



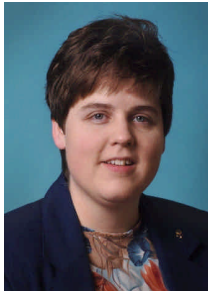
News & Views

District 12-N, Tennessee (USA)



December 2006—January 2007

<http://www.ETNLions.org>



DG WENDY'S REMARKS

Fellow Lions,

In the midst of the holiday season, it is hard not to think about gifts and Christmas lists. Now, I'm not much of a shopper, but it feels great to think about all the gifts we've given as Lions. Lions truly live our motto, "We Serve", and our projects provide the gifts of sight, food, clothing, shelter, health, education, security, independence, recreation, community resources, and much more! I could go on and on, but I think these can best be summarized by saying, "Lions give the gift of HOPE."

I think we often overlook the amazing gifts we receive as Lions. I am particularly thankful for the gifts of friendship, learning, laughter, fond memories, and countless opportunities to make a meaningful contribution to others.

Come to think of it, being a Lion feels like Christmas all year long! I want to thank each of you for the gifts you've given, and hope you will treasure the gifts you've received through Lionism.

Barry and I wish each of you and your families all the best for Christmas and the New Year!

Thanks for all you do!

Lion Wendy
District Governor (lion.wendy@att.net)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The District 12-N Spring Convention is planned for March 16-18, 2007, at the historic General Morgan Inn in Greeneville, TN. The convention will kick-off Friday evening with a pin swap and silent auction, and will officially end Saturday evening with a dinner banquet and entertainment. Lions are encouraged to stay until Sunday morning for the famous General's Champagne Brunch. The room rate is \$89+tax (mention the District 12-N Lions group). You can make reservations by calling 1-800-223-2670. More details will be provided in the coming weeks.

DISTRICT CABINET MEETING

JANUARY 20, 2007

The District's next Cabinet Meeting will be held at LVBI in Morristown on Saturday, January 20, 2007, beginning at 9:00 a.m. All Cabinet members and Club Presidents and Secretaries are encouraged to attend. The meeting is open to **ALL** Lions.

Lunch will not be served, as the agenda should be complete before noon. However, as with the October meeting, we can make arrangements for interested Lions to have lunch together at Justin's Restaurant before returning home.

Please let Cabinet Secretary Chester Sittel know by e-mail ccsittel@charter.net or phone (423) 239-9186 if you plan to attend so we can prepare an appropriate number of handouts.

NOMINATIONS REQUESTED FOR VIRGINIA LINDSEY LEADERSHIP AWARD

BY PDG JOHN P. SANDERS

An annual award has been established for MD-12 in memory of Virginia Lindsey, the wife of PIP Ed Lindsey. A "young" Lion, who had demonstrated leadership skills, is chosen from each of the five Districts to be honored, and one of these will be honored as the State recipient and recognized at the State Convention each year.

Each club is urged to submit the name of their candidate with supporting information to their District Chair by February 28, 2007, so that the District and State nominees can be selected and awards prepared. For District 12-N, the Chair is PDG John P. Sanders. The other members of the District 23-N Committee are PDG Kay Forester and Lion Nellie Harsharger.

The candidate should be 40 years of age or younger and have not been a Lion for more than eight years. The Lions should be a regular attendee in a Club that is in "good standing", and the Lions should be in "good standing" in the Club. The Lions should have demonstrated Leadership, a sense of mission, and the capability to develop teamwork and gets results at both the District and State levels.

Past District Governors, District Governors, Vice District Governors and their spouses are not eligible to receive this award since they have had their opportunity to serve in a leadership role.

The basis for the selection for this award is: 60% for service to Lionism, 30% for service to church and community, and 10% for overall conduct in the everyday world. Details for the nomination letter are given on the District 12-N Web Site. <http://www.ETNLions.org>

It is important that the Club's submit their nominations to PDG John Sanders by the end of February 2007. Send your nominations to PDG John at JP5anders@comcast.net or send them to his home at 116 Nebraska Avenue, Oak Ridge, TN 37830-8141.



ONE OF THE REAL JOYS OF THE HOLIDAY SEASON IS THE OPPORTUNITY TO SAY "THANK YOU" AND TO WISH YOU THE VERY BEST FOR THE NEW YEAR

LION PHYLLIS AMRHEIN
NEWSLETTER EDITOR

MEMBERSHIP BY BUDDY GREENE

District Goal:
Positive Growth Through
Retention of Members and Plus One

Making members feel needed and wanted
Emphasis on community service projects
Meetings that are fun and enjoyable
Better informed members
Every member involvement in club activities and projects
Recognizing members for their contributions to club and district
Special Year-Round membership growth program

Membership Focus: Family & Spouses

Please remember the reason for the Christmas Season! As you purchase gifts or send cards, remember those persons may be waiting on you to invite them to your Lions Club. You never know until you ask!

Remember spouses joining the same club will be eligible to receive a rebate for the \$25 entrance fee through December 31, 2006. Also, the Family Dues Structure goes into effect January 1, 2007.

WELCOME NEW LIONS MEMBERS!

SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER 2006

NEW LION	LIONS CLUB	SPONSOR
Bobbie Kirkpatrick	Campbell Co.	
Mark Slagle	Dandridge	Carolyn Rinehart
Doug Cox	Fountain City	Robert Davis
Jerome Banks	Greeneville	Deborah Naron
Steve Carter	Morristown	Gene Honeycutt
Jennifer Williams	Morristown	Gene Honeycutt
Christopher Mathes	Elizabethton	Gary Kemp
Theresa Broyles	Greeneville	Mary Sue Stames
William Igou	Kingston	Henry Wattenbarger
Charlene LaRosse	Tellico Village	Harmon Towne
Victor Wilkerson	Tellico Village	DeWayne Babb
Deanne Quayle	West Knox	Jim McFarland
Irene Riehh	West Knox	Ron Riehn
Catherine Calhoun	Maryville	Bobbie King
Linda Amblen	Lenior City	Sandra Thaler

WHITE CANE DAYS

BY PDG NEAL VAUGHAN

If you have funds to turn in for White Cane, please send them to PDG Dave Crawford at 6812 Hunters Trail, Knoxville, TN 37921-1073. Previously reported donations totalled \$4,364.00. Since the last newsletter, the following donations have been received.

Campbell County	\$ 66.00
Farragut	\$ 300.00
Hamblen county	\$ 800.00
Inskip	\$ 1,300.00
Morristown Cherokee	\$ 1,000.00
Newport	\$ 600.00
Tellico Village	\$ 1,200.00
West Knox (2nd donation)	\$ 36.50
White Pine	\$ 2,000.00
Other	\$ 36.50
Total Reported at of 11/16/06	\$11,703.00

If you have questions please contact PDG Neal Vaughan (865) 457-4664, or e-mail at neallion@comcast.net.

2007 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION CHICAGO, IL (WWW.CHICAGO2007.COM)

By PDG Bill Moore, MD-12 Chairman

Phone: (423) 239-7848 E-Mail: billmoore@chartertn.net

WHEN: Monday, July 2—Friday, July 6, 2007

TN HOTEL: Sheraton Chicago Hotel and Towers
301 E. North Water St., Chicago IL 60611
Tel: (312) 464-1000 Web: www.sheraton.com

Deadlines for International Convention

- Early Registration – by December 31 - \$100
- Parade Shirts – by February 15 - \$10; Write check to "MD-12 Lions" and send to PDG Bill Moore, 133 Columbine Road, Kingsport, TN 37660

2007 CHICAGO TRADING PINS

BY PDG DWAN FORRESTER

2007 Chicago Trading Pins are still available. We are nearly out of the large pin; however, if we have orders for more than 10 we can get more from middle Tennessee. We have about 110 of the small pins in our district's inventory. Large pins cost \$3.00; small pins cost \$2.00. Call PDG Dwan Forester at (423) 581-5354 if you would like to purchase some or e-mail at dwank@charter.net

TENNESSEE SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND

BY LION NELLIE HARSHBARGER

Mission or Purpose ...

Tennessee School for the Blind is a Tennessee Department of Education State School that serves pre-k thru 12 students, and the blind and visually impaired community all across the state.

- ⇒ TBS has 186 employees who serve approximately 1050 Tennessee Residents Annually.
- ⇒ About 200 on-campus students between the ages of 3 to 21 years of age
- ⇒ About 120 served in their Local Education Agency
- ⇒ About 730 through the Resource Center for the Visually Impaired.

The School is state supported, but this does not meet the personal and special needs of the students. Therefore, the Lions of Tennessee MD-12 contributes to a special fund with a budget of \$38,000 for 2006-2007. The funds are used for:

Christmas Gifts - Work Programs - Low Vision Assistance - Student Enrichment and Dishonest Bond

TSB Goals are to improve educational, physical and social skills of the students.

All Lions are welcome at the Tennessee School for the Blind, 2611 Edge-O-Lake Drive, Nashville, TN 37217.

CHAPLAIN'S CHRONICLE BY LION DON DENNEY

Comment: The nature of any discipline, spiritual or physical, requires that we persist at it in order to do well. No one becomes an Olympic runner by jogging around the block once a week.

Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 5:17, Pray without ceasing.

Conclusion: Father, thank You for inviting me to be persistent in prayer, as I trust you to provide all my needs.

May you be blessed during the Christmas holiday!

LIONS VOLUNTEER BLIND INDUSTRIES (LVBI) UPDATE

BY PDG BILL MOORE (LVBI BOARD PRESIDENT)

LVBI continues to be a major contributor to our Lions goal of being "Knights for the Blind." In the past fiscal year ending June 30, 2006, we set a record for placing 30 blind workers at LVBI. In our Rehabilitation Department, we served 175 people in District 12-N, which is approximately 90% of the total that were served.

LVBI set a sales record of \$11.5M in the past fiscal year which allowed us to show a profit of approximately \$200,000 vs. a loss of \$108,000 the previous year. Mattresses continue to be our leading sales item, followed by helmet covers, paper, and personal fitness pants. However, after 4 months in this fiscal year, we are \$47,000 in the red due to the price squeeze by the U.S. Government on fitness pants and helmet covers. Competition is very strong and it is a constant struggle to maintain our productivity while maintaining our blind labor ratio of over 75% which is mandated by NIB (National Industries for the Blind). If we do not sustain the 75% or better ratio throughout the year, we can no longer be a supplier to the government from which about 90% of our business originates.

- ◆ To show appreciation for the efforts of our employees for our "record year", we held "Appreciation Lunches" in Johnson City and Morristown.
- ◆ To improve the working conditions, we are taking bids for additional air conditioning in our mattress and paper departments in Morristown.
- ◆ To improve productivity, we fully utilized the \$75,000 LCIF grant last year for additional equipment for helmet covers. Currently we are adding equipment in the mattress department to enable us to meet the growth in demand.

In closing, LVBI truly provides opportunities for rehabilitation and meaningful employment for the visually impaired in District 12-N. You and your club are encouraged to visit the operations in Johnson City and Morristown to see first hand the value of our District support.

TENNESSEE LIONS STATE CONVENTION, MAY 18-20, 2007

PCC JOE DAILEY

The Tennessee Lions State Convention will be in Gatlinburg at the Holiday Inn Sunspree Resort located on Airport Road (turn at Light #8). Phone: (865) 436-9201 or toll free (800) 435-9201. Room rates Thursday will be \$69.99 + tax; Friday & Saturday rates will increase to \$82.99 + tax. If you come early or stay after the convention to shop, you can get the lower rate, but you need to ask for it when you call for reservations. There will be a Big Boy Golf Tournament, as well as a miniature golf tournament, on Friday. Registration forms are available on the District Web Page at <http://www.ETNLions.org> Lions International First Vice-President Mahendra Amarasuriya of Colombo, Sri Lanka, will be our guest for the convention.

DON'T MISS THE JAN. 5TH DEADLINE FOR THE ANNUAL GIFT BASKET CONTEST

HOSTED BY THE 4TH ANNUAL LIONS LEARNING RETREAT—January 12, 2007
Holiday Inn Express and Convention Center, Manchester, TN.

The 2nd annual Gift Basket contest deadline is drawing near. Last year's contest was a great success and everyone enjoyed it. This year, we hope to have even more baskets in the contest, and of course, more fun!

The club whose basket entry receives the most votes will be given \$50.00 for their administrative account. The clubs that enter the baskets which received the second and third most votes will be given \$25 each for their club's administrative funds. Winners will be announced, and baskets will be auctioned off immediately following Saturday's evening diner. For more information and criteria for submission of the baskets, contact Lion Elaine at weare4dogs@aol.com or Lion Nellie at squillpot@aol.com for more information.

DISTRICT 12N SPRING CONVENTION

SERVICES NON-YOUTH PROJECT MARCH 16-18, 2007

BY LIONS NELLIE HARSHBARGER AND JIM MCFARLAND

The "Services Non-Youth" committee is planning a service activity for the District 12-N Spring convention to benefit the Holston United Methodist Home for Children in Greenville. The activity is a **Mountain of Food** complemented by **A Pile of Money** and **A Mountain of School Supplies and Books**.

The home's mission is: Holston Home is a Christian ministry providing hope and healing for children and families struggling with life's challenges. Everyday in 2004, the lives of more than 840 children were touched by a service provided by Holston Home. They offer a broad array of services, including child advocacy and public awareness activities, comprehensive child and family support services, early childhood education, special education and day treatment, adoption and foster-family care, community-based homes and residential treatment.

We anticipate having a representative from Holston Homes at the convention to accept the items and media coverage of the event.

Members of District 12-N can make the event a huge success by bringing a few cans of food, a few dollars and any surplus books that you may have lying around to the convention.

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They can be e-mailed to Lion Phyllis Amrhein at Tenn12N@comcast.net
OR sent to 25 Meadow Drive, Mt. Olivet, Wheeling WV 26003.

DISTRICT DIRECTORY UPDATES

- ◆ **P. 128—PDG Bill Moore has a new phone number: (423) 765-1878**
- ◆ **P. 130 and p. 143—Mike Woody has a new e-mail address: dmikewoody@bellsouth.net**
- ◆ **P. 134—Cambell County Lions Club Secretary should be Martin Freeman (contact information is correct). President should be Lary Elam, same address, (h) (423) 562-4861**
- ◆ **P. 136—Dandridge Lions Club Meeting Place has been changed to Perkins Restaurant, I-40 & Exit 417**
- ◆ **P. 139—Halls Community Lions Club Meeting Place has been changed for the 4th Monday of each month to the Shoney's at I-75 and Emory Road (2nd Monday meeting still at the church)**
- ◆ **P. 154—Sevierville Lions Club Meeting Place has changed to the Sevier County Library, 321 Court Avenue**