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UPCOMING EVENTS

November 5th

MD12 Fall Rally &
Honors Banquet
Nashville, TN

December 9th

TSB Lions Day &
Christmas Party
Nashville, TN

January 20-22nd

Tennessee Lions
Learning Retreat
Manchester, TN

February 24-25

District Convention
Knoxville, TN

DG Paulette's Post

Wow – what an exciting Fall we are having in District 12N - Charter Night at Knoxville Downtown, an Anniversary celebration in Powell, a Car show and Freaky Friday for Farragut, a Turtle Derby in Johnson City, a Blind-fold dinner hosted by the Halls Club and canvassing in Sevierville. A special thanks for the warm hospitality I received on my club visits to Powell, West Knox, Maryville, Greeneville, Newport, Harriman, Rogersville, and Campbell County. I love the club visits and getting to meet the great members we have and learn about what they are doing in their communities.



In the middle of the month I spent several days working with MD 12 lions at the International Board of Directors meeting in Nashville. We had the opportunity to mingle with the Int'l Directors and spouses, attend a Board meeting and the TN Lions hosted a reception and Board dinner. It was a great experience!

If you were not at the Fall Forum we held at Walter State Community College on October 8th, you missed some great seminars and a terrific motivational speaker, Diane Pitts from South Carolina. The evaluations all came back positive and we will most likely plan another such Forum next Fall so stay tuned and feel free to offer any suggestions for topics you might be interested in.

Lastly, thank you very much to the clubs participating in our Centennial Service Card Project – writing thank you cards to our military personnel and first responders! We currently have 17 clubs participating in this worthwhile project and I still have cards available if you are interested in participating as well.

As we enter our holiday season of Thanksgiving and celebrating with our loved ones, let's remember those less fortunate and say an extra special prayer for them.

From my family to yours – Happy Thanksgiving!

Yours in Lionism,

DG Paulette

DISTRICT GOVERNOR VISITS

November 3
East Hawkins

November 5
MD12 Fall Rally
Nashville and
Honors Banquet

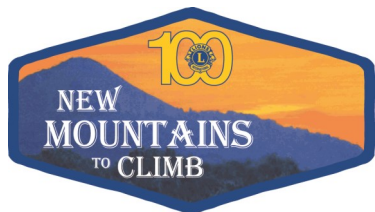
November 14
Knox Tri County

November 15
Tellico Village

November 17
Norris

November 21
Karns

November 28
Morristown



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East Tennessee Lions Eye Bank Elections Announced

East Tennessee Lions Eye Bank will be electing five (5) members, for a three (3) year term, to the Board of Directors at the District 12-N Convention, Friday evening after dinner, February 24, 2017, which is being held at the Airport Hilton, Alcoa, Tennessee; this is next to the McGhee Tyson Airport. The Eye Bank is currently one of the top ten in the world for tissue placement and is one of the leaders in using the latest technology available. We will not accept any names for the ballot after January 9, 2017. If you would like your name placed on the ballot, please include a short bio of yourself and why you would like to be on the Board and send it to PDG Neal Vaughan, e-mail neallion@comcast.net or PDG Clare Crawford e-mail lionclare1987@gmail.com. You must be a member in good standing in a Club in good standing in the District.

12-N Charities to Elect New Member

The Lions District 12-N Charities, Inc. will be electing four (4) members, for a three (3) year term, to the Board of Directors at the District 12-N Convention, Saturday, February 25, 2017. If you would like to have your name added to the ballot to serve on this Board please submit a short bio to PDG Neal Vaughan, e-mail neallion@comcast.net no later than January 10, 2017. You must be a member in good standing in a Club that is in good standing in the District. The Convention will be held at the Airport Hilton in Alcoa, next to the McGhee Tyson Airport.



12-N Nominating Committee for 2017 District Convention

DG Paulette Bailey named PDG Dianne Wilkerson as chair of the Nominating Committee for the 2017 District 12-N Convention. Serving with her is PDG Mike McDonough and PDG Jim McFarland. The chair will receive club endorsed candidate information from those desiring to serve as 2nd Vice District Governor up until January 25, 2017. The committee will be responsible for vetting the candidates to ensure they satisfy the required constitutional prerequisites, complete Nominating Committee Checklists and prepare the ballots to be used at the 2017 District 12-N Convention. Election of the 2017 – 2018 District Officers will be conducted by the Nominating Committee and shall be in compliance with District 12-N Bylaws, Appendix D – G.

Attention Club Secretary and Treasurer November Deadline Reminders! FORM 990-N

All Lions Clubs who have annual gross receipts of \$50,000 or less and do not have to file Form 990 or Form 990-EZ must file 990-N (e-Postcard) by November 15 each year. You'll need your club's EIN (employer identification number.) There is no penalty assessment for late filing, but an organization that fails to file e-Postcards (or Form 990 or 990-EZ) for three consecutive years will automatically lose its tax exempt status. The revocation will not take place until the filing due date of the third year. Do not let this happen as it can be extremely complicated and costly to regain your club's tax exempt status. Complete information can be found at www.irs.gov/eo.

Adam's Archive

District 12N Lions: I'd like to remind you of the Lions International Convention coming up next June, 2017. It will be held at McCormick Place in Chicago, starting June 30 and ending on July 4. The earlier you register, the less you pay! Because of the large number of Lions visiting, LCI attempts to assign members from a state or country to a single hotel. We Tennesseans should all be together – this includes our five districts and (hopefully) the International President Bob Corlew. If you cannot attend the entire convention please consider attending the day of the parade and the day of the formal ceremony inducting the incoming District Governors from all over the world. You might also want to take time out to visit LCI Headquarters in Oak Brook, Illinois, and look up the names of our Melvin Jones winners on their special computer.

Official information about this event can be found at <http://lcicon.lionsclubs.org/EN/index.php>. Over the next several months, I will continue to suggest that you make time available to attend our convention. Nothing would make Carol and me happier than seeing each of you from 12N at the convention. Please pencil in the dates now and get your application in to Lions Club International.

Use the information below:

Convention Division Phone: (630) 468-6761

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email: convention@lionsclubs.org

The convention division plans and executes the association's premier event, the International Convention. The division also plans the logistical arrangements for the District Governors-elect Seminar, International Board of Directors meetings, and other association-sponsored meetings held around the world.

Contact information for questions regarding:

- ☐ Convention Registration & Hotel Accommodations, (630) 468-6914
- ☐ Parade, ext 6761
- ☐ Exhibits, ext 6928
- ☐ Display of Lions Projects and Pin-trading tables, ext 6928
- ☐ Plenary Sessions, ext 6761
- ☐ Certification/Voting, MemberServiceCenter@lionsclubs.org or fax (630) 706-9295



Adam Bowling, 1st VDG

The **West Knox Lions Club** held a pancake breakfast on October 29th!

The **Elizabethton Lions Club** held an auction on October 29th

Members of the **Campbell County Lions** participated in a "getting to know you activity" with the community. The Club partnered with "Monogram & Mayhem" to provide coozies, with the Lions emblem and our club name on one side and their logo on the other. These were given to people along with a brochure about what all the club has done in the last 10 years. 150 brochures were handed out. Membership applications were also available for persons interested in learning more about the Club and perhaps becoming a member. Altogether about 300 coozies were given out.

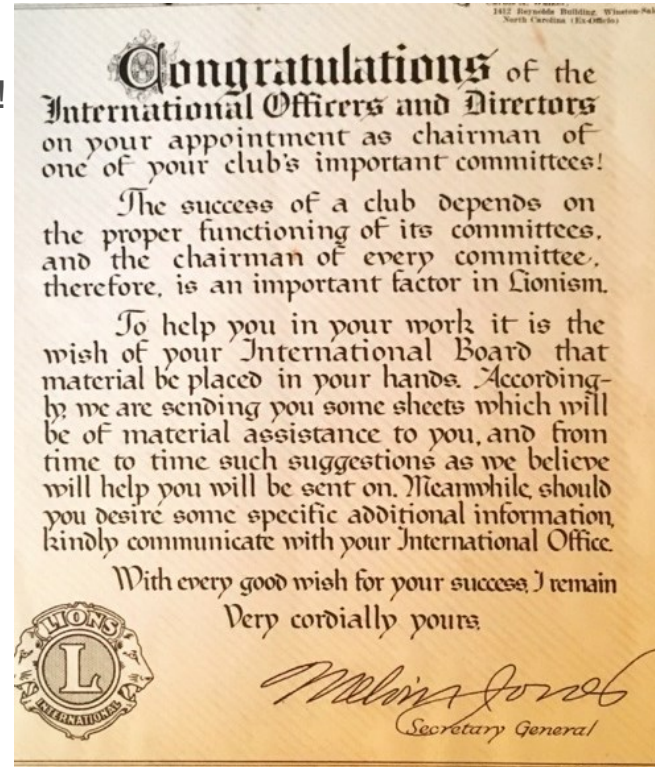
Downtown Knoxville Lions Club Chartered!

Although being officially chartered since June, the Downtown Knoxville Lions celebrated the ceremonial signing of their charter on October 11th. Packed with enthusiasm, this club is filled with both rookie and seasoned Lions Clubs members. Prominent community members joined in the efforts to kick off this club.

However, Downtown Knoxville is no stranger to Lionism! A club previously existed in the area, and was home to several Lions that made a lasting impact that we still feel today. A scrapbook relic from the former club was on hand and contained something most Lions have never seen. A original letter from our founder Melvin Jones!

The keynote speaker for the event was International Director Jerome Thompson from the great state of Alabama. ID Thompson spoke about the importance of service, and reaching new heights. The Director also brought greetings from Tennessee's own International President Bob Corlew.

Welcome, Downtown Knoxville Lions, to the family!



A letter sent to the original club from Melvin Jones



DG Paulette Bailey and ID Jerome Thompson



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November 12, 2016

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