



# District 12-N News & Views



November 2011

District 12-N, Tennessee (USA)

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**From the District Governor:**  
Fellow Lions of District 12-N,

Halloween is now behind us with all its ghosts and goblins and we are about to enter the season of Thanksgiving. This is a special time of year in which we remember the struggles of our country's earliest settlers. Those hardy families, known as Pilgrims, risked everything to escape tyranny in their homeland for the promise of a new beginning in the New World. Conditions were brutal here and many of them perished. All would have perished if it hadn't been for the help and caring from the people who were already living here. When I was growing up they were known as Indians. I'm not sure if that is still the politically correct term for them.

These Indians, it turned out were much like the Pilgrims in many ways. They were loving parents of their children who wanted to see that their kids were nourished, that their kids would grow up in safety, and who wanted to be able to teach them the ways of their people and to enjoy the life their Heavenly maker had set out for them. The Pilgrims wanted the same thing and had risked everything to find it here.

We all know the story of how the Indians taught the Pilgrims the ways of the new world; when to plant, what to plant, where to plant and where and what to hunt. In the meantime the Indians shared their food and knowledge and helped provide the means for survival of the Pilgrims. It says a lot about both people. Obviously the Pilgrims were not viewed as a threat by the Indians or else, in order to protect their children, the Indians would have let the Pilgrims perish so as to remove the threat. It says a lot about the Pilgrims, who in desperate need, would be open and receiving to a people totally different from themselves. Following a bountiful harvest, the Pilgrims set aside a special time to give thanks to their God and the Indians for the harvest bounty and for their survival.

It strikes me that the relationship between our settlers and the people already living here is much like the lives we Lions lead. We are here in our communities to serve the needs of those who are less fortunate than ourselves, whether it is to provide glasses, or eye screening, or feeding the hungry, or whatever the community need is. We don't care that the people we help may be different than ourselves or not speak the language we grew up with. WE SERVE. Just like the Indians served the pilgrims. Of course, we all know the end of the story and many of us are not proud of how we intruders into the new world ultimately treated the Indians, but the tradition of Thanksgiving still survives. The pilgrims ultimately survived and became self sufficient. The Indians were

my earliest example of giving a hand up, rather than a hand out.

We as Lions can not only be thankful for what we enjoy but, also thankful for our founder, Melvin Jones. Because of him, we have our Association of Lions Clubs around the world to carry on the mission of our service to those in need just like those Indians provided service to the Pilgrims. Feed the hungry, share the bounty. Give a hand up to aid those in need so that they can gain self sufficiency too.

Also, remember to give a big thank you to those in uniform around the world and their families who are making a huge sacrifice on our behalf to ensure our country's values.

I wish you all the best in this season of Thanksgiving. Give thanks. Share the blessings.

Yours in Lionism,  
DG Chuck

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### Leadership Development Opportunity

The District 12-N meeting is November 12, 2011, at LVBI in Morristown at 1:00 p.m. Prior to the District meeting beginning at 9:00 a.m. there will be some special training for interested Lions. PDG Wendy Cain will have an Orientation session for new members (members becoming Lions in 2010 and 2011) and other interested Lions. Please encourage your new members to attend the orientation and stay for the afternoon meeting. Lunch will be served at 12:00 noon.

The second session will be on membership. The facilitator for this session is PDG Clare Crawford. PDG Clare is the Global Membership Team coordinator for the District and she is especially working with existing clubs to increase their membership. Membership Chairpersons are particularly encouraged to attend this session but it is also opened to all Lions. Please encourage all interested Lions to attend this session and stay for the afternoon meeting.

We are also looking forward to seeing you as Club Presidents. Thank you for the great work you are doing in your clubs this year.

Yours in Lionism,  
Nancy E. Hall, Global Leadership Team Coordinator

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**Please send your submissions to:**  
[newsandviews12n@yahoo.com](mailto:newsandviews12n@yahoo.com)  
**Thank You for your submissions! -Editor**

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**LVBI CELEBRATES 60 YEARS!**



State Rep. Don Miller & State Senator Steve Southerland, present LVBI Exec. Dir. Don Britton a proclamation celebrating LVBI's 60th anniversary.

**ROANOKE EYEGLASS RECYCLING TRIP!**



The heavy rains didn't deter the East Tennessee Lions from their assigned mission of getting over 20,000 glasses to the Roanoke Recycle Center in Roanoke Virginia. We arrived in full force on Saturday Oct 29th with a compliment of 13 Lions prepared to do the work. With only a short rest at noon for pizza, the crew sorted all the glasses we brought, plus a few that were in the sorting room before we arrived. Several of the crew worked on instruments determining prescriptions of glasses in the last stage of handling. Just a note that we were told that most glasses would be handled up to 15 times before leaving the facility. We completed the task of sorting by 3 pm and were back on the road for home. Thanks to Lions from Clubs in Johnson City, Tellico Village, Campbell County, West Knox, South Knox Branch and Norris. Thanks to PDG Jim McFarland in coordinating the trip this year. Continue to collect those glasses so that others may benefit. – Lion Carolyn Ray



**Quarterly KidSight Vision Screenings**

**Screenings Per Club 7/1/2011 to 9/30/2011**

<b>Club Name</b>	<b>Screenings</b>	<b>New Screens</b>	<b>Referred</b>
Campbell Co.	1	21	1
Clinton	2	32	4
Dandridge	6	125	4
Greenville	4	66	9
Harriman	8	342	23
Johnson City	2	35	1
Maryville	23	602	15
Morristown	10	246	13
Newport	7	168	5
Norris	2	37	0
Rogersville	18	794	71
Sevierville	7	159	12
Tellico Village	2	111	11
Union County	3	46	5
West Knox	9	276	10
<b>Totals</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>3060</b>	<b>184</b>

***The District 12-N Web Site is now Mobile-Friendly!***

Now you can have convenient access to the Events Calendar, news, forms, etc. from anywhere! Check out <http://tnlions.org/> from your smart phone or tablet. Just select the down-arrow beside "Lions of East Tennessee" for the menu.

You can bookmark the site, and, with Apple products, you can create an application that will launch from your Home menu!



**LIONS LEARNING RETREAT 2012**  
**JANUARY 13-15, 2012**

**Manchester–Coffee County Conference Center, Manchester, TN**

*I Believe*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Badge Name (if different) \_\_\_\_\_

( ) Lion      ( ) Leo      ( ) Lioness      ( ) Non-member

District: \_\_\_\_\_ Club name \_\_\_\_\_

Highest office held \_\_\_\_\_ Current Office(if any) \_\_\_\_\_

First time attendee at LLR ( ) Yes ( ) No

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Business \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of registration: Saturday only( ) Full( ) Fees (see below) \_\_\_\_\_

**REGISTRATION FEES:**

*Saturday only\*: Available until December 15, 2011--\$65.00*

***Includes Saturday seminars, lunch and banquet.***

*Does not include any Friday or Sunday activities*

<b><u>Full registration</u></b>	<b>Early</b>	<b>Regular</b>	<b>On-site</b>
	(Post marked by 11/15/11)	(After 11/15/11)	
	<b>\$95.00</b>	<b>\$105.00</b>	<b>\$120.00</b>

**Full registration fee covers the cost of all seminars, Friday dinner, Saturday lunch, Saturday banquet, Sunday brunch.**

**All reservations are on a first-come-first-served basis.**

**Individual seminar or meal tickets will NOT be available.**

***Make checks payable to LIONS LEARNING RETREAT. Mail to :  
LLR/ Thom Wilson, 5641 Lunns Store Road, Chapel Hill, TN 37034***

***\*Note: As an added incentive, for attendance, special prizes will be given. One will be given away in conjunction with the events on Friday evening and the other will be given as a door prize on Sunday morning. You must be registered and be present to win.***

**Special Conditions/participation: (Check all that apply)**

( ) I will not arrive for Friday dinner (7p.m.) ( ) I will not stay for Sunday brunch

( ) Diabetic diet      ( ) Vegetarian diet      ( ) Other

( ) I will be bringing an entry for the Club Basket Contest

( ) I would like to participate in the LLR chorus on Sunday morning

**Rooms are on hold at the adjoining Holiday Inn Express, 111 Hospitality Blvd, Manchester Tennessee 37355 until December 31, 2011. Rates are \$85.99/night standard (not including taxes) based upon one or two people per room. Room reservation can be made at**

**Be sure to mention that you are attending the Lions Learning Retreat.**

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**District Governor's Club Visitation Schedule**

Nov. 7 – Clinton Lions Club  
Nov. 14 – Kingston Lions Club  
Nov. 17 – White Pine Lions Club  
Nov. 21 – Lake City Lions Club  
Nov. 28 – Inskip Lions Club  
Dec. 5 – West Knox Lions Club  
Dec. 12 – Campbell County Lions Club  
Jan. 5 – Bulls Gap Lions Club  
Jan. 9 – Karns Lions Club  
Jan. 16 – Fountain City Lions Club  
Jan. 23 – Morristown Lions Club

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**Farragut Lions Club**  
**Wine Tasting and Dinner Fund Raiser**

**Thursday, November 17th**  
**Bearden Banquet Hall**  
**5806 Kingston Pike**  
**Knoxville, TN 37919**

**Social 6:30 P.M.**  
**Dinner 6:50 P.M.**

**Donations can be sent to 700 Sedgley Dr.,**  
**Knoxville, TN 37922**

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**DISTRICT 12N EVENTS CALENDAR**

**November 2011**

**Nov. 5** – Multiple District Meeting, State Office Building, Nashville  
**Nov. 5** – Tennessee Lions Charities Recognition Dinner, State Office Building, Nashville  
**Nov. 5** – Norris Lions Club Turkey Shoot  
**Nov. 11**—Norris Lions Club Veteran's Day Program  
**Nov. 12** – District 12-N Cabinet Meeting, LVBI, Morristown  
**Nov. 12** – Oak Ridge Lions Club Pancake Breakfast  
**Nov. 12**—Norris Lions Club Turkey Shoot  
**Nov. 17** – Farragut Lions Club Wine Tasting and Dinner, Knoxville, Bearden Banquet Hall  
**Nov. 18**—Anderson County HS Leo Club 10th Anniv.  
**Nov. 19** – Norris Lions Club Turkey Shoot  
**Dec. 1** – Norris Lions Club Annual Greens Party  
**Dec. 3** - Powell Lions Club, "A Taste of the Season" Christmas Craft Fair, Powell High School, 9a - 3p  
Powell Lions Christmas Parade, 5:00p - 6:00p  
Down Emory Road from Food City to Powell High School  
**Dec. 9** – Tennessee School for the Blind Annual Christmas Party

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**To access up-to-date District 12N events,**  
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<http://tnlions.org/calendar/>

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