



# District 12-N News & Views

## "Move to Grow"



October 2009

District 12-N, Tennessee (USA)

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



### FROM THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR:

The more I visit our District clubs, the more I realize "It's great to be a Lion". I also have learned to double check my calendar, as I went to Kingsport club in the evening on a lunch meeting day. I was just a few hours late. I set my pre-holiday visits on our website, [www.discoveret.org/lions12n/](http://www.discoveret.org/lions12n/), but I will be in contact before coming.

This month, we have a District Cabinet Meeting on October 24th, at LVBI at 9:00 AM. All are welcome, but remember, club Presidents, Secretaries, and Member Chairs need to be there if at all possible. This is an important meeting. We will be discussing our District finances and looking at paths we need to take.

I have had the honor of inducting many new members on my club visits. That is a good sign, but the clubs growing the most are the ones moving the most, with activities and service. So I challenge us all Lift Where You Stand and Move to Grow. Let's grow TOGETHER.

Lion DG Steve

### 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"**

Lions Learning Retreat

The applications will be forthcoming in the next month or so. If your club is planning on entering the basket contest, please let Lions Elaine Berkheiser or Nellie Harshbarger know. Any one that would like to furnish a door prize is certainly welcome.

I hope you are making plans on attending this workshop-learning retreat. Also, the choir will be there, and if you would like to sing with them, you are welcome to join.

Registration Fees:

Prior to November 15, 2009- \$95.00

After November 15, 2009 - \$105.00

At the Door - \$120.00

### On the Road with Lion Paws At the USA Canada Leadership Forum, Memphis, Tennessee



**Did someone spike the Punch Bowl? Someone is having a REALLY good time!**

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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](mailto: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>

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**USA/CANADA  
LIONS  
LEADERSHIP FORUM**

*Pictures from the USA Canada Leadership Forum  
2009, Memphis, Tennessee*



***Elvis is in the building!***



***Johnson City Lions***



***Passing the torch...***



***A good crowd...***

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**Lion Paws and Lion Leo from MD 7 in Arkansas**

**With LCI President Eberhard Wirfs (Germany)**



**PDG Ken Moffett with Elvis**

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

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

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

**Thank You for your submissions! -Editor**

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**CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS:**

**October 10 (Sat) - Morristown Morris Blvd Lions Club Open Car & Motorcycle Show** All proceeds go to support the visually impaired. Trophies for top 20, peoples choice, and specialty trophies. Free t-shirts with entry fee. Lots of door prizes. Silent auction and raffle. Fun for the entire family! 8:30am - 3:30pm Volunteer Blind Industries Parking Lot, Morris Blvd., Morristown \$10 Entry Fee; \$15 Vendors

**October 24 (Sat) - District 12-N Cabinet Meeting** Lions Volunteer Blind Industries 758 W. Morris Blvd., Morristown

**November 7 (Sat) - Fall Work Day at Roanoke Lions Eyeglasses Recycling Center** Unload glasses; sort, clean, and read glasses; share some pizza; & have a great time bringing hands & feet to our motto of "We Serve". We usually break around 3 pm, so everyone can be back in Tennessee by evening. Contact Lion Harry Ennis with questions. 8:30 am Roanoke, VA



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**FROM THE EDITOR:**

Ok, I admit it. I'm selfish. I have to admit that I really enjoy the feeling I get when I help other people. Seeing people get their needs met is a real blessing. The Lions Club is the best way for those of us with limited means to pool resources with other philanthropists. Lions of every nationality, creed, and political inclination help end blindness, provide disaster relief, and strengthen communities all over the world. Few service organizations can match the high percentage of aid delivered, monetary or otherwise, than Lions Club International.

However, every club must work within the framework of their country's political and legal system. That being said, I have to also admit to some concern regarding the current political climate of our country and what it may mean for philanthropy opportunities. Do we really want to abdicate any of our responsibility in helping others and leave it to the Federal government to meet those needs with its hallmark inefficiency?

As much as I appreciate the fact that our organization is apolitical, we all must beware of any person or party who would use the opportunity to meet the needs of others for political gain, regardless of our own political beliefs. I, for one, intend to keep this in mind when I go to the ballot box next November. I am reasonably certain that there are many Lions who disagree with me politically, but we all have decided as *Lions* to put these differences aside for the benefit of others. Lionism's volunteerism and altruism is what sets our organization and others apart from the waste, fraud, and abuse inherent in government bureaucracy.

-Editor

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**January 15-17, 2010 (Fri)** - Lions Learning Retreat  
"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" Manchester--Coffee  
County Convention Center Register before Nov. 15, 2009  
- \$95.00

**District 12N Events Calendar Online:**

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

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## District Governor's Club Visit Schedule:

### **October**

1st-Powell; 5th-Karns; 8th-Johnson City; 8th-Johnson  
County; 12th-Elizabethton; 14th-Morristown Cherokee;  
19th-West Knox; 20th-East Hawkins County; 26th-  
Kingston

### **November**

2nd-Canton; 3rd-Sullivan County; 5th-Norris; 9th-Oneida;  
17th-Unicoi County; 18th-Morristown Morris Blvd.; 19th-  
Bulls Gap; 23rd-Morristown. All others to be scheduled  
after the holidays. -DG Steve



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