



From the DG's *Desk*

Hello, fellow Lions. How great it is to be a Lion! Now that school is in session, eye screenings are in full swing. Children across our communities are receiving help with vision needs, all

thanks to you Lions of 12-N. Many other community projects are in the works, such as Lions ballfields, handicap playgrounds, rehab exercise stations along a walking trail, park benches, and school supplies being delivered. Wow! It's great to be a Lion!

Membership is on the positive, but could use a big push. I encourage all Lions of 12-N to do your best to find those Lions out there who haven't joined our great organization. Let folks know what we are doing, and ask them to join your club. Share the rewards of serving with others!

Thank you Lions Clubs Karns, North Knox County, Maryville, Oakridge and Oneida for your hospitality. Club visits are exciting, and a pleasure I will not forget. Even more club visits scheduled for October, and I sure am looking forward to it.

I also would like to give a special thanks to Lions Dave Crawford and Jim McFarland for the great work they are doing for our district. Halloween is just around the corner. Hope you receive more treats than tricks!

-Fletcher



Paulette's Post



Sharing the Forum Experience

Our recent USA/Canada Forum experience in Grand Rapids, MI was great! Lions from the US, Canada, Bahamas, Bermuda and Puerto Rico came together to share their experiences and fellowship. Some of the seminars offered were: Leadership Development, Legal and Ethics issues, Focus Panels, Redistricting, Community Service and Fundraising Projects, and they had attendees coming away wanting more. There is so much to absorb and the instructors are extremely knowledgeable and they allow plenty of time for Q&A. The meals and entertainment were also enjoyable.

This year was a first for two activities – there was a special day of LEO programs with several community LEOs participating and “Lions University” conferred degrees on their first graduating class – over 250 lions received Bachelors and/or Masters degrees. To obtain a degree in lionism you take at least 15 courses each for the Bachelor's and Master's program. It also requires attendance at least one or two USA/Canada Forums depending on the degree you are seeking. For more information on this program you may go to the website: www.lionsuniversity.org

Lion Chuck and I have personally attended several of these Forums and highly recommend you attend at least one because learning and sharing with others is awesome!

1st Vice District Governor
Paulette Bailey



On October 3rd, the Manchester Lions of Manchester, Tennessee, will be hosting a 5K "Strides" run/walk for Layla. The event will begin at 7:30 AM at the Manchester Recreation Center, and proceeds of the event will be donated to juvenile diabetes research in honor of Layla. Layla suffers from Type 1 Diabetes and was diagnosed with the diseases at only 17 months old. Many of you may remember her and her mother speaking at the 2015 Tennessee Lions Learning Retreat. For more information, call: 931-644-7122



Help end juvenile diabetes in honor of Layla



Lions Clubs International FOUNDATION CONTRIBUTES \$200,000

Lions Clubs International Foundation has already committed \$200,000 toward refugee support, and announced contributions to this effort are eligible for application to Melvin Jones Fellowships. LCIF received another four-star rating from Charity Navigator this year. You can be assured your funds are being wisely applied. Your Lions Club can schedule an LCIF program through PDG Ken Moffett, District 12-N LCIF Chair, at moffettken@hotmail.com.



My name is Robert Martin; I am the current President of East Tennessee State University Lions Club. First and foremost I want to thank all the Lions involved in the production of the recent USA/Canada Forum. I would like to say a few words on behalf of our club concerning the USA/Canada Forum. Our club was fortunate enough to send ten members to the forum, and I cannot express how invaluable this experience was for our members and for the growth of our club.

The dedication in which Lions expressed in preparing their members for the challenges we all face was extremely encouraging. As a club, we decided to divide and consume as much knowledge as possible. The ninety-plus seminars presented at the forum really opened our eyes to what Lions Club contributes internationally. As a campus club at a moderately sized university, we have largely been unaware of the size and scope of Lions Club International. I am confident Johnson City and the campus we serve will benefit greatly from our time spent learning from not only the seminars, but every Lion we encountered.

Each of us greatly appreciated the Lions willingness to accept the fresh, new ideas we are able to provide. However, it should be reiterated that we certainly learned much more than we provided. After speaking with each of our Lions that participated, I know that my sentiments express their own. We look forward to not only contributing to our community and campus, but the initiative of Lions Club International. I cannot thank you enough for broadening your horizons to each and every soul in need and your openness to young Lions.

We Serve!
Lion President Robert Martin



ETSU Lions Club members clown around with PDG Wendy Cain at the USA/Canada Forum.



Lions Environmental P H O T O C O N T E S T

This year's Special theme: Dignity, harmony, humanity. Celebrating the peaceful coexistence of species

Categories:

Animal life
Urban or natural landscape

Plant life
Weather phenomenon

Take those pictures, Lions, and get them to PDG Ken Moffett (Knoxville Tri-Counties Lions Club) at 1909 River Shores Drive, Knoxville, TN 37914 by November 15 so the District 12-N selection can be entered in the MD-12 (Tennessee) Contest! Winners will be displayed at the LCI Convention and may appear in an annual calendar. Here is a link to the LCI Contest Rules:

<http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/serve/contests/environmental-photo-contest/index.php>



EAST TENNESSEE LIONS EYE BANK



The East Tennessee Lions Eye Bank nominations committee members are PDGs Clare Crawford and Neal Vaughan, co-chairs.

Anyone in good standing in a District 12-N Lions Club can become a member of the Board of Directors. If you have ever wondered what the East Tennessee Lions Eye Bank and its Board of Directors do, now is your chance to find out.

The election will be held at the District 12-N Convention February 19, 2016, which is being held at the Doubletree Inn in Oak Ridge. The Eye bank is currently in the top ten in the world for tissue placement and is one of the leaders in using the latest technology available.

If you wish to be placed on the ballot for a three year term of service please let PDG Clare or PDG Neal know. We will be electing five (5) members to the Board. We will not accept any names for the ballot after January 4, 2016. PDG Neal Vaughan's e-mail is neallion@comcast.net and PDG Clare Crawford's e-mail is lionclare1987@gmail.com. If you wish to submit your name to be put on the ballot, please include a short bio of yourself.

UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER 3rd—Strides Walk for Layla
Manchester, Tennessee

OCTOBER 10th—12N Eyeglass Recycling
Roanoke, Virginia

NOVEMBER 14th—12N Cabinet Meeting
Morristown, TN—LVBI

NOVEMBER 19th—80th Anniversary
Loudon Lions Club, Episcopal Church of the Resurrection

FEBRUARY 19&20— 12N Convention
Doubletree Hotel, Oakridge, TN



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Roanoke, VA

Saturday, October 10



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AM. We'll work, have
lunch, work some more
and leave about 3:00
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LAURA HORN	WEST KNOX
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Welcome to the Lions Club Family!

Presenters' Workshop

Date: Saturday, October 31, 2015

Time: 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Where: Jackson State Community College
1751 E. Main St.; Humboldt, TN

Calling all lions interested in becoming great presenters/speakers. PCC Joe Pitts from South Carolina will be conducting a workshop on topics such as: Planning/organization, clear and understandable, use of handout materials, knowledge and enthusiasm, and audible voice projection.

For more info and registration form please contact PCC Joe at joepitts@msn.com

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