



# District 12-N News & Views

**"I Believe"**



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District 12-N, Tennessee (USA)

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### From the District Governor:

Fellow Lions of District 12-N,

I'm just getting used to being referred to as, "District Governor." When visiting clubs this past month and the District Governor was introduced, sometimes I had to be reminded to rise and go forward to speak. The hospitality shown to my wife, Paulette, and me as we visit clubs has been humbling and the meals have all been outstanding. Of course, that is the downside. I used to be able to button my blue blazer. Those days are now in the past. I must say, however, that it is a true honor to serve you in the capacity of governor and I look forward to visiting your club if I haven't yet been there.

During the club visits, one of the topics I address is President Tam's philosophy of, "My club, my family." We, as Lions, do so much for our communities that in the process of serving their needs we may overlook the needs of our own club members. The "My club, my family" philosophy is intended to bring focus on our fellow Lions as if they are members of our own family. If a member of our family fails to show up for supper without notice, we become concerned about their whereabouts and try to find out what might be wrong. Should we do less for members of our club? If we care for our fellow club members as if they were family, I believe a major part of our club membership retention problem will disappear. Our members will want to belong to a nurturing, caring, Lions Club with members who look out for one another's wellbeing. We do it for our communities. We should do no less for our club family.

I believe that if we overcome the negative retention trend, club by club, we will return positive growth to our district. "My club, my family" is a good reminder to each of us for how we should treat each other in our clubs as "We Serve" our communities.

Remember, "We Serve" is more than our motto; it is our call to action to meet the unfulfilled needs in our communities. Keep up the good work. I am proud to serve alongside you.

Do you believe?

Yours in Lionism,  
DG Chuck

**Please send your submissions to:**  
[newsandviews12n@yahoo.com](mailto:newsandviews12n@yahoo.com)  
**Thank You for your submissions! -Editor**

### Tri-County Lions Welcome 2 New Members



New Lions Bill and Juanita Mantooth were inducted by DG Chuck Bailey at the August 8 meeting of the Tri-County Lions, DG Chuck was accompanied by his wife Paulette, for his official club visit. Sponsors were Lions Buddy Greene and Joyce Wooliver, respectively. Lion Spence Perry, club president, and other members were quick to congratulate the newest club members. Preceding the induction and remarks by the District Governor, Tail Twister extraordinaire Jim Grubb got everyone in a good mood with some fascinating sleight-of-hand.

### NORRIS LIONS CLUB LENDS SUPPORT TO LOCAL FOOD PANTRY

Grocery carts get a lot of wear at the Norris Area Food Pantry. In one month alone this year, over 15,000 pounds of food were carried through the Food Pantry's aisles to serve nearly 200 needy families representing 600 people in the Anderson County High School District. Norris Lions Club members, some of the staples of this community-operated program, recognized the need for cart repairs last spring and asked their own organization to take on the project. Within a few months funds were allocated, and volunteer Lions had replaced sixteen new wheels on existing carts and repaired several others. Four additional carts were purchased and modified for operation.

At the August 18 meeting of the Norris Lions Club, Wayne Morris, a long-time volunteer for the Food Pantry reported, "We now have enough carts, and we will repair them and replace wheels as needed." And the Pantry's efficiency has been significantly enhanced. The Pantry is now able to serve 50-60 families per hour.

Since the Food Pantry's beginning in 1997, individual Lions Club members have donated many hours of work every month, unloading food, removing large amounts of scrap cardboard, cleaning the Pantry, sorting food, and repackaging meat and dry goods.

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## Lions Clubs International FOUNDATION

Dear Lions,

I see by our records that many of you are first time Presidents. Congratulations on being selected to this important leadership role! For you experienced Presidents, welcome back. As our new International President Tan said to a group of club Presidents, "There are only two positions in all of the Lions Organization that are important enough to be called President. Mine and Yours." As a past club president, I can assure you it's a very satisfying job.

For some of you, I sent this letter to your club secretary or treasurer as I don't have your email address. My email address is not in the directory either, so I would appreciate it if those of you who received this letter in that fashion, would send your email address to me at rriehn@knology.net.

While I won't be able to get to every club, I do intend to visit as many as possible to present a 20 minute program about the Foundation, how it benefits people around the world and right here in Tennessee. It includes a very interesting video called "Lions Quarterly" which is a newsreel showing what lions like yourselves are doing in other parts of the US and around the world as well as projects the International Foundation is involved in.

My purpose as LCIF Coordinator is to effectively promote and support club participation in LCIF and its programs. Nearly all the funding for LCIF comes in the form of donations from individual Lions Clubs.

LCIF donations are a good value for us in Tennessee. In many previous years, we received more in grants, than we contributed. In 2010, our own District 12-N was awarded a \$75,000 grant for the Morristown Lions Volunteer Blind Industries building expansion. In addition to that, we are still in the process of distributing a \$10,000 disaster relief Grant to the Greene County Tornado victims. Our fellow Tennesseans, in the past 12 months, have received, or are in the process of receiving, \$160,000 in disaster relief grants. In recent years, our district has received grants for those who suffered with the tornados in Morgan and Roane counties, , the Elizabethton floods, the Braille Trail in Kingsport, and others. Later this year, our district will be applying for a grant to help in refurbishing the mobile eyeglass manufacturing van donated to us by RAM. Further details on this project will be provided later.

Now, while you are preparing next year's budget, is the time to determine how much your club can contribute. It is traditional that LCIF donations are given to the District Governor during his official visit to your club

Each donation of \$1,000 entitles the club to name a Melvin Jones Fellow. Donations of smaller amounts to the District are pooled to award, 'at large' MJF's. Clubs who donate \$10.00, for each member on their roster as of July 1, 2010, will be able to submit an applicant for consideration as an MJF by the District Governor and the

MJF district committee from this pool. Minimum club donation is \$200 for the smaller clubs.

The Melvin Jones Award, named after the Lions Club founder, is presented by the Lions Club International Foundation to Club members or private citizens for their outstanding community work. It is one of the Lion's most prestigious awards.

I request that you ask your club to select that outstanding Lion (or Lions), that deserves recognition and show the club's appreciation of a job well done. I believe that every club has at least one Lion member who deserves this award

Feel free to contact me anytime you have any questions or need further information about LCIF programs, Grants, or the MJF awards.

Sincerely,  
Lion Ron Riehn, 12-N LCIF Coordinator  
rriehn@knology.net  
1418 Cordoba Rd, Knoxville TN 37923  
865 690-2557

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### **District 12-N Cabinet Report—Hearing Aid Program**

Lions Clubs are continually requesting hearing aids. The only answer I have at this time is for the Lion member and that Club to fill out the Hearing Aid form and have the person needing the hearing aid, call The Hearing and Speech Foundation, Inc. (see attachment for address/forms) and they will inform them if Lions funds are available and the next step to take. The Lions forms ( club keeps a copy, email or mail chairperson, Nellie Harshbarger a copy,) needs to accompany the hearing impaired person to The Hearing and Speech Foundation.

As of 4-15-2011, Change for Charities:

White Cane collected	\$ 473.00
Hearing Aid Program collected	\$ 133.03

Dean and Nellie Harshbarger have \$75.00 for Hearing Aid Program. Does anyone have Change to turn into our District Treasurer ?

Lion Nellie and PCC Dean Harshbarger, Co-Chairpersons  
District 12-N Hearing Aid Program  
P O Box 282  
Norris, TN 37828  
Phone 865-494-7599  
email [squillpot@bellsouth.net](mailto:squillpot@bellsouth.net)

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### **Member Updates:**

Lion Lawrence Elder - Transferred into Tellico Village Lions Club  
Lion Patty Pridemore - Reinstated to Tellico Village Lions Club  
Lion Patricia Wininger - Transferred into Inskip Lions Club

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### **In Memoriam:**

We remember and celebrate the life and service of:

Lion Alberta Ross - Harriman Lions Club

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**The Norris Lions Club is sponsoring a Peace Poster Contest**, (Children Know Peace), in the Norris Middle School this year.

The Club sends one winning poster (per contest sponsored) postmarked to the District Governor by Nov. 15, 2011.

The District Governor and his committee vote on one winning poster for his/her district and sends that winning poster, to the MD-12 Council Chairperson, postmarked by December 1, 2011. The MD-12 Council Chairperson, sends one winning poster to the Public Relations Department at International Headquarters, postmarked by, December 15, 2011. International winners will be notified on or before February 1, 2012. Entries that do not meet deadlines will be disqualified.

Lion Nellie Harshbarger, Peace Poster Chairperson  
Norris Lions Club  
(H) 865-494-7599 (c) 865-705-5950  
(e) [squillpot@bellsouth.net](mailto:squillpot@bellsouth.net)

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**Roanoke Eyeglass Recycling Center Work Day**

The District 12N work party trip to the Eyeglass Recycling Center in Roanoke, VA has been confirmed by the District Eyeglass Chairman, Harry Ennis. The date is Saturday, October 29th, 2011. If you would like to participate in this event or have questions or concerns, please contact Harry Ennis either by email at [jrennis@chartertn.net](mailto:jrennis@chartertn.net); at (423) 239-7681 (H); or (423) 292-4161 (C).

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**Farragut Lions News!**

**Meeting Place Change:** The Farragut Lions Club is no longer meeting at Pimentos. They have moved to SHONEY'S on Lovell Rd., 2nd/4th Tuesdays at 6:30 pm.

**NEW! NEW! NEW!**

**One-Time Purchase Farragut Lions Value Card—\$175**

Low Country Boil	\$ 30
Wine Tasting Dinner	\$ 50
Hoedown	\$ 20
Pancake Breakfast	\$ 5
Keeneland Bus Trip	\$100

**\$30 savings and only one purchase!**

Contact: Lion Gerri Crutchfield at 865-789-6392 or [gerri.crutchfield@gmail.com](mailto:gerri.crutchfield@gmail.com)

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**-Norris Lions (cont'd from page one)**

Two of the Lions members are authorized Second Harvest shoppers, driving their own vehicles to pick up food. On distribution days other Lions serve refreshments to clients, interview, register and sign them in; then they assist them to their cars and help them unload their shopping carts.

The Norris Area Food Pantry is funded mainly by donations from various churches and private citizens in the Norris area. At different times throughout the year, food is collected by local schools, Boy and Girl Scouts and individuals. Some food is supplied free by Second Harvest and USDA, but most food from Second Harvest is purchased at reduced cost using donated funds. Historically the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Anderson County community Action Committee have provided grants equivalent to about 1/3 of the Pantry's annual food costs. This year these funds will not be received. Unless the community increases their support, the assistance provided these needy families will be significantly reduced. Meanwhile the Norris Lions continue to increase their efforts to keep the Norris Area Food Pantry active and the food carts rolling.

Susan Daniel, Publicity Chairperson  
Norris Lions Club  
865 368-4884



**Norris Lions have taken on a project to keep the sixteen grocery carts of the Norris Area Food Pantry rolling. In August alone, each cart carried over 900 pounds of food to local families in need.**

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**Farragut Lions Club Low Country Boil**

**JOIN US! Saturday, September 17, 2011**

Watch UT vs. the Gators (Game time 3:30 p.m.)  
Food around 5:00 p.m.

Lions Jim and Julia Hart's Home on the River  
3036 Early Morning Lane, Knoxville, TN 37922

**Tickets: \$30 dollars.** Contact Lions Norvell Burrow at [burrown@bellsouth.net](mailto:burrown@bellsouth.net) or Gerri Crutchfield (at left)

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**To access up-to-date District 12N events,**  
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**Reg 1, Zone II Zone Meetings:**

1st Zone Meeting will be held Tuesday, Oct. 11, 2011 at Giuseppe's Restaurant at 6:00 pm, hosted by the Kingsport Lions Club. The address is 2539 E. Stone Dr; Kingsport, TN 37660 (phone 423-288-5265). The cost will be \$14/person. Please RSVP to ZC Edna Longwell by phone at 423-967-8377 or email: e\_longwell@yahoo.com no later than Oct. 8, 2011. The Program Speaker will be VDG Mike McDonough.

2nd Zone Meeting will be held Thursday, Dec. 1, 2011 at Pizza Plus in Bulls Gap, hosted by the Bulls Gap Lions. It is located at 14480 W. Andrew Johnson Hwy; Bulls Gap, TN 37711 (phone 423-235-9200). The Program is TBA. Please RSVP ZC Edna Longwell (see above) no later than Nov. 27, 2011. The cost will be \$10/person.

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***Welcome New Members!***

<b>Member</b>	<b>Club</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>
<b>July 2011:</b>		
Annie Anderson	Clinton	John Kelsey
John Barnam	Clinton	Neal Vaughan
April Rebecca Glatt	Dandridge	Carolyn Rinehart
Greg Slagle	Dandridge	Carolyn Rinehart
Marty Stormer	Farragut	Ann Raby
Wayne Stormer	Farragut	Ann Raby
Margaret Ownby	Halls Community	Carl McDaniel
Juanita Mantooth	Knox Tri-County	Joyce Wooliver
William Mantooth	Knox Tri-County	Joyce Wooliver
Bruce Clark	Lenoir City	Larry Hawk
Dar Justes	Morgan Co. Cent.	Gary Latham

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**DISTRICT 12N EVENTS CALENDAR**

- Sept. 17** – Farragut Lions Club Low Country Boil
  - Sept. 22-24** – USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, Anchorage, Alaska
  - Sept. 24** – Powell Lions Club Tierra Run
  - Sept. 26** – District Governor's Visit to Elizabethton Lions
  - Sept. 27** – District Governor's Visit to Hamblen Co. Lions
  - Oct. 4** – District Governor's Visit to Morgan County Central Lions
  - Oct. 5** – District Governor's Visit to Knox North Lions
  - Oct. 6** – District Governor's Visit to East Hawkins Co. Lions
  - Oct. 7-8** – Annual Past District Governors' Retreat, Lebanon, TN
  - Oct. 10** – District Governor's Visit to Oak Ridge Lions (noon)
  - Oct. 10** – District Governor's Visit to Harriman Lions
  - Oct. 11** – District Governor's Visit to Farragut Lions
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<b>Member</b>	<b>Club</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>
Thomas Lubens	Morristown	Gene Honeycutt
Lisa Starnes	Morristown	Dave Edmonds
Katie Kendall	Powell	Cherie Doane
Ava Hornung	Sevierville	John Hornung
<b>August 2011:</b>		
Carrie Jones	Clinton	Kathy Jones
Karen Hurst	Halls Community	Margaret Ownby
Mark Churchwell	Knox North	Clare Crawford
Jennifer Truan	Knox North	Clare Crawford
Ann Callahan	Norris	
Teri Langheld	Norris	
James Mohrman	Norris	