



District 12-N News & Views

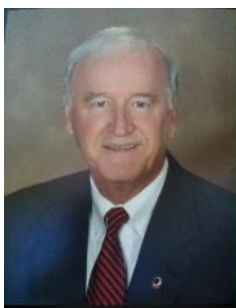
“In a World of Service”



October 2014

District 12-N, East Tennessee (USA)

<http://tnlions.org/>



Fellow Lions,

Past District Governors were right! This newsletter comes around quick. It seems only last week you received my September and now it is October. Thank you Lions Clubs of Oak Ridge, Oneida, Morristown Cherokee, Greeneville, Johnson County, Knox County North, Clinton and Morristown Morris

Blvd. for your hospitality during my visit to you. It is exciting for me to visit and meet new Lions I have never seen before and to hear about your club activities. As you know, one of my goals (besides the #1 goal of membership) is for your club to try a new service project. Many of the clubs have already contacted me to say it is in the works or **that they** have already done one. We all know that Lions Clubs make local communities better places to live. Lions' adopted service programs allow you to work on a diverse array of community service activity projects. It could be focusing on improving eyesight or providing help halfway around the world. Lions have always worked on sight projects as well as projects on hearing and diabetes. When we work with the youth in our projects, we show them how important Lions are to the communities we serve. Later on in their life they will remember how Lions helped their communities and will possibly join a local Lions club. So, I'm asking clubs like yours to get out of the same ole rut with your service project and try a new one. It will energize your club, your members, and who knows, it might take the place of your old one that got stale.

October is New Membership Drive month. Set your Club goal of adding a new member this month. Just ASK ONE! Don't forget the Step Out Walk to Stop Diabetes fundraiser at the UT Gardens on November 2nd. Contact 2VDG Paulette to donate or to walk with her group. It would be nice if I could get your White Cane contribution when I visit your club or if you forget, you can mail it to me at 10 Dove Tree Lane, Jonesborough, TN 37659. Our District needs it now to support our District Projects. While you are making out that check, don't forget to make one out to LCIF too. Remember all the monies raised and contributed by your clubs comes back to the communities and projects we serve. LCIF contributions can come back to our area by way of grants whenever a disaster occurs or a need by our District for something like eyesight cameras. It also helps people in need around the world.

International President Joe Preston has asked every club to take part in the Centennial Service Challenge. The challenge is for Lions to help 25 million youths, provide

vision services for 25 million, feed 25 million and benefit 25 million through environmental projects. Read all about it in your October Lion Magazine.

Don't forget my schedule to visit your club. It was in last month's newsletter and again here on page 3.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for your ongoing contributions and service to your community.

Where There's A Need
There's A Lion-“We Serve”.

DG Ed Gibbons

District 12N



Don't forget to file your IRS Form 990-N to pre-serve your club's Tax Exempt status

Most small tax-exempt organizations whose annual [gross receipts](#) are [normally \\$50,000 or less](#) are required to electronically submit Form 990-N, also known as the *e-Postcard*, unless they choose to file a complete Form 990 or Form 990-EZ instead. Most Clubs in our district are 501 (c)(4) organizations under the IRS Tax Code and are exempt from federal income taxes so long as they file the required form 990 annually.

If you do not file your *e-Postcard* on time, the IRS will send you a reminder notice, however, club treasurers and secretaries often change frequently leaving the IRS with a bogus address. There is no penalty assessment for late filing the *e-Postcard*, but an organization that fails to file required *e-Postcards* (or information returns – Forms 990 or 990-EZ) for three consecutive years will [automatically lose its tax-exempt status](#). Losing tax exempt status may require your club to pay back taxes on moneys your club took in even though it was used for administrative or charitable purposes.

The *e-Postcard* is due every year by the 15th day of the 5th month after the close of your [tax year](#). For Lions Clubs the tax year ends June 30, therefore the **tax filing date is November 15**. It is a simple process if you have your club's tax number (EIN). You just attest that your club did not have revenues exceeding \$50,000.00 Online access for filing your Form 990-N can be found at:

<http://epostcard.form990.org>

October is "Membership Drive Month"

Lions Clubs International has designated **October** and April as the month all clubs worldwide are encouraged to invite new members to join our PRIDE.

Lions who sponsor a member in October will receive a Silver Membership Growth Award Pin. Lions who sponsor a member in October and April will receive both the Silver and Gold Membership Award Pin.



Silver Membership Growth Award



Gold Membership Growth Award

Membership Growth Award Banner Patch



Clubs that add new members in both October and April will receive the Membership Growth Award Banner Patch and a Fiscal Year patch.

DISTRICT 12-N CABINET MEETING

Saturday, November 15, 8:30 AM
Lions Volunteer Blind Industries,
758 W Morris Blvd, Morristown, TN

All Club **Presidents** and Club **Secretaries** are encouraged to attend in addition to any 12-N Lion.

The GLT and GMT teams have some special events planned immediately following the meeting. We are looking for a BIG crowd to attend.

Y'all Come

Ripples from a Pebble someone tosses in a stream

So what does this title have to do with Lions?

There are so many demands on organizations like ours these days and so many need more help than we've ever given before...help seeing, reading, being healthy and having enough to eat...and just as important, more ways to enjoy life and have FUN.

Throughout the Lions world, our recurring theme is **BE PROUD OF YOUR PRIDE** and lets expand our ability to do more. We need to not only tell our story, but to continually think about who would assist us with our mission. These can be friends and family members, but maybe we can also encourage some of those we actually help to support us when we are pushed to achieve larger than usual goals. As well as building your clubs, think of establishing a volunteer corps - folks who aren't ready to become full roaring Lions, but have the time and inclination to help with specific service projects; vision screening, reading, roadside cleanup, etc. These good-hearted folks are not only potentially future Lions, but also ambassadors of who we are and what we do. They will tell their friends about their involvement and in essence create an ever spreading widening ring of public awareness...like ripples from a pebble someone tosses in a stream.

Load up with pebbles and wherever you are, at meetings, service projects or having fun with friends, toss a pebble and see what ripples ensue!

"Ripples from a pebble someone tosses in a stream" from the song, "Windmills-of-Your-Mind," lyrics by Noel Harrison



Sunday, November 2 - 2014 Knoxville Step Out: Walk to Stop Diabetes®

UT Gardens - Ellington Plant Sciences Bldg.,
2431 Joe Johnson Dr. - Knoxville Registration
opens at 1:00pm • Walk begins at 2:00pm.

Join the **Lions of East Team** - Register at <http://main.diabetes.org/goto/lionsofeasttn> - Paulette Bailey is your Team Captain or feel free to donate to the team.

Still looking for District 12-N Centennial Coordinator

Develop and promote a plan of recognition for the district and individual Lions where significant contributions to Centennial service and membership development have been made. Contact 2nd VDG Paulette Bailey or DG Ed Gibbons if you can assume this important role.



It's that time of year again
Hopefully all clubs are planning or have held a White Cane fundraiser

Lions Eye Glass Recycling Work Day – Roanoke, VA

DATE CORRECTION – NOVEMBER 1st

Lions will meet at the Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center (501 Elm Ave) around 8:30 AM. We'll work, have lunch, work some more and leave about 3:00 PM. For more information contact Lion Harry Ennis at hrennis@chartertn.net or 423/239-7681.



District Governor's Club Visitation Schedule

October 15 Morristown Morris Blvd. Lions Club
October 16 Newport Lions Club
October 20 Union County Lions Club
October 21 Kingsport Lions Club
October 27 Morristown Lions Club
October 28 South Knoxville Lions Club
November 3 West Knox Lions Club
November 4 and 5 Open
November 10 Knox Tri-County Lions Club
November 11 Sevierville Lions Club
November 20 White Pine Lions Club
November 24 Campbell County Lions Club
November 25 Rutledge Lions Club
December 1 Karns Lions Club
December 2 Open
December 8 Jellico Lions Club
December 9 Farragut Lions Club
December 11, 15 16, 17, 18 29, 30 are all open dates
January 26 Inskip Lions Club
January and February dates are open. Please let me know a good time for your Club to have me.

SMOKY MOUNTAIN LIONS CHARITIES, INC. (SMLC) MOBILE VISION LAB (MVL)

SMOKY MOUNTAIN LIONS CHARITIES, INC. just completed the first year of operation of the MVL. The first mission was on October 23, 2013 at the Tennessee School for the Deaf. The tenth mission was at the Fountain City Lions Club House. Missions were held monthly except for November and December. They provided 504 pair of eyeglasses at the 10 missions. An additional 38 pair were made during the test runs In June, July and August 2013. For the first ten missions recipients had to have a prescription to get a pair of eyeglasses. In August 2014 the first exams were made by SMLC. For a recipient to receive an exam and eyeglasses they must be referred to the MVL by a Lions Club or a source approved by the SMLC/MVL committee.



The MVL was operated for 39 hours and fifty-one volunteers worked 1035 hours making the eyeglasses. Not all of these volunteers were Lions. Thirty six were Lions of which three were also professionals, twelve were non-Lion/professionals and three were non-lions/non professionals. The successful year was celebrated at an appreciation dinner for the volunteers at the Fountain City Lions Club House on September 18.

Smoky Mountain Lions Charities, Mobile Vision Lab Committee Jim McFarland – operations, Ron Riehn – volunteers, Dave Crawford – financing, Mark Crawley-Lab, Paul Wittke, examinations.

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DISTRICT 12N EVENTS CALENDAR

November 1, 8:30 AM - Roanoke, VA Eye Glass Recycling work day for District 12-N

November 2, 1:00 PM - *Step Out: Walk to Stop Diabetes®*, UT Gardens

November 10, 6:30 PM Zone Meeting hosted by Kingston Lions Club at Shoneys in Harriman

November 15, 8:30 AM - Noon, District 12-N Cabinet Meeting at LVBI in Morristown TN. All are welcome, but at least Presidents and Secretaries from each club are encouraged to attend.

January 16-18, 2015, Lions Learning Retreat at Coffee County Convention Center in Manchester, TN

Feb. 20-21, 2015, District 12-N Convention in Johnson City, TN

To access up-to-date District 12N events, and additional details for above events, go to: <http://tnlions.org/calendar/>

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District 12N Welcomes New Lions!!

Lion SANDY POEHLER Dandridge Lions Club
Lion KAT BLAKE, Farragut Lions Club
Lion DALE S. GALYON, Harriman Lions Club
Lion JENNIFER B. WOODY, Karns Lions Club
Lion KEVIN W. WHITE, Kingsport Lions Club
Lion JAMES E. WALLACE, Jr., Norris Lions Club
Lion RONALD LOCKHART, Tellico Village Lions Club



Just imagine if every Lion, 1.36 Million, asked one person to join their club.....

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