



# District 12-N News & Views

## "Move to Grow"



September 2009

District 12-N, Tennessee (USA)

<http://www.ETNLions.org>



### FROM THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR:

Well, this is month number two. My wife and I feel like a couple of roadies, but the club visits have been great. I have visited four clubs that have a least one member 90 years old, still active and driving. I don't know if that is scary or inspiring, but one thing we need to tell our communities, serving in Lionism has lasting effects. Many clubs have ten members or less for an

average attendance. We need to keep working on our friends and neighbors to join our cause. Like us, they would be glad they did. Most of our club presidents are seasoned veterans with deep-rooted ideals. We have the Chiefs, just need more Indians.

Let our communities know what we are doing. Don't let media opportunities slip by. The more people who know about us, the more interest it will spark.

Many clubs are having joint activities and fund raisers. International leaders encourage this. If your club is close to another, reach out, we are all family.

Unfortunately, we have some struggling clubs and areas. It is not always a lack of effort from a few, just haven't found those key new members to help. If your club is close to a struggling area, please do what you can. Healthy clubs are crucial to our future as the world's leading service organization, we need to support each other in order to serve our fellow man.

It starts with you, whether you are new or well-seasoned in Lionism, we need you today, and we need you tomorrow. Let us all Roar Forward!

Lion Steve

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

### Diabetes Awareness T-Shirt Design Contest:

Lion Cliff Swoape announces the Diabetes Awareness Committee for Tennessee will host a T-Shirt Design Contest for Diabetes Awareness. This shirt will first be worn at the Country Music Marathon and 1/2 Marathon by Lion runners and walkers who enter the event and sign up with the DA Committee. Get rules here as a "pdf" file.

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

**Please send your submissions to:**

[newsandviews12n@yahoo.com](mailto:newsandviews12n@yahoo.com)

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

### **A Day With The Lions 2009**

Lion Ron Riehn, Chmn.

#### **Post event Review:**

*(Continued from August Issue- Editor.)*

#### **Suggested Changes for next year's DWTL:**

- The Date: It was suggested the event be moved back to a time when school is still in session and the weather is cooler. PDG Jim noted that the second and third Saturday in May does not have any other major Lions functions and would be available.
- Lion Oliver Lang suggested that we have more events involving the young children that regularly visit the park. Get the kids involved and we get the Parents, too. He also suggest we make a reusable banner for the start-finish line rather than the balloons because of the cost.
- A better PA system that can be heard all over the park.
- Water for the walkers at the finish line and for the mascots. To be limited, so as not to compete with the sale of water at the concession stand.
- Get organized sooner. Also, have the last minute details meeting a week before the event rather than two days.
- Promotions: In addition to media advertisement, use some sort of direct distribution ads such as door-hangers or direct mail, More articles in local periodicals, especially in outlying areas.

I would like to thank all the committee members for all their dedication and hard work in making this event successful.

Next year's event will be chaired by Jim McFarland. He will call his first meeting in late August or Early September.

Ron Riehn

DWTL 09 Chairman



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## **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

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### **From the East Tennessee Eye Bank:**

A program for Lions Club meetings about the East Tennessee Lions Eye Bank is available and Eye Bank staff are eager to share this information with you! To learn more about this agency supported by East Tennessee Lions and White Cane collections, please contact Lynn Duncan at the East Tennessee Lions Eye Bank at: 865-305-9625

### **Peace Poster Contest 2009**

If you attended the conference in March, you were able to see the winners of the Peace Poster. The first place winner was Bethany Lemons sponsored by Lake City Lions, second place winner was Romelia Francisco sponsored by North Knox Lions and third place was Sean Rice sponsored by Farragut Lions. We had six entries. Two had to be disqualified – one for having peace written on it (rules state no lettering on front of poster) and the other for its size. We hate to disqualify any entry, so make sure the rules are followed.

The winner of the state Peace Poster contest was 12-year old Erin Peel from District 12-L. The District 12-N winner, Bethany Lemons sponsored by the Lake City Lions tied for second place.

“The Power of Peace” is the theme for this year. Remember to get your kit by October 1. This last year we doubled our entries and placed second in the multi-district. Next year we will make another step closer to having an International winner.

Sandra Thaler  
Peace Poster District Chair

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## **On the Road with Lion Paws**



***at the West Knox-Farragut Lions Clubs Annual Car Show August 8, 2009.***

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/>

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***West Knox Lion Terry Horn's wife, Laura, taking the vintage Downtown Lion's Club mini Model T for a spin at the West Knox/Farragut Lion's Clubs' Car Show.***



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## **CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS:**

**Kingston Lions Club** –As part of Kingston’s Night Out event, the Club held a Kid’s ID program at the Fort on August 4<sup>th</sup>. Nineteen children were measured, photographed, and finger-printed, to provide a record for their parents before we were rained out. This is a very valuable service provided to the community as another portion of “We Serve”!

**Farragut Lions Club-** Farragut Lions Club Orange and White Low Country Boil, Tennessee VS Florida  
Sept 19, 2009 2:30 PM \$25.00, at Susie and Jim Slyman's, 8731 Tazewell Pike  
Call Kathy Burrow 693-5449 or any Farragut Lion for tickets!

**Knoxville Tri-County Lions Club** and Zaxby's in Seymour are hosting Lions Club Spirit Night from 5:00-8:00pm September 21. During this time, a portion of the proceeds of all sales will go to the Knoxville Tri-County Lions Club for support of local projects, including the purchase of eyeglasses for the less fortunate in the community. Zaxby's is on the Chapman Highway in Seymour, across from the Post Office. Last year, the Lions Club was able to help approximately twice as many people get eyeglasses than in previous years.

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### **Vision: It Can Be Lost in the Blink of an Eye**

---Adapted for Lionism from Safety Daily Advisor Tip (2/23/2009) through Safety.BLR.com by Lion Cliff Swoape:

Lions are “Knights of the blind in this crusade against darkness.” That means helping prevent blindness, not just championing for the blind. If you are a Lion who is still in the workforce, please ask yourself if you take this Crusade with you to work, or do you save it for meeting and project times. Here are some startling statistics that show the opportunity to save sight on the job as well:

- More than 800,000 work-related eye injuries occur every year (that's about 2,000 a day).
- Many of these injuries are temporarily disabling and some result in permanent loss of vision.
- Most eye injuries occur in production jobs, followed by transportation, material handling, and service industry jobs. Construction workers are also at risk of eye injuries.
- Men are the most likely to have eye injuries on the job. Some estimates indicate that 80 percent or more of all workplace eye injuries happen to men.
- Workers aged 25 to 34 are more likely to have eye injuries than any other age group, followed closely by workers aged 35 to 44.

And here's one more very important fact provided by BLR's OSHA Required Training for Supervisors newsletter: OSHA says that at least 90 percent of all workplace eye injuries can be prevented through the use of proper eye protection.

#### **Why So Many Injuries? OSHA says there are two main reasons:**

1. Workers weren't wearing any eye protection. By some estimates, as many as three out of five injured workers weren't wearing eye protection at the time of their accident.
2. Workers were wearing the wrong kind of protection. In

other words, the eyewear didn't adequately protect against the specific hazard they faced.

#### **What Causes Most Injuries?**

Most industrial eye injuries are the result of flying particles, a majority of which are smaller than a pinhead. In addition, eye injuries may be caused by:

- Chemical splashes, vapors, or dust
- Being struck by or bumping into an object
- Sparks or molten metal and other hot liquid splashes
- Effects of light radiation from welding and similar operations
- Healthcare workers and first-aid responders are also at risk for blood splashes, which can allow blood borne pathogens to enter the body through the eyes.

#### **What Protection Is Needed?**

Train your employees on which safety eyewear protects against which hazards. Generally, goggles provide the best all-around protection against eye hazards. Regular safety glasses are adequate for many jobs, but not all. Here's what to wear for specific risks:

- Safety glasses with side shields or goggles provide good protection against impact hazards like flying particles.
- Safety goggles prevent dust and chemical splashes and vapors from getting into the eyes.
- A face shield worn over goggles provides extra protection from flying particles, chemical splashes, and burns from sparks and hot substances.
- Welding goggles with special lenses protect eye tissue by filtering out harmful light radiation.

#### **How Can You Prevent Injuries? To prevent workplace eye injuries:**

- Identify all possible eye hazards in the work areas and jobs you supervise.
- Post warning signs in conspicuous places about eye hazards and the need for eye protection.
- Provide the proper eye protection for every job, and make sure workers use it.
- Train employees to recognize eye hazards and to use and maintain eye protection properly.
- Enforce eye safety rules strictly.

#### **But you can't do it all alone. You need the cooperation of your employees. Train them to:**

- Obey workplace warning signs requiring eye protection.
- Always put on protective eyewear before entering an area where hazards may be present.
- Choose safety eyewear that provides maximum protection against hazards.
- Assume eye hazards are present when in doubt.
- Make sure eye protection fits properly and comfortably.
- Inspect protective eyewear before each use, and replace immediately if there are any defects.
- Know where eyewash stations are located and how to use them effectively to flush eyes.
- Know basic first aid for eye injuries of all kinds.
- Store protective eyewear safely where it won't get scratched or damaged, and keep it clean.
- Ask you before they start a job if they're not sure which type of eye protection is necessary.
- Report potential eye hazards to you immediately.

Preventing eye injuries on the job through the use of these simple steps is a big step in the Lions' Crusade against Darkness.

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## DISTRICT 12N EVENTS CALENDAR

**September 8 (Tue) - First Zone Meeting: Region I, Zone II:** Speaker: PDG Jim McFarland; Subject: Kids Sight 5:45 pm Giuseppe's Italian Restaurant, Address: 2539 Stone DR; Kingsport, TN 37660

**September 24-26 2009 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum** Memphis

**September 19 (Sat)** - Farragut Lions Club Orange and White Low Country Boil The Orange and White Low Country Boil is held in conjunction with the Tennessee vs. Florida football game. Contact any Farragut Lions Club member for tickets. 2:30pm Susie and Jim Slyman's 8731 Tazewell Pike \$25

**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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### District Governor's Club Visit Schedule:

**September:** 3rd- White Pine; 8th-Farragut; 10th-New Tazewell; 14th-Campbell County; 15th-Kingsport; 17th-Union County; 21st-Rogersville; 22nd-Hamblen County; 28th Tri-County

**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-Clinton; 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

### FROM THE EDITOR:

Thanks again to all District 12N Lion contributors for your submissions to the *12N News and Views*. I took the opportunity in this issue to publish articles that weren't time sensitive that I simply didn't have space for in previous issues. I will continue to do my best in publishing your articles as space and time constraints allow. Keep sending them in, as this newsletter is one of the best ways other clubs in our District and elsewhere can find out what your Club is doing locally, nationally, and internationally.

**WE SERVE!** -Editor

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