter your dog in another club's dog show, or
- You go and drink wine at the Farragut Lions wine tasting, or
- You attend the Tennessee Lions Learning Retreat, etc.

NO CREDIT will be given for "official business" on behalf of Lions. "Official business" might include a Zone Chairman visiting one of his/her clubs or the District Governor making an annual visit or a Lion giving a program at another club. However, if another member of their club goes with the "official Lion" on the visit, that other Lion can get credit for a visit.

It's actually very easy! The hardest part is letting PDG Clare know about your travels -- telephone calls don't count, it has to be in writing. So far, visiting Lions include: PDG Wendy Cain, PDG Ken Moffett, Lion Roger Hall, PCC Nancy Hall, Lion Paws, and PDG Clare Crawford.

There will be a prize for every Lion who participates in this program at the end of this Lions' year and we'd like to see which Clubs are traveling the most, so let's get busy and fill up Lion Clare's e-mail inbox!

If you have any questions about this, please don't hesitate to call Lion Clare -- 865-607-1898.

## **DISTRICT 12-N CHANGE FOR CHARITIES**

I hope the containers labeled, **"CHANGE FOR CHARITIES"** are filled to overflowing as we are now in the 8<sup>th</sup> month and your jar should have at least \$24.50 if you are doing \$0.10 a day. **Remember this is tax deductible**, so keep up the good work. **Make checks payable to District 12-N Charities, Inc., earmarked "change for charities" and mail to Lion Jim McFarland, 8030 White Stone Road, Knoxville, TN 37936**

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**For all Lions Clubs who are fortunate enough to have members 40 years of age or younger, and have been a Lion 8 years or less:**

Be sure to fill out an application for the Virginia Lindsey Leadership Award and get it to the District 12-N chairperson before January 28, 2011. Information is on the District12-N web site or email/call Nellie Harshbarger (e) [squillpot@bellsouth.net](mailto:squillpot@bellsouth.net) ph. 865-494-7599

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The **Lake City Lions Club** has had a flag program for many years and it has been very successful. It has made the club thousands of dollars. Our dilemma is the members are too old to continue this fund raiser. Our younger members are unable to help because they are still in the work force and those of us who are retired are also unable to perform the duties in a manner that we have been accustomed to doing.

We have seen the program grow from about twenty five flags delivered and placed from the back of a pick-up truck to approximately ninety flags displayed seven times a year with a first class trailer. The town looks beautiful when the flags were placed on both sides of the street from one end of town to the other and beyond. Our merchants have always cooperated and been very supportive. The city helped with the drilling of holes in the sidewalks as well as storing the flags and trailer in the town's maintenance building.

We can no longer do the program and we would like to offer it to another club if anyone is interested. All that we ask is to be partially compensated for our investment. The trailer is a Hustler, which is built locally and there are approximately 90 flags. Both have always been kept inside and the flags are in good shape. The same trailer today will cost over a thousand dollars and the flags are about eight to ten dollars each.

I will be glad to tell anyone how we operated the program and assist in getting another club started. I can be reached via e-mail: [lmadron@acs.ac](mailto:lmadron@acs.ac) or by phone 865-426-6832.

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**To access The District 12N events,  
click on:**

<http://tnlions.org/calendar/>

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## Roanoke Eyeglass Recycling Trip Fall 2010



Once again, the Best of the Lions made the trip to Roanoke for another day of hard work and great fun processing glasses at the Roanoke Eyeglass Recycling Center. Lions Hubert and Nancy Thompson from South Knox, Shaaron and PDG Jim McFarland from West Knox, Nellie and PDG Dean Harshbarger from Norris, and Lions Harlan Fraser, ZC Edna Longwell, and Harry Ennis from Kingsport upheld the fine tradition of superior hard work from the Lions of District 12N. (Actually, we're not sure how hard PDG McFarland worked, but we won't mention names). Several thousand pairs of glasses were unpacked (Shaaron and Nellie were working very hard, covering for PDG Jim) and close to a thousand pairs of glasses were read and made ready for distribution. Once again, Center Manager Merle Hash was amazed at the work accomplished and the willingness of the 12N Lions to get the job done. Thanks to all!

Plan on joining us next spring. Watch the *News and Views* and the District web site for details on the Spring trip. Note : PDG Jim was taking pictures (when he was supposed to be working).

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**LIONS DISTRICT 12-N CONVENTION &  
12-N CHARITIES ANNUAL MEETING  
“Stuck in the 50’s Again”**

February 18-19, 2011, Rothchild’s Convention Center, Knoxville, Tennessee  
**Pre-Registration Deadline – February 1, 2011**

Our speaker will be **International Director Anne Smarsh** from Colwich, Kansas

Check if Delegate

NAME 1 -- \_\_\_\_\_

Circle one --           Lion   Lioness   Leo   Guest

NAME 2 -- \_\_\_\_\_

Circle one --           Lion   Lioness   Leo   Guest

Club (Name 1) \_\_\_\_\_ Club (Name 2) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

<u>Meal</u>	<u># of Meals</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>Friday Buffet Dinner</b> _____	@ \$18.00 each	= \$ _____
<b>Saturday Breakfast</b> _____	@ No Charge	
<b>Saturday Luncheon</b> _____	@ \$ 25.00 each	= \$ _____
<b>Saturday Evening Buffet</b> _____	@ \$ 25.00 each	= \$ _____
<b>Package Deal</b> _____	@ \$55.00 each	= \$ _____

Special Dietary Needs (be specific) \_\_\_\_\_

Mail registration form and check made out to **LIONS DISTRICT 12-N** to Convention Chairman by  
**February 1, 2011 --**

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor Diane Wilkerson  
3049 Staffordshire Blvd  
Powell, Tennessee 37849



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**DISTRICT 12N EVENTS CALENDAR**

**January 8, 2011 - District 12-N Cabinet Meeting**, Lions Volunteer Blind Industries, 758 West Morris Blvd; Morristown, TN  
**February 18-19 2011- District 12-N Spring Convention & Cabinet Meeting**, Rothchild's Convention Center, Knoxville

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**ZONE MEETINGS:**

Reg I, Zn II, Zn Mtg

Date: December 6, 2010

Time: 6:00 pm

Cost: \$15.00 per person

Place: The Sweet Tooth Cafe

Location: 114 E. Main St, Ste 1

Rogersville, TN 37645

Host Club: The Rogersville Lions Club

Please RSVP me by Wed, Dec 1st, of your plans to come to the meeting. This is so we know how many meals to prepare. Thank you,  
ZC Edna Longwell

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**In Memoriam:**

The *News and Views* and District 12N Lions wish to extend our heartfelt condolences to the family, friends, and the Tellico Village in the passing of two Lions, Richard Willyoung and Victor Wilkinson. Our prayers and thoughts go out to their family, friends and their club in their time of loss.

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**From the Editor:**

I would like to encourage all our District 12N Lions to continue submitting events, club happenings, and the like to the *News and Views*. We all want to know what your club is doing and want to keep the lines of communication open in the District as an encouragement to each other as we help people in our communities, our District and our world. Last month, for reasons unknown, there was very little to report in the *News and Views*. If a Lion in each club would send in pictures and captions of happenings, or brief articles about what work their club is doing, it would benefit us all. I will do my best to publish these events as soon as time and space permit. Please continue to send in your submissions! Thanks! -Editor



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