



# District 12-N News & Views

*"In a World of Service"*



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District 12-N, Tennessee (USA)

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## They've got going!

As most know by now, our District Theme this year is "When the going gets tough, the tough get going." I'm glad to report that many have got the message and have got

going:

## MEMBERSHIP

**PDG Kevin Storberg** is working on establishing a Branch Club in the Clover Hill Community in Maryville. He already has eight potential members and a sponsoring club.

**Lion Brandon Johnson**, who started a Leo Club at Campbell County High School in 2010, is now working on starting a Campus Club at East Tennessee State University. He already has several faculty members and six students interested in joining.

**IPDG Diane Wilkerson** is working on starting a Campus Club at Pellissippi State College. She has identified a potential faculty member and student member.

**Club Vice President Lion Susan Price** recently sponsored new Lions Joel Gosnell and Melanie Stills at the Greeneville Lions Club. **Lion Donna Hoppestad** recently sponsored new Lions Charles "Sandy" and Karen Barry at the Clinton Lions Club.

**PDG David Crawford** has agreed to serve as our new District Membership Team Leader and will work with clubs determined to have a long-term net membership growth. **PDG John Kelsey** has agreed to serve on the team and will assist clubs wanting to induct new members this year and wanting to win a Melvin Jones Fellowship.

## CHARITABLE DONATIONS

**1<sup>st</sup> VDG Ed Gibbons** and several other members of the Johnson City Lions Club are driving a trailer load of Lions shirts all the way to the USA/Canada Forum in Kansas in September! These will be sold to raise money to support a number of charitable programs.

**2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Fletcher Stephens** has agreed to head our White Cane Campaign in October and can provide flyers to clubs. **PDG Bill Slover** has agreed to head our Day with the Lions event in May and is looking for ideas which will improve this activity.

## LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

**PDG Wendy Cain** has agreed to serve as District Leadership Team Leader and is working on providing new officer training in each region this year. **PDG Clare Crawford** has agreed to serve on the team and is working on plans for our Fall Information Forum.

## SOCIAL EVENTS

**Campbell County Lions Club President Lion Stanley Pickle and Club Vice President Lion Fred Miller** both have and ride trikes. They are working on establishing a Lions District 12-N Trike/Bike Club. If you have a trike or bike and good leather (we are talking motorcycles) and want to join, give them a call.

**PDG Ken Moffett and PDG Bill McDonald** are interested in having a Day with the Lions at the Smokies Baseball Stadium next year in August. We will need 100+members to attend. Then we will receive discounted tickets, will be able to set up a membership recruiting table in the stadium lobby, will be able to select someone to throw the first pitch and will be recognized as a group during the game! Let PDG Ken or PDG Bill hear from you, if you support this idea.

**I know of others who have got going and I am sure there are others who have got going who I do not know about. To all who have got the message and got going, my sincere thanks. To all who have not got the message and have not got going, please get on the bandwagon!**

**District Governor Mike McDonough**



**volunteer blind industries**

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### **Campbell County Lion Wins State Membership Contest**



Campbell County Lion Susan Vernick receives a \$300 check, the top prize in a state-wide membership contest. Sue's name was randomly chosen from all Tennessee Lions who recruited new members in the 2012-13 year. State Council Chair Richard Kulp selected her name at the Aug. 3 Multiple District 12 meeting in Nashville. She is pictured here receiving the check from her fellow Campbell County Lion, District Governor Mike McDonough. Congratulations, Sue! !

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### **Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center Fall Trip 2013**

The District 12N fall 2013 trip to the Lions Eyeglass Recycling center in Roanoke Virginia is scheduled for November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013. As usual, we'll meet at the center around 8:30, spend the day sorting, reading, and packing glasses for use. Come join us for some great times together, and maintain the reputation of District 12N as the hardest working district. If your club isn't presently collecting used eyeglasses, please consider starting. Used eyeglasses are just about everywhere. People are always looking for the opportunity to have these reused, it doesn't cost much to set up a program, and it's a great way to get the Lions Club name out in your community. If you have any question, please contact District 12N eyeglass recycling chair Harry Ennis at [HREnnis@Chartertn.net](mailto:HREnnis@Chartertn.net) Harry Ennis 423.239.7681 (Home) 423.292.4161 (Cellular)

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### **District Governor's Club visit schedule:**

Sept. 5--Bulls Gap  
Sept. 9--Campbell County  
Sept. 16--Union County  
Sept. 16-- Karns  
Sept. 18--Knox County North (The original date of Aug. 21 was changed to Sept. 18.)  
Sept. 19--Newport  
Sept. 23--Oak Ridge  
Sept. 23--Harriman  
Sept. 24--Sevierville  
Sept. 25--Morristown Cherokee

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### **Environmental Photo Contest Information**

Get those cameras out and snap some award-winning photos for Lions Clubs International! Remember--Pixels are free, so free the pixels!

The Lions Environmental Photo Contest provides a way for Lions to portray, through an original photo, their pride and commitment to improving, protecting and preserving the environment. Every Lion from a club in good standing can enter a photograph of his or her immediate surroundings into the club-level Lions Environmental Photo Contest.

Categories this year include animal life, urban or natural landscape, plant life, weather phenomenon, as well as this special theme: *A dream for a healthy environment—seeing the beauty and value of our natural environment for today and tomorrow.*

Lions Clubs International will display the multiple district entries at the annual convention (this year in Toronto, Canada). PDG Ken Moffett, District Environmental Photo Contest Chair, is encouraging shutterbugs to submit entries to this contest. Club winner should be selected by November. We need to have the 8x10(s) for District 12-N judging by mid-December in order to get the winners to state chair in January. Please identify (on the back) with name, address, club, and category. With this info on back only, it will help to insure impartiality on the part of the District's judges.

Note: For identification, a self-adhesive printed label works well, and won't make an impression through the photo paper.

More information is available from the Lions Clubs International website:

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/planning-projects/community-environment/lions-green-team/environmental-photo-contest/index.php>

We look forward to viewing your submissions.

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### **Peace Poster Contest Reminder From PDG Steve Lewis, Peace Poster Chair.**

I want to encourage each Club to participate in this year's contest by purchasing a Peace Poster Kit from International Headquarters (Club Supplies Sales Dept.). They are only \$10. Also you can get the detailed rules on the LCI website. This is a great way for us to interact with the community schools and/or youth organizations like Boys and Girls Clubs etc. The contest is for 11-13 year old youth who must be those ages on Nov. 15. The deadline for ordering is October 1, but I suggest the quicker you get the ball rolling the better, especially since school has just started. School art teachers can be one resource to present this to. Many clubs in our district are involved, but for clubs who don't, it is a missed opportunity to get our name out. Ask the Campbell County Club about how successful it has been for them. If you have any questions, contact me 865-385-5707 or email me at [j.slewis@ymail.com](mailto:j.slewis@ymail.com) .Thank you.

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### **WAVE THE FLAG!**

Early this year Kingston Mayor Troy Beets (an Honorary Kingston Lions Club member) advised that most of the City Offices/Departments would be moving into a recently acquired building to become the new City Hall in the Ladd Landing portion of Kingston. City Halls need a flag pole, and this building did not have one. Sticking my head out, I assured the Mayor that the Kingston Lions would try to provide the pole. At the second meeting of February the idea was proposed, and the Club authorized the purchase. With the help of the Kingston Parks and Recreation Department Director Rick Ross (a Club member), a 30 foot pole was chosen and ordered. In addition, a 9 inch bronze Lions head plaque was purchased from Lions International.

After a several week wait, the pole was delivered and erected in early July. The City provided a name plaque and mounted it on a concrete base beneath the Lions head. All of this was installed prior to the official dedication of the building. The total cost was just a little over \$1000. Mayor Beets alluded to it in his City Hall dedication talk. Then on August 5<sup>th</sup> the pole itself was dedicated to the use of the Kingston City Government. An American and a Tennessee flag had been donated by various governmental officers, and were flown for the first time at the dedication.

The Lions consider a contribution to the City of Kingston as a contribution to all the citizens of the City.

Submitted by: Martin Skinner, Kingston Lions Club



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### **Welcome New Greeneville Lions!**



Welcome new Greeneville Lions Melanie Stills and Joel Gosnell pictured here with their sponsor Greeneville Club Vice President Susan Price. District Governor Mike McDonough inducted Melanie and Joel during his Club visit.

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### **DISTRICT 12N EVENTS CALENDAR**

#### **September 2013**

- Sept. 19-21 - USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum (Overland Park, KS)

#### **October 2013**

- Oct. 5-7 – Emerging Lions Leadership Institute (Montreal, Quebec, Canada)
- Oct. 9 (1:00 p.m. EST) – Free LCI Webinar LCI Ethics and the Role of the Leader
- Oct. 18 (8:00 p.m. EST) – Free LCI Webinar LCI Ethics and the Role of the Leader

#### **November 2013**

- Nov. 6 (1:00 p.m. EST) – Free LCI Webinar Leadership Resources on the Web
  - Nov. 9 – District 12-N Fall Eyeglass Recycling Day, Roanoke, VA
  - Nov. 15 (8:00 p.m. EST) – 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
  - No fee or registration form to be in the parade.
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***To access up-to-date District 12N events, and additional details for above events, go to: <http://tnlions.org/calendar/>***

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### **FALL INFORMATION FORUM—NOVEMBER 16**

Plan to attend the District 12-N Cabinet Meeting and Fall Information Forum at the Best Western, Morristown on November 16.

Feedback from the July Cabinet Meeting indicated top needs for educational sessions include: Member Motivation, Effective Meetings, Communication and more!

Specific details to come. Contact Global Leadership Team Coordinator Wendy Cain for more information.

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### **Club Meeting Changes**

The Jellico Area Lions Club has changed their meeting place from the Jellico Methodist Church to the **Frontier House** which is located just east of the I-75/US25w intersection. The address is 1668 S. Fifth St, Jellico, TN. The time is still 5:30 on the second Tuesday of each month.

The West Knox Club is now meeting at Shoney's, Walker Springs Rd., Knoxville, 1st and 3rd Monday nights at 7 PM

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