



# District 12-N News & Views

**"A Beacon of Hope"**



September 2010

District 12-N, Tennessee (USA)

<http://tnlions.org/>

## From the District Governor:



As Carol and I have been visiting clubs for the past several months now, I have seen and heard from most of the clubs that we are having trouble doing our projects because everyone is getting older or they are too busy to do it anymore. One club has even

given up their signature project because the club has become aged with no younger members to carry on their mission. Overall Lions Clubs in the US are having this problem. A majority of our clubs are getting older, smaller and the energy and vitality that each club has had, is gone. What do we do? How do we revitalize clubs? By new projects more tailored to the age and abilities of the current club, recruiting of younger members and women, and by creating new clubs and branch clubs.

The only way we are going to grow our District is to bring in new members, and even more important than new members is keeping our current members. They are dropping out of our clubs in larger numbers than we are bringing them in. We have great programs in Lionism to help with retention; our awards. The Melvin Jones Fellowship (MJF) is the highest recognition a club can give a fellow Lion. It is given to those who have devoted their lives to Lionism. Over the years we forget what people have done in our clubs. The many projects they either have run or been a part of, or the fund raisers and offices they may have held in the club. We use the MJF to recognize them for their endeavors. There are many clubs in the district that have monies built up at Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) that can be used to name a Melvin Jones Fellow. One club in the district currently has over \$5000 in the fund, and could use it to name as many as 5 MJFs. The President's medal is a great award to give to those in the club that have performed outstandingly for one or more projects during a current year. We don't utilize our awards well and it may be just the thing to keep members happy while serving the community. Thanks for the great comments you all are providing when I make my visits and remember that the District is here to serve you the Club and club members, please use us.

Check out our new web site and let PDG Wendy Cain know how much you like it. <http://tnlions.org/>

-DG Bill

**The Virginia Lindsey Leadership Award** committee members are asking District 12-N DG's VDG's and Zone Chairpersons to promote the VLLA. The information is on the 12-N web site but if you need more information please let us know. There has been a date change for the web site due to the Multiple District-12 State Convention being a month early. The deadline for the Lions Clubs nominees must be in the hands of the District VLLA Chairperson by January 28, 2011 in order to vote and secure the awards by the convention date.

Lion Nellie Harshbarger, Chair  
PDG Kaye Forester  
Lion Amelia Turner

## Tennessee Lions Learning Retreat A Beacon of Hope Through Leadership and Service

The eighth annual Lions Learning Retreat (LLR) will be held January 14-16, 2011 in Manchester, Tennessee. The LLR provides an excellent opportunity for participants to improve their skills in becoming Lion leaders while enjoying the company of the greatest folks in the world.

The Steering Committee is working hard to assure that this will be another in a series of great successes. There will be something for everyone, including an evening of fun and games, great door prizes, a Lion's Choir, a basket contest, auction, and of course lots of informative seminars.

In keeping with the theme of International President, Sid Scruggs, the theme of the Retreat is "A beacon of Hope Through Leadership and Service". Sixteen to eighteen seminars are being planned with topics such as: The importance of Club Leadership, Leo Clubs, Retention, Awards and Recognition, Conducting Lions Ceremonies, LCIF, The Rewards of District Leadership Roles, State Projects, Use of "social media" to build Lions Clubs.

Speakers/Presenters include: PID John Pearce, PID Bill Watkins, PDG Howard Cook, PDG Dianne Pitts, PDG Ann Hafner, PDG Charlie Hafner, PDG Ken Moffett, PDG Floyd Schriber, Lion Caroline Schriber, PDG Clare Crawford and PDG Wendy Cain.

The registration fees for the LLR are a real bargain and primarily reflect the cost of the meals provided. One change this year is the offering of a Saturday-only registration, which is considerably lower than the registration fee for the full event.

A registration form is included in this newsletter. Use it! Don't miss out on this great opportunity!

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



**LIONS LEARNING RETREAT 2011**  
**JANUARY 14-16**  
**Manchester–Coffee County Conference Center, Manchester, TN**  
***Beacon of Hope Through Leadership and Service***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Badge Name(if different) \_\_\_\_\_

( ) Lion                      ( ) Leo                      ( ) Lioness                      ( ) Non-member

District: \_\_\_\_\_ Club name \_\_\_\_\_

Highest office held \_\_\_\_\_ Current Office(if any) \_\_\_\_\_

First time attendee at LLR ( ) Yes    ( ) No

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Business \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of registration: Saturday only( )    Full( )    Fees (see below) \_\_\_\_\_

**REGISTRATION FEES:**

Saturday only\*: Available up until December 15, 2010--\$65.00

Includes Saturday seminars, lunch and banquet.

Does not include any Friday or Sunday activities

<u>Full registration</u>	Early	Regular	On-site
	(Post marked by 11/15/10)	(After 11/15/10)	
	\$95.00	\$105.00	\$120.00

Full registration fee covers the cost of all seminars, Friday dinner, Saturday lunch, Saturday banquet, Sunday brunch.

All reservations are on a first-come-first-served basis.

Individual seminar or meal tickets will NOT be available.

*Make checks payable to LIONS LEARNING RETREAT. Mail to :  
LLR/ Dean Harshbarger, P.O. Box 282, Norris, TN 37828*

**\*Note:** As an added incentive, for attendance, two flat screen TVs have been donated by PID Bill Watkins. One will be given away in conjunction with the games on Friday evening and the other will be given as a door prize on Sunday morning. You must be registered and be present to win.

**Special Conditions/participation: (Check all that apply)**

( ) I will not arrive for Friday dinner (7p.m.)    ( ) I will not stay for Sunday brunch

( ) Diabetic diet                      ( ) Vegetarian diet                      ( ) Other

( ) I will be bringing an entry for the Club Basket Contest

( ) I would like to participate in the LLR chorus on Sunday morning

Rooms are on hold at the adjoining Holiday Inn Express, 111 Hospitality Blvd, Manchester Tennessee 37355 until December 31, 2010. Rates are \$85.99/night standard (not including taxes) based upon one or two people per room. Room reservation can be made at 1-931-728-9383. Be sure to mention that you are attending the Lions Learning Retreat.

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## **LCIF DISTRICT 12-N, LIONS OF EAST TENNESSEE**

Dear District 12N Lions,

I have accepted the responsibility of serving as your Lions Club International Foundation Co-Chairman for the 2010-11 year. My predecessor and Co-chair, Bob Harrington, who has done an excellent job for many years will still be available to answer questions and to assist.

My goal is to effectively promote LCIF and to support their programs. These programs aid people worldwide who need medical care, disaster relief, provide educational opportunities, and fund projects that will improve lives in their communities.

Each donation of \$1,000 entitles the club to name a Melvin Jones Fellow. In addition, all clubs who donate \$10.00, for each member on their roster as of July 1, 2010, will qualify to have a Lion member chosen as an MJF by the District Governor and the MJF district committee. Minimum club donation is \$225, regardless of size. Donations of smaller amounts to the District are pooled to award, 'at large' MJF's. Over the years, District 12N has averaged naming over 30 Lions each year to receive this honor.

These donations are used to provide grants for the people and organizations in need. These grants are not given to local governments. They are supervised by Lions organizations who see that they are used to directly benefit those intended.

The Melvin Jones Fellowship, 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.

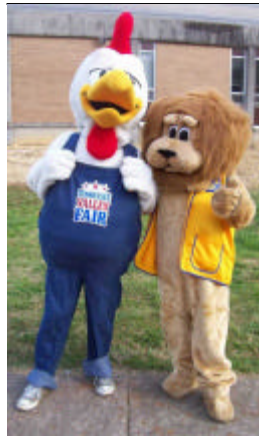
I request that you ask your club to select that outstanding Lion (or Lions), that deserves recognition and show the club's appreciation of a job well done. I believe that every club has at least one Lion member who deserves this award.

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.

LCIF donations are a good value for us in Tennessee. In many previous years, we received more in grants, than we contributed. For example, we are now in the process of applying for a \$75,000 grant for the Morristown Lions Volunteer Blind Industries building expansion. We have received grants for those who suffered with tornados in Morgan and Roane counties, the floods in Nashville, the Elizabethton floods, the Braille Trail in Kingsport, and others.

In closing, I wish to offer my assistance with the forms, and to provide further information about the Foundation. Lion Bob and myself would be delighted to visit your club to present our program and answer questions. There is also a video program available.

Sincerely,  
Lion Ron Riehn LCIF Co-Chairman  
1418 Cordoba Rd, Knoxville TN 37923  
(865) 690-2557. rriehn@knology.net



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## **LION PAWS NEEDS YOUR HELP!**

Lion Paws will be participating in a Mascot Party and Dance Contest hosted by Jasper, the mascot of the Tennessee Valley Fair, on Thursday, September 16, 2010. This will be a terrific opportunity to raise awareness about our Lions Clubs and have a lot of fun, too!

Lion Paws doesn't dance very well, so he will need a vocal crowd of Lions fans for morale support (and maybe to sway the voting)! Please

don your Lions gear. . . hats, shirts, or gold vests like Lion Paws' and come out to cheer him on!

The Mascot Parade and Dance Competition will be at the Jacob Building beginning at 7 p.m. and there will be a \$2 coupon off admission that day from the Knoxville News Sentinel. See you at the Fair! ROAR! -Lion Paws

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## **Club Happenings:**

**Morristown:** Our annual car show will be held on Saturday October 2, 2010, in Fred Miller Park in downtown Morristown. The park is located in the heart of Morristown on West Morris Blvd. just off South Cumberland Street. Entry fee is \$20.00 and all who preregister will receive a free Event T-shirt. Registration forms can be downloaded from our Web Site [www.morristowntnlionsclub.com](http://www.morristowntnlionsclub.com). The show was originally scheduled for June 12 but was rained out. The show will feature live music, great food, vendors, a live and a silent auction. We have some really great items that have been donated by local businesses to auction. Also for future planning, we are again going to have our show in The Walters State Community College Expo Center located just off I-81 at Exit 8. More about this event will be forthcoming. For more information you may contact Lion Gene Honeycutt by calling 423-312-6972.

## **TIME TO CELEBRATE!**

**The Clinton Lions Club will be celebrating their 70th Anniversary September 25th, 2010** at the Second Baptist Church in Clinton at 777 Public Safety Lane (behind the County Jail, so you better be good). The time for gathering will be from 5 - 6 pm and dinner at 6 pm. Speaker will be after the dinner then some drawings for prizes. Dinner will catered by Catering by Delora and will consist of eye of round roast beef and grilled chicken, roasted red potatoes, green beans, breads, dessert and coffee, tea or water. The cost per ticket is \$20 and children 8 and younger will be free. **A head count of those attending is needed by Sept. 22.** Cancellations after that time will need to be paid for.

Tickets are available from PDG Neal Vaughan; e-mail: [neallion@comcast.net](mailto:neallion@comcast.net) or call 865-457-4664(Home) or 865-405-9647(cell).

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**DISTRICT 12N EVENTS CALENDAR**

**October 16 - District 12-N Cabinet Meeting**

Lions Volunteer Blind Industries, 758 West Morris Blvd; Morristown, TN

**October 21 - Farragut Lions 5th Annual Wine Tasting, Dinner & Auction**, tickets contact Alica Beck 865-368-8473 or Ann Raby 865-680-8778.

**January 8, 2011 - District 12-N Cabinet Meeting**, Lions Volunteer Blind Industries, 758 West Morris Blvd; Morristown, TN

**February 18-19 2011- District 12-N Spring Convention & Cabinet Meeting**, Rothchild's Convention Center, Knoxville

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**To access The District 12N web site,  
click on:**

<http://tnlions.org/>

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**Corrections:**

Under West Knox,: Ron Riehn email is rriehn@knology.net , Vivian Howell is vwhowell@tds.net Dan Sims is not deceased.

The Lions Walk is on May 21, not June 21, 2011

The *News and Views* apologizes for the errors. – Ed.

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**From the Editor:**

In the July issue, I reminded our readers and submitters about the guidelines for submitting articles to the *News and Views*. As we can see from the corrections section in this month's newsletter, we've had a few problems. Also, I continue to receive text submissions that require significant reformatting in order to include them in the issues. I also neglected to include a couple of text formatting requirements that help me edit more efficiently. So, as another reminder, please make absolutely certain of the accuracy of the information you submit to me, and please follow these text guidelines to help me reduce the time and effort in editing. Please make the text black in color, one space between sentences (to save space), and single spaced. If you can also use the Arial font, that would also reduce the formatting time considerably. Thanks to those sharp eyed readers who've caught the errors in the last issue and have taken the time to let me know. Hopefully we can keep the *News and Views* accurate and timely.

-Editor

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**In Memoriam:**

The *News and Views* and District 12N Lions wish to extend our heartfelt condolences to Past District Governor Neal Vaughan in the passing of his wife, Pat. Our prayers and thoughts go out to Lion Neal and his family, friends, and the Clinton Lions Club in their time of loss.

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