



# District 12-N News & Views

## Challenge to Change



November 2007

District 12-N, Tennessee (USA)

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### DG DEAN'S REMARKS

I am happy to report that several of our clubs are participating in the Peace Poster Contest and we expect some heavy competition from the entrants! This contest can be a great way to interest young folks in being future Lions and their parents in becoming Lions now. You'll be hearing more about the contests and the results in future issues of the News & Views.

Good news/bad news: Bad—our total membership in District 12-N is down a net of 27 since June 2007. It seems that although we gained 19 new members, we dropped 46 from our rolls! The good news is that for the month of August, we are actually a net of plus 1, so the trend may be reversing! (I don't have the information for September yet). I urge each of you to work to retain current Lions and also sponsor new members to help us reach the goal of 1300 members in the District by June 30, 2008. Remember, membership is not just about numbers, but represents the "Lion-power" available to do our projects and to serve those in need. We can do it!!

The latest information I have shows that 25 of our District clubs now have pledged or contributed a total of \$76,245.40 to Campaign Sight First II. This is a significant increase over what was reported at the end of September, and I applaud you for the response. However, there are still 19 clubs, or 43% of the total number that have not yet become active in this basic Lions project. Each club is urged to participate as best they can and help in this great effort to eradicate blindness. Pledges can be made up until June 30, 2008 and still be paid off over the next three to five years (depending upon the amount pledged). Pledging is a good way to spread the contributions over a long period of time which may make them easier to handle.

My gracious thanks to all the 36 clubs I have thus far visited. Lion Nellie and I have been welcomed and treated with respect and friendliness everywhere we have been and we have truly enjoyed meeting the marvelous Lions in our district. This just reinforces one of the statements that I have been making in my remarks that "Lions are the best folks in the world". An extra thanks goes out to those clubs who have presented to me checks for LCIF or CSFII, and to those who have afforded me the honor of inducting new members. These things make my visits even more special!

Yours in Lionism,

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### DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S CLUB VISITS

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|----------------|-------------|----------------|-------------------|
| <b>Nov. 1</b>  | White Pine  | <b>Nov. 19</b> | West Knox         |
| <b>Nov. 5</b>  | Rogersville | <b>Nov. 20</b> | Maryville         |
| <b>Nov. 12</b> | Morristown  | <b>Nov. 26</b> | Knoxville Tri-Co. |
| <b>Nov. 15</b> | Norris      | <b>Jan. 14</b> | Inskip            |

### WELCOME NEW LIONS MEMBERS!

<u>New Lion</u>	<u>Lions Club</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
<b>August 2007</b>		
Angie Allison-Grant	Farragut	Ray Lipps
Stephen Shupe	Johnson City	Stephen Campbell
Amy Vichich	Lenoir City	Don Thaler
Dean Winsor	Lenoir City	Patricia Shepherd
Kathy Winsor	Lenoir City	Patricia Shepherd
Nora Watkins	Loudon	Bill Watkins
Lisa Burchell	Morristown	Angela Shelton
Dean Proctor	Tellico Village	Bette Purvis
Hubert Thompson	West Knox	Jim McFarland

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF:**  
**A.B. BELL, JR. — Powell Lions Club**  
Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and Club

### CHAPLAIN'S CHRONICLE

By Lion Don Denney

**Comment:** If we aren't very careful during times when we are tired or angry, pride will raise its ugly impatient voice. To remain patient when pride is at the door takes great conscious effort and self-control.

**Scripture:** Ecclesiastes 7:8, Better is the end of a thing than the beginning thereof: and the patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit.

**Conclusion:** Lord, help me to be especially watchful of a proud spirit and strengthen me with patience and self-control.

### SAVE THE DATE FEB. 29 - MARCH 2, 2008

The year is flying by and we have been planning a wonderful, eventful weekend for you at District Governor Dean's District Spring Convention. A 25-acre farm site houses the **Main Stay Suites** in Pigeon Forge. You will love the layout of this convention hotel and it's so close to many activities before or after the convention. Complimentary Breakfast includes fresh fruit, waffles, cereal and beverages. In the afternoon the fragrance from the "Coop" will draw you to the free popcorn to socialize, share Lions information and perhaps play a game of checkers or backgammon.

DG Dean has invited Past International President Bill Biggs (1990-1991) to be our special guest for the weekend. PIP Bill reigns from Omaha, Nebraska. He is currently chairman of the Community Diabetes Education Program of the Nebraska Lions Foundation. Bill twice served as chairman of the District Governors-elect Seminar, which every incoming District Governor is requested to attend.

Mark the date Feb. 29-Mar 2, 2008, on your calendar now, you won't want to miss another exciting District 12-N Lions Convention!



## LEADER DOG CORNER ... By Lion Suzie Ferguson

Our District is becoming very strong with respect to Leader Dog recognition. I continuously am approached by strangers asking when we are going to get another puppy. Several new puppy raisers will be receiving puppies over the next few months, one in the Oak Ridge area. Both puppies currently working in Knoxville are continuing successfully along the path chosen for them. Frosty the golden will be going back to school next month and we wish for him a good medical and smooth sailing through his four phases of training. Roy and I will be picking up Puppy #8 the week-end of October 28<sup>th</sup> and look forward to raising another German Shepherd. All three of our German Shepherds have been career changed, so we are praying for a successful medical and placement on #8.

If you haven't done so, check out Leader Dog's web site at [www.leaderdog.org](http://www.leaderdog.org). There is a world of information and especially creative ways to give to the school. For instance, the attempt is being made to supply a special bedding for all the individual kennels. You can actually contact the manufacturer of the bed, pay them direct and the bed will be shipped directly to the school, all tax deductible. This has been especially well-received by school children and individuals who want to do something special rather than sending a monetary donation.

We were fortunate to visit with Judy and Radar, and it is hard to believe he is now seven years old. He is still #1 puppy in our book and Judy continues to keep us updated on their life together. We will be seeing Mickey and Emerson when we travel to Leader Dog in a few weeks and are hoping to talk Linda and Disney in attending our next convention as our guests.

A recent program with the Visual Support Group of Oak Ridge resulted in a potential student for the school. The individual is a resident of the Loudon community and is anticipating being ready for the Spring class. This was definitely the most challenging and rewarding program we have done. I have spent the last nine years speaking to groups about the challenges of the visually impaired. Now, I was faced with an audience who knew more about blindness and visual challenges than I would ever understand. It was a wonderful experience with a group of delightful folks who definitely were in tune with the possibilities offered with a Leader Dog.

Thanks to ALL – call if I can do anything for anyone.

## CLUB NEWS

**The Tellico Village Lions Club** will hold its Annual Variety Show on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, November 1-3, 2007 at the Tellico Village Community Church beginning at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 each in advance and \$12 at the door (if seats are available, there are only 33 seats per night). Checks may be made out to "TV Lions." Primary beneficiaries are the Tellico Village Fire Department and other Lions Charities. For tickets, contact Lions Bette and Cap Purvis at (865) 458-8070.

**The Morris Blvd Lions Club Open Car and Motorcycle Show** was a huge success on Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. The event was held at the LVBI parking lot; most of the club members are employees of LVBI and many of those members are blind themselves. According to the Morris Blvd Lions Club president, John Dukes (an LVBI employee), "the turn out was great and we're just glad everyone had fun, while raising money to help visually impaired residents in the Hamblen County area." The event raised just under \$4,000.

## MEMBERSHIP & RETENTION

By Lion Buddy Greene

### District Goals:

**1. Positive net growth of at least 2 members per club  
As of 10/10/07, the District has 27 new members**

- 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
- Special Year-Round membership growth program

**2. Develop a year-round growth program for club focus shared with clubs via News & Views**

**November: Giving Thanks.** Remember our families; is it possible that there could be a member of our family that is just waiting on someone to invite them to be a Lion? Have you asked someone to be a Lion this Lions year?

**3. Through Retention of Members, cutting 2006-07 losses (152 drops) by 25%**

**June 2007 District Membership = 1261**

**Oct. 10, 2007 District Membership = 1238 (net loss of 23)**

**Current loss is 51 or 33.5% of last year**

RETENTION Lets keep the Lions we have, by keeping them active where they feel needed and wanted! One good way to keep members is through the President's Retention Campaign. It is a strong campaign built for the club president dealing with why members drop, and can be found on the Lions International web site.

## LIONS LEARNING RETREAT

By PDG Wendy Cain

The 5th Annual Lions Learning Retreat (LLR) will be Jan. 18-20, 2008 at the Manchester-Coffee County Conference Center. Information and the registration form can be downloaded at the LLR web-site:

<http://www.Lions Learning Retreat.org>

The theme is "Challenge to Change" and the committee is planning excellent speakers and seminars for a fun learning experience!

**The early registration fee is \$85 until Dec. 15**, after that date the registration is \$100. The registration fee includes Friday dinner, Saturday lunch and dinner, and Sunday lunch, as well as all the seminars and speakers. A \$100 deposit for hotel rooms is also required. **District Governor Dean has scholarships available for first-time LLR attendees, so register today!** For more information, visit the LLR web-site or contact PDG Wendy Cain at (865) 470-4867, email [Lion.Wendy@att.net](mailto:Lion.Wendy@att.net)

## LLR PHOTOS NEEDED

By PDG Clare Crawford

**Lions of District 12-N:** Please search your photographs from the last few years and send to PDG Clare Crawford any pictures you have from the four Lions Learning Retreats that have been held. We are trying to compile a photographic history of the Retreat. Photos may be mailed to PDG Clare Crawford, 6812 Hunters Trail, Knoxville, TN 37921 or e-mailed to [chcrawford@frontiernet.net](mailto:chcrawford@frontiernet.net)

## LEADERSHIP

By PDG Bette Purvis

Every June and July we start to plan how we are going to make this Lionistic Year a better one than the last one. But do we think about how we can improve our interpersonal relationships so we get more done with more hands and annoy less people? Sometimes only changing one or two habits can make you a better leader.

**THE PAST:** Yes, we need to look to the past to see the projects that were successful and review some failures; but we need to make positive changes to help us make a brighter future for all our communities. Clinging to the past is a weapon against others that allows us not to change. Don't blame others for past mistakes, we are captains of our own ships, let's make a new beginning, and start now. Allow change.

**PRAISE AND REGRET:** Our only paycheck in Lionism is a thank you. Sometimes we need to swallow hard and apologize to clear the air. We all want recognition and told we made a mistake not pushing a project sooner or trying it again. You know how you feel when your friend or relative doesn't apologize soon after an incident and it festers. We only have ¾ of a year left for this Lionistic year so bite the bullet and give praise and express regret if it is due.

Go out and lead, others are counting on you. We can do more together than alone.

Reflections from the book "*What Got You Here Won't Get You There*" by Marshall Goldsmith

## LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP

The Pigeon Forge Lions Club will host the 2nd Annual Training Workshop at the Pigeon Forge Comfort Inn & Suites on Saturday, Nov. 17, 2007. This Workshop is sponsored by the Pigeon Forge Lions Club is made possible by the generous donations and participation of PDG Bette Purvis, Maryville Lions Club, Sevierville Lions Club, and Knox Tri-County Lions Club. The Workshop will center around hands on evaluation of practical real life situations and not so much around philosophy. The intent is to provide tools that will benefit local Lions Clubs.

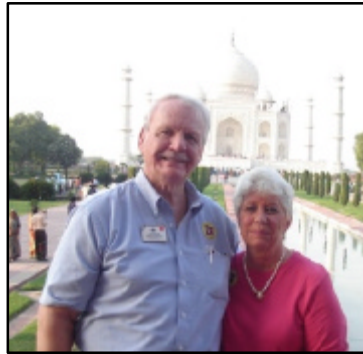
- **Time Management** — The future of Lionism depends upon the quality of our leaders. The success of any Club seldom rises higher than its leadership. The efficient use of time and resources is essential in today's active society.
- **Effective Working Committees** — Proper planning and direction are essential to accomplishing Club goals. To fail to plan is to plan to fail. If we don't know where we're going, any old road will take us somewhere, but it may not be where we intended to go.

For more information, contact Lion Don Denney at (865) 453-2241 or donbonden@juno.com



**Left:** DG Dean presents Lion Ed Miller, Charter member of the Powell Lions Club with a 55 year membership chevron.

## ID BILL'S ADVENTURES



ID Bill and Nora Watkins visited the Taj Mahal (left) while in India for the LCI Board Meeting (below).



Back in the U.S. ID Bill and Nora were able to enjoy the fellowship with PCC Joe and Jackie Dailey (below) and the Karns Lions Club Fall Picnic.



## ANNUAL GIFT BASKET CONTEST

**Does your Club need money in the administrative account?  
Enter the LLR Gift Basket Contest!**

January 18, 2008, Holiday Inn Express and Convention Center, Manchester, TN. One (1) vote for each donation of a dollar. Close of voting is 5:15 p.m. Saturday, winners will be announced at Dinner.

### PRIZES:

- **1st place**—\$50.00 to administrative fund of the club's basket receiving the most votes.
- **2 Honorable Mentions**—\$25 each to administrative fund of clubs' basket receiving the second and third most votes.

### GUIDELINES:

- Any Lions Club can participate. Entrants are urged to notify Lion Nellie Harshbarger at squillpot@aol.com by Jan. 11, for available space/signs. Last minute walk-ins WILL be accepted.
- Baskets should promote the club's locality or this year's LLR theme "CHALLENGE TO CHANGE"
- Baskets should stay within \$25-50 retail value limit. Contents must be useable out-of-state, we suggest no local gifts certificates or passes to club events, etc. Providing a list of contents (outside the basket) has been helpful in the past.
- Baskets must be delivered to the Convention Center by 6 p.m., Jan. 18. Earlier delivery that day may result in extra votes bought for your club's basket.

**CONTACT:** Lion Nellie Harshbarger at squillpot@aol.com for more information.

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## EVENTS CALENDAR

**Nov. 1-3** Tellico Village Lions Variety Show  
**Nov. 17** Leadership Training Workshop, Pigeon Forge  
**Nov. 27** Zone Meeting, Sevierville  
**Jan. 18-20** Lions Learning Retreat, Manchester  
**Feb. 29** District 12-N Convention, Pigeon Forge

## LCI CLUB SUPPLIES ANNOUNCEMENT

LCI Club Supplies will have "FREE SHIPPING" on orders over \$300 in the U.S. This offer expires December 31, 2007.

Orders can be placed online: <http://www2.lionsclubs.org/>  
By Phone: 1-800-710-7822 or 1-630-571-5466

## DIRECTORY CHANGES

Please update your Multiple District Directories

**Page 109**—East Hawkins County Secretary should be:  
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**Page 113**—Fountain City President, Charles Randall Tolbert's home phone number should be (865) 566-1477.

**Page 113**—Kingsport Lions Club meeting time has changed to: 1st/3rd Tuesdays at Noon, 2nd Tuesday at 5:45 p.m., 4th/5th Tuesday no meetings. There is no change to the location.

## ZONE MEETINGS

### Region III, Zone 3: Knoxville Tri-County, Maryville, Pigeon Forge, and Sevierville

Our next Zone Meeting will be hosted by the Sevierville Lions Club on **Tuesday, Nov. 27, 2007** at the Golden Corral Restaurant, 513 Winfield Dunn Parkway. The meal will start at 6:30p.m.; the meeting will start at 7 p.m and end around 8 p.m. Our guest speaker will be Lion Don Britton, LVBI Assistant Executive Director. Lion Don will have some great news about things happening at the Lions Volunteer Blind Industries.

**Region IV, Zone 1**—Our first Zone Meeting of the year was held on Monday, Oct. 1, 2007 in Harriman at David Webb Riverfront Park. Representatives from Kingston, Morgan County, and Oak Ridge Century Lions Clubs joined the host Harriman Club for the evening. During a brief meeting, a representative from each club reported on the major activities of the club to date. Dinner and entertainment followed.

Lions Doug Kanney and John Richardson cooked hotdogs and hamburgers to perfection while many others provided the extras. Lion Julian Ahler spearheaded a hole-in-one drive across the lake onto his favorite green. He provided the clubs and the golf balls to those who were good drivers, good sports, or brave drivers. Donations were made to Campaign First Sight II. It was a successful meeting! Zone Chair Lion Leroy wishes to thank each person who attended and those who worked so hard to make the meeting a success.