



District 12-N News & Views

Challenge to Change



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DG DEAN'S REMARKS

Fellow Lions of District 12-N,

Thank you for the confidence you have shown in me to be your District Governor for the 2007-2008 Lions year. It is truly an honor, and I will do my best to live up to your expectations. With the help of all of you, I know we can make this a great year.

I particularly want to thank those of you who have volunteered to be district officers and committee chairs. I believe you are the finest group of leaders ever to be assembled in our District, and I am looking forward to serving with each of you.

I also thank PDG Wendy Cain for being such a great mentor. Lion Wendy has demonstrated how it should be done, and as I have said before, she will be a hard act to follow. Thankfully, even though she intends to move from our area, she will continue to be a part of our District as she serves as editor of the News and Views.

I would be remiss if I also forgot to thank my wife, Lion Nellie for the support and encouragement she has provided. One thing I will emphasize this year is family. Lion Nellie is, of course, a major part of my personal family, but we are all part of the great family of Lions, and if we work together there are no limits to what we can accomplish.

I am looking forward to visiting each of the clubs, meeting with each of you and helping in any way I can to support you in all your projects and endeavors.

Yours in Lionism,

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CAMPAIGN SIGHTFIRST II UPDATE

Dr. Tae-Sup Lee, PIP and Chairperson for Campaign SightFirst II announced as of June 14, Lions around the world have raised US \$94 million for Campaign SightFirst II. Lions are on track to surpass the US\$150 million minimum goal to fight preventable blindness around the world. Lions hoped to raise US\$90 million by the association's 90th anniversary and the 90th international convention but have met the goal nearly five weeks ahead of that date.

District 12-N has been responsible for helping to raise US\$32,056. If you and or your club have not pledged yet, you are encouraged to do so. Much has been accomplished, but much work remains. As Knights of the Blind, we must take this opportunity to raise funds that will help prevent blindness and change the world for the better

To learn more about Campaign SightFirst II and the SightFirst program, visit www.Lions-CSFII.org

DISTRICT CABINET MEETING

Saturday, July 14, 2007

The organizational meeting of the District 12-N Cabinet will be held at LVBI in Morristown on Saturday, July 14. All Cabinet officers, District committee chairs, Club Presidents and Secretaries are urged to attend, and of course, all Lions are welcome. The schedule for the day is as follows:

- 8:30 a.m.** Cabinet members and teams will discuss goals and the strategic plan
- 9:15 a.m.** The District Charities Board will meet to elect officers and conduct other business as necessary
- 10:00 a.m.** Cabinet meeting officially begins

The meeting will end about noon so there will not be a meal in conjunction with the Cabinet meeting. Should some like to have lunch together, we will get a head count and make reservations at Justin's restaurant for the group.

(Lunch will be provided only for those attending the officer training sessions which will begin at 1:30 p.m.)

Please contact Cabinet Secretary Martin Freeman and let him know if you will be attending so sufficient copies of reports can be made. Cabinet Members are requested to send a copy of their report to Lion Martin by July 7:

Martin J. Freeman
District 12-N Cabinet Secretary, 2007-08
127 Lonesome Dove Lane
Speedwell, TN 37870-8145
(423) 563-9849 12nsecretary@bellsouth.net

We invite and encourage all Lions to come and meet and mingle and get the Lions "New Year" off to a roaring good start.

NEW OFFICER TRAINING

If you were one of those Lions who were unable to attend the officer training sessions held in Powell on May 22, but would still appreciate some training, here is your opportunity!

Training sessions will again be offered at 1:30 p.m. following the Cabinet meeting on Saturday July 14. In addition to club officer sessions, zone chair training will also be offered. Here is the tentative list of sessions and trainers:

<u>Session</u>	<u>Trainer</u>
Presidents	PDG Wendy Cain
Secretaries	PDG Dave Crawford
Treasurers	Lion Roger Hall
Membership Chairs	Lion Buddy Greene
Zone Chairs	DG Dean Harshbarger

Lunch will be provided at noon for the trainers and attendees. A head count is needed so that enough lunches and handout material can be prepared.

Please RSVP District Leadership Chair, PDG Bette Purvis (ph. (865) 458-8070, e-mail bettev410@chartertn.net) by July 9 if you plan to attend one of the sessions. The training is open to all Lions who are interested. We plan to be finished by 3 p.m.

WELCOME NEW LIONS MEMBERS!

New Lion	Lions Club	Sponsor
March 2007		
James Pedigo	Harriman	Frank Faris
James Hale	Kingsport	Dick Bogan
Thomas Baratta	Maryville	Ralph Hall
Kenneth Turnbough	Norris	Vivian Morris
Mary Turnbough	Norris	Wayne Morris
Teddy Carson, Jr.	Oneida	Raymond Miller
Derek Keeton	Oneida	Bertha Lay
Delila Miller	Oneida	Kelly Mattie
Danny Pennington III	Oneida	Raymond Miller
Randy Reid	Oneida	Raymond Miller
Richard Sikorski	Tellico Village	Harmon Towne
April 2007		
Gerald Ducatelli	Dandridge	Carolyn Rinehart
Kathleen Ducatelli	Dandridge	Carolyn Rinehart
Nathan Lowe	Dandridge	Benjamin Carlett
James Neidert	Dandridge	Frank Cosentino
Brandon Otto	Dandridge	Carolyn Rinehart
Donald Kegley	Hamblen Co.	Jacob Brummitt
Brad Hardman	Harriman	Frank Faris
James Park	Tellico Village	Al Sponholz
Mark Jaynes	White Pine	Vivian Smith

CLUB NEWS

The Dandridge Lions Club is having their annual Golf Tournament at the Dandridge Golf and Country Club on July 25th. Entry fee is \$60/player which includes lunch, carts and greens fee. Refreshments will be provided on the course during the afternoon. All teams will be handicapped, based on your honest report of your average score. Entries must be received by 5pm on Friday, July 20th. Anyone interested can contact Lion Jim Everett at (865) 397-3069.

The Rutledge Lions Club will sponsor the 15th Annual Grainger County Tomato Festival on Saturday, July 28th and Sunday, July 29th on the grounds of Rutledge Middle School and Rutledge High School. Crafts and Humanities Exposition, 5K Fun Run, Tomato Wars, Civil War Encampment, CONCERT: Mountain Heart on Saturday evening July 28th. East Tennessee's largest free Festival Free Parking and Free Admission. www.graingercountytomatofestival.com

The Karns Lions Club is sponsoring their 20th annual Golf Tournament at Three Ridges Golf Course on Saturday, August 11th, with a Shotgun Start at 1 p.m. The entry fee is \$50/player which includes green fees, cart, and dinner. For more information or to enter contact Lion Gabriel Bolas at 8712 Dolph Drive, Knoxville, TN 37931 or (865) 670-0350.

The West Knox and Farragut Lions Clubs will be having their annual car show on August 11th at the Advance Auto at Middlebrook Pike and Cedar Bluff Road. Sponsors can reach approximately 8,000 car enthusiasts with ads ranging from \$100 up. Contact a West Knox or Farragut Lions Club member for more information.

A homemade Lion Tamer's storage box on wheels from the Johnson City Metro Lions Club (charter cancelled last year) is available to store club items and display flags. The storage box stands 42-48" tall and is purple. If you or your club would be interested in this box, please contact PDG Bill Moore at: (423) 765-1878 or billmoore@chartertn.net

REMOTE AREA MEDICAL

By Lioness Glenda Cannon

On June 9, Remote Area Medical (RAM) presented a "Salute To Service D-Day Commemoration" at Knoxville's Island Home Airport as special recognition of World War II veterans. Representatives from all branches of the armed forces were present. Attendees were able to tour RAM's C-47/DC-3 which dropped paratroopers at Normandy during the D-Day invasion.

The most recent Remote Area Medical clinic was June 23-24 in Scott County, Tennessee. Results will be provided in a future issue. Other upcoming events:

- July 20-22: The Lions of Virginia will co-host the Wise Virginia expedition at the Wise County Fairgrounds
- August 11-12: RAM mission in Roane County, TN at Roane State College
- September 22-23: RAM Mission in Harrogate, TN, at Lincoln Memorial University

RAM has a full schedule for this year, and is filling the dates for 2008. Anyone who would like to volunteer is always welcome. Come and join us for an experience you will never forget. For more information about RAM, click on our new web site, www.ramusa.org, or call RAM at (865) 579-1530, or Lioness Glenda Cannon at (865) 922-9318 or (865) 919-4988.

EAST TENNESSEE LIONS EYE BANK

The next Board of Directors meeting for the East Tennessee Lions Eye Bank will be held on July 26 at the Executive Board Room at UT Hospital in Knoxville.

Executive Director Valerie Stewart would like to invite the Lions to a special reception for honoring Betty McClaugherty's long-time association with the ETLEB. The reception will be from 6 to 7 p.m., immediately preceding the Board Meeting.

RETENTION NOTE: Ask a LION. . . to stay

PEACE POSTER CONTEST

By Lion Sandra Thaler

"Peace Around the World" is the theme of the 2007-08 Peace Poster Contest for students ages 11, 12 or 13 as of Nov. 15, 2007.

The Lions of District 12-N are going to have a competition to find the next International Peace Poster Winner. I know that East Tennessee has a treasure of talent but we need Lions who want to find them! Please designate a competitive member from your club to be a part of our Lions competition.

Sent your Club representative's name to Lion Sandra Thaler at lcions2004@charter.net. We are planning some exciting things to accomplish finding the winning poster. . . come be part of it! More information to follow.

Lions clubs may purchase a contest kit through the LCI Club Supplies Department.



STATE CONVENTION WRAP-UP

Some exciting events took place at the 89th Multiple District 12 (Tennessee State) Lions Convention hosted by District 12-N in Gatlinburg on May 18-20, 2007!



Lions Clubs International First Vice President Mahendra Amarasuriya his wife, Kushlani, from Colombo, Sri Lanka were our special guests for the convention.

Lions Glynetta Shepherd, President of the Johnson City Lions Club (District 12-N) and Inez Nunley, President of the McMinnville Lions Club (District 12-S) were recognized as the Multiple District 12, State of Tennessee, Co-Lions of the Year for 2006.

They are shown at left with PID Billy Pearson, State Contest Chair.



The Kingsport Lions Club was recognized as the District 12-N Club of the Year for 2006. Lion Chester Sittel, Kingsport Lions Club Secretary, is shown below accepting the

plaque and banner patch from PDG Wendy Cain and Lion Brian Jenkins, District Contest Chair.



PDG Bill Watkins of the Loudon Lions Club received the Multiple District's endorsement as a candidate for International Director. The Tennessee delegation to the Lions Clubs International Convention in Chicago will be campaigning will be in full force!



Past District Governor Kaye Forester of the Morristown Lions Club was recognized as the District 12-N and Multiple District 12, State of Tennessee, Lion of the Decade for 1997-2006. She is shown at right with PID Billy Pearson, State Contest Chair.



Several District 12-N Lions were honored as recipients of the Melvin Jones Fellowship. They include:

- Don Denney – Pigeon Forge
- Vickie Dunn—Sevierville
- Gwen Holt—Maryville
- J. Steve Lewis—Halls Community
- Lion Ralph Blankenbecler – Kingsport
- Dan Connor – Pigeon Forge

CHAPLAIN'S CHRONICLE By Lion Don Denney

Comment: The repetitive chores of some obligations may at times cause weariness and lack of motivation. However, persistence pays good dividends and ultimately creates the joy of accomplishment. So, don't ever be discouraged in well doing.

Scripture: Psalm 113:3, From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same, the Lord's name is to be continually praised.

Conclusion: Lord, help me remember that continual praise to You is essential to my spiritual health.

TELLICO VILLAGE LIONS SUPPORT PROJECT IRAQI KIDS

The Tellico Village Lions Club helped the American Legion Post 256 of Tellico Lake in providing supplies to the children of Iraq. Recently, 24 pallets (approximately 12,550 pounds) of supplies were sent, including clothing, school bags, soccer balls, stuffed animals, etc. The supplies will be passed out by U.S. soldiers to Iraqi children over the next several months.

Captain Anthony Randall, the Squadron Chaplain that received the supplies, wrote to Lion Dick Kolasheski:

This is an incredible blessing and it displays the fruit of a lot of hard work by an incredible group of American citizens and Veterans who put their words into action as a part of the process to make a difference for the Iraqi people, starting with one of the most precious evidences of God's love... children. May you all know in your heart and soul that you are very much a part of these children's lives as our Soldiers distribute these wonderful soccer balls, jerseys, and school supplies. May you know that for years to come you have personally left an emotional, mental, and physical imprint on the lives of hundreds of children who have the opportunity to mend relationships and seek peace with themselves and their neighbors even those that are worlds apart.

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EVENTS CALENDAR

- July 7** Cabinet Reports due to Cabinet Secretary
Martin Freeman
- July 14** District Cabinet Meeting
LVBI, Morristown (Morning)
- July 14** Club Officer Training
LVBI, Morristown (Lunch, then 1:30 p.m.)
- July 20-22** Remote Area Medical, Wise County, VA
- July 25** Dandridge Lions Club Golf Tournament
- July 26** ETLEB Board Meeting
- July 27-28** Rutledge Lions Club—Grainger County Tomato
Festival
- Aug. 11** Karns Lions Club Golf Tournament
- Aug. 11** West Knox-Farragut Lions Clubs Car Show
- Aug. 11-12** Remote Area Medical, Roane County, TN
- Sept. 6-8** USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum
Grand Rapids, MI
- Sept. 22-23** Remote Area Medical, Harrogate, TN
- Oct. 20** District 12-N work day at Eyeglass Recycling
Center, Roanoke, VA

DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S CLUB VISIT SCHEDULE

- July 9** Oak Ridge Lions Club
- July 16** Fountain City Lions Club
- July 23** Oneida Lions Club
- July 25** Morristown Cherokee Lions Club
- July 31** Farragut Lions Club

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to these Lions who were honored by their Lions Clubs and nominated for District recognition:

Lion of the Year Nominees:

- Lion Gwen Holt – Maryville
- Lion Dallas "Gene" Honeycutt – Morristown
- Lion Ron Riehn – West Knox
- Lion Glynetta Shepherd – Johnson City
- Lion Mike Woody – Kingston

Lion of the Decade Nominees:

- PDG Kaye Forester – Morristown
- Lion Martin Skinner – Kingston

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

PDG DEWEY PHILLIPS
MARYVILLE LIONS CLUB

HENRY NORITAKE
OAK RIDGE CENTURY LIONS CLUB

ALICE JO MITCHELL
DANDRIDGE LIONS CLUB

Our thoughts and prayers are with these Lions' families and individual clubs.