



# District 12-N News & Views

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From the District Governor:

## PID Bob Corlew for President in 2017

Tennessee Lions are proudly supporting Past International Director Bob Corlew as a candidate for Second Vice

President of Lions Clubs International. PID Bob is from Milton, Tennessee. If elected to this position at the Toronto International Convention this coming July, Lion Corlew will be our International President when we have our Centennial Celebration at the Chicago International Convention in 2017. **A real honor for Tennessee!**

Lion Corlew has served with distinction in a variety of positions at the club, zone, district and state levels. He served as International Director from 2011 to 2013. Lion Bob and his wife, Lion Dianne, were the guest speakers at our District Convention last year and both delivered powerful messages. **Together, Bob and Dianne will make a great team.**

Lion Corlew has been endorsed by the Lions Club International Board. The election process, however, is open and Bob does have competition. A gentleman from Texas is running against Bob and appears to have a lot of financial backing and volunteer support from his state. It's going to be a tough campaign. **This means we have work to do in Tennessee.**

**First, we need to support Bob financially.** Funds are needed for Bob and Dianne to travel to all Lions Forums around the world to host a reception and to introduce themselves. While plans are not finalized, it is my understanding that a "Burger with Bob" event will be held in each District. For just \$50 you can have a burger, fries and cole slaw and spend an evening with a future Lions International President and First Lady. Also, Tennessee Lions Cookbooks are going to be published and sold for \$20 and special pins are going to be produced and sold for different amounts (\$100, \$250, \$500).

**Second, we need delegates to vote for Bob and campaign volunteers to assist Bob at the Toronto Convention.** Each club has one or more votes based on club size and these votes cannot be transferred to any other club. In other words, if no one from your club attends the Toronto International Convention, then your club will not be able to cast a vote for Bob. Campaign volunteers will be needed for a variety of jobs. The convention will be held from July 4 to July 8, 2014 in Toronto. Attendees must have a valid passport. Each person will be responsible for booking rooms directly. A block of rooms at a special rate of \$115 has been reserved at the Comfort Hotel Downtown Toronto,

15 Charles Street, Toronto. Call 416-924-1222 or e-mail [GM.CN228@CHOICEHOTELS.COM](mailto:GM.CN228@CHOICEHOTELS.COM) for reservations. Specify: TENNESSEE LIONS.

Each person will be responsible for their travel arrangements. A large bus is now available for a cost of \$150 per person that will leave from and return to Nashville. If this bus fills up, we will start filling a smaller bus for a cost of \$200+ per person that will leave from and return to Knoxville. Individuals already on the Nashville bus will be able to switch to the Knoxville bus. We may also visit Niagara Falls on the way home! Contact Administrative Assistant Jayne Raparelli to make bus reservations. Call 423-871-1739 or e-mail [jaynerap@aol.com](mailto:jaynerap@aol.com)

## Please consider attending the Toronto Lions International Convention and supporting Lions International Presidential Candidate Bob Corlew.

Let me know that you are going so that I can make certain that you receive all related information and updates. Call DG MIKE at 423-201-3181. Remember, when the going gets tough, the tough get going. **Let's get going to Toronto!**

## LIONS CHARTER NEW CLUB AT EAST TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY

Fellow Lions,

A new Lions club comes to District 12-N on October 28<sup>th</sup> when some 20+ men and women celebrate the charter night of the East Tennessee State University (ETSU) Lions Club at the university at 7:00 PM.

During the ceremonies, Lions District Governor Mike McDonough will present the members of the new club with their official charter. Members of the Johnson City Lions Club, who sponsored the formation of the ETSU Lions Club, will also be on hand to congratulate members of the new club.

The ETSU Lions Club plans to become involved with service projects to help both the university, and the surrounding community. The club is made up of primarily students from all different backgrounds.

As president of the new club, I would like to encourage each and every Lion to come out in support of the new club. These new, young Lions will only be spending a few years here at ETSU, and after will join YOUR communities as productive members of the work force. These new Lions could be the future of YOUR club, so I hope to see many of you there. Please RSVP to [brandonjohnson1994@gmail.com](mailto:brandonjohnson1994@gmail.com)

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Brandon T. Johnson



## CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

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*Diane Wilkerson, Lions Club District Governor  
3049 Staffordshire Blvd.  
Powell, TN 37849*

*August 8, 2013*

*Dear Diane Wilkerson and The Lions Club,*

*Thank you so much for the books you collected for our patients at East TN Children's Hospital; they are wonderful!*

*Being in the hospital can be frightening for a child. The anxiety is ever greater when its summer and you are in the hospital. I just wanted to thank you again for the wonderful collection of books you provided to our children and families here at Children's Hospital. Our VolunTeen's were able to deliver books to children to take home all summer!*

*On behalf of East TN Children's Hospital and the children and families we serve, please accept my heartfelt thanks. Your kindness and generosity is deeply appreciated*

*Diane Wilkerson and Lions Club - you are so thoughtful to remember our children here at East Tennessee Children's Hospital! I hope you realize what a blessing you are to our hospital families.*

*Thanks again for your wonderful donation!*

*Kathi Hofstad*  
Volunteer Services Coordinator  
865-541-8525

### LIONS LEARNING RETREAT - EARLY REGISTRATION NOV. 15

The eleventh annual Lions Learning Retreat (LLR) will be held January 10-12, 2014 in Manchester, Tennessee. The LLR provides an excellent opportunity for participants to improve their skills in becoming Lion leaders while enjoying the company of the greatest folks in the world.

The Steering Committee is working hard to assure that this will be another in a series of great successes. There will be something for everyone, including social activities, great door prizes, a Lion's Choir, a basket contest, auction, and of course lots of informative seminars.

The registration fees for the LLR are a real bargain and primarily reflect the cost of the meals provided. A Saturday-only registration will be offered again this year.

The deadline for Early Registration fee of \$95 is November 15 (afterward the fee is \$105). Get additional information and download a registration form at:

<http://tnlions.org/2014-lions-learning-retreat/>



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## ***District 12N Welcomes New Members!***



**KARNS:** Jeff Bloomer (center) became a member of the Karns Lions Club on Sept. 16. Lion Jeff is pictured here with his mother, Maggie, and sponsor Past Council Chair (PCC) Joe Dailey of the Karns Lions Club after being inducted by District Governor Mike McDonough. PCC Joe Dailey sponsored Jeff's late father, Buck. Lion Buck Bloomer served as the Karns Secretary for 14 years. Welcome to Lionism, Jeff!



**BULLS GAP:** Club President Robert Davis and District Governor Mike McDonough welcome Faith Ramer to the Bulls Gap Lions Club. Congratulations, Lion Faith!

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## ***12N Happenings!***



District Governor Mike with the Union County Lions Club, who will celebrate their 5th anniversary on Oct. 28. Congratulations!



Region II Chair Peggy Chandler of the Dandridge Lions Club receives a \$100 check from District Governor Mike McDonough. Peggy's name was randomly selected from all Lions in District 12-N who recruited new members in 2012-13. Congratulations and thank you, Peggy!!



Dandridge Lions Club President Travis Hurdle presents a \$1,000 check for Dandridge Lions Volunteer Blind Industries Project Paycheck to District Governor Mike McDonough. The Dandridge Lions also donated \$1,000 to Lions Clubs International Foundation.



Kingsport Lions Club President Neil Smith presents a \$2,000 check for our District White Cane Charities to District Governor Mike McDonough.

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## **DISTRICT MEETINGS/TRAINING - NOV. 16**

The District will conduct a Charities Meeting, Cabinet Meeting and Fall Information Forum on Saturday, November 16, 2013 at the Best Western Hotel in Morristown (I-81, at Exit 8).

- 8:30-9:00 a.m.—District 12-N Charities Board
- 9:00-10:00 a.m.—District Cabinet Meeting
- 10:00-3:00—Fall Information Forum and Lunch

The Fall Information Forum will include topics such as:

- Membership Growth Success Strategies
- How to Conduct Member Orientation
- Member Satisfaction and Retention
- Conducting Effective Meetings
- Member Motivation

**Lunch will be provided for attendees to provide advance notice of intent to attend to PDG Wendy Cain at [Lion.Wendy@att.net](mailto:Lion.Wendy@att.net) by November 3.** (A count MUST be provided in advance of the meeting)

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## **DISTRICT 12N EVENTS CALENDAR**

**Oct. 17** (4-7 p.m.) – Fountain City Lions Club Spaghetti Supper, Lions Club Building on N. Broadway, Knoxville

**Oct. 18** (8 p.m.) – Free LCI Webinar LCI Ethics and the Role of the Leader

**Oct. 26** – West Knox Lions Club Pancake Breakfast, Chili's, Mabry Hood Road, Knoxville

**Oct. 28** – ETSU Lions Club Charter Ceremony

**Nov. 2** (8-11 a.m.) – Campbell County Lions Club Pancake Breakfast, First United Methodist Church, LaFollette

**Nov. 2** (8-10 a.m.) – Farragut Lions Club Pancake Breakfast, Chili's, Mabry Hood Road, Knoxville

**Nov. 6** (1 p.m.) – Free LCI Webinar Leadership Resources on the Web

**Nov. 9** – District 12-N Fall Eyeglass Recycling Day, Roanoke, VA

**Nov. 15** (8 p.m.) – Free LCI Webinar Leadership Resources on the Web

**Nov. 16** – District 12-N Cabinet Meeting and Fall Information Forum, Best Western Morristown

**Nov. 16** – Powell Lions Club Yule Tide Greetings and Craft Fair

**Nov. 30** – Lions Environmental Photo Contest Deadline for Club Winners

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**To access up-to-date District 12N events, and additional details for above events, go to:**

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