



# District 12-N News & Views

## Challenge to Change



September 2007

District 12-N, Tennessee (USA)

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### DG DEAN'S REMARKS

Fellow Lions of District 12-N,

By the end of August, I will have visited 16 of the 44 clubs in our District. Those visits have been a real pleasure! Each Club has its own history, projects, plans and personality, but there is one common thread tying them all together and that is the concept of service to others. No

matter the age, size, meeting time or whatever, all the clubs live up to the motto "We Serve". Makes you proud to be a Lion! I encourage you to invite your friends and neighbors to join us so that they too can experience the joy of giving of themselves and we can expand our service even farther. Membership is not just about numbers, but about service.

Extension Chair PDG Ken Moffett is busily arranging a training session for forming new clubs. Current plans are to focus on upper east Tennessee around the Johnson City, Elizabethton area. We need lots of help, so if you are willing to help expand Lionism in this area please contact Lion Ken.

August 10 and 11, Lion Nellie and I visited Leader Dogs for the Blind in Rochester, Michigan. Way back when I first joined the Lions, I remember being told that it cost about \$2,000 to start with a puppy, do the training and team it up as a working dog with a visually impaired person. Would you believe that now the cost is about \$38,000! We are blessed in District 12-N to have Lion Suzie Ferguson as our Leader Dog Chair. Suzie is also a puppy raiser, and she and Lion Roy make us proud of our District's participation in Leader Dog. Also, thanks to the generosity of the Lions of District 12-N, I was able to present to Leader Dog, a check for \$16,000! This will go a long way toward providing a dog to someone.

At least two of the clubs I visited have committed to participation in the Peace Poster contest this year. This activity not only gets your club involved in a great project, but also provides contact with young folks who may someday become Lions, and with their parents who are potential Lions for today! It isn't too late to participate this year. Contact our District Chair Lion Sandra Thaler for the details.

School has started again, and it is time to get going on the KidSight screenings. The state goal for this year is to screen 32,000 children. Between 80,000 and 85,000 children are born in Tennessee each year, so even at 32,000 screenings we still need to do more. 12-N has always led the state in screenings. Lets do it again!

We are in the final year of Soliciting donations and pledges for Campaign Sight First Two. The latest report I had indicated that Lions around the world had pledged about 106 million dollars toward the 150 million dollar goal. Lets get behind this basic Lions project and help bring the total over the top. They say it takes on the average, only about \$6.00 to save the sight of someone. How many people are you willing to help?

Yours in Lionism,  
*Dean Harshbarger*, District Governor  
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Phone: (865) 494-7599

### WELCOME NEW LIONS MEMBERS!

New Lion	Lions Club	Sponsor
<b>June 2007</b>		
Raymond Partridge	Dandridge	Prentis Frye
Terry Goodson	Farragut	Susan Robertson
Carl Leonard	Farragut .	Susan Robertson
Thomas Privette	Fountain City	Robert Davis
D Richards	Kingsport	Doug Haseltine
Lee Monosmith	Loudon	Bill Watkins
Jonathan Lewis	Morris Blvd.	Mark Sheridan
Frank Sullivan	Morristown	Steve Carter
Candace Woods	Morristown	Teresa Woods
Anne Belland	Powell	L. Cherrie Meece
Diane Wilkerson	Powell	L. Cherrie Meece
Lewis Ludovico	Tellico Village	Gerald Knepp
Jim Marshall	Tellico Village	Bob Youngstead

### DIRECTORY CHANGES

Please update your Multiple District Directories:

- **Page 101**—PDG Carl McDaniel's new email is: [jmcdaniel6713@comcast.net](mailto:jmcdaniel6713@comcast.net)
- **Page 111**—Hamblen County Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m.
- **Page 112**—Inskip Lions Club meeting location has changed to Ramsey's on Central Avenue Pike in the Days Inn.
- **Page 117**—Morristown Cherokee President should be:  
Fred Overbay  
7839 Melanie Circle, Talbott, TN 37877-8952  
(W) 423-586-3922  
(E) [Fred@volblind.org](mailto:Fred@volblind.org)
- **Page 119**—Oak Ridge Century President Scott Gillenwaters work phone should be (865) 483-4357
- **Page 119**—Oneida Secretary Mary Seabolt home phone should be (423) 569-2902
- **Page 121**—Sevierville President Vicky Dobson home phone should be (865) 397-6222

### CHAPLAIN'S CHRONICLE

By Lion Don Denney

**Comment:** Don't ignore your memories. They reveal the triumphs and tragedies, the highs and lows, the good times and the bad.

**Scripture:** Hebrews 12:2, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

**Conclusion:** Lord, help us to choose our memories wisely. Because in the end, we are what our memories tell us we are.

## CLUB NEWS

**The Kingston Lions Club** will hold a "Moonlight for Sight" 5-K race on Saturday, September 8, 2007, at 10 PM. The cost will be \$15 per entry. T-shirts will be awarded to all who pre-register. There will be trophies for the best time for men and women in various age groups. The race begins and ends at Fort Southwest Point in Kingston. For more information, to get a registration blank, or to become a sponsor, contact Steve Bates at (865) 376-9918

**The Kingsport Lions Club** will hold its 11th Annual Golf Tournament on Friday, Sept. 14th at the Cattails at Meadowview Golf Course. The tournament will be a 4-person select shot format. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishes in three flights. Variety of prizes for closest to the pin, longest drives, and hole-in-ones, including a 2008 Chrysler 300 on hole #4. Registration fee is \$100 per golfer. Registration starts at 11:30 a.m. and includes a lunch buffet at the Meadows Restaurant, with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. Phone Lions Flint Gray (423) 246-2583 or Lion Bob Kerns (423) 288-7696 to register.

**The Oak Ridge Century Lions Club** will hold an All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, Sept. 22nd at Applebees Restaurant on the Oak Ridge Turnpike. Breakfast will be served from 8-10 AM and the cost is \$5 adults/\$3 children. Tickets may be purchased in advance from any member or purchased at the door. Contact Lion Wendy Cain (865) 470-4867 or Lion.Wendy@att.net for more information.

## RECYCLING WORK DAY

BY HARRY ENNIS

The District 12-N Eyeglass Recycling Work Day in Roanoke has been scheduled for Oct. 20th. Plan on attending this great opportunity to see Lions in action at the district and US level. This is a great time to save some shipping costs by taking glasses that your club has collected. Any questions should be directed to Lion Harry Ennis at HREnnis@CharterTN.net or (423) 239-7681. Also, you can check the recycling Center's web page at <http://www.valions.org/recycle/roanoke.html>



## A NEW BENEFIT FROM LCI

As a new benefit to members, Lions Club International (LCI) has developed a successful relationship with CT, the industry leader in legal services. CT currently provides Registered Agent and other services for LCI.

Through this relationship we have created a member service that will assist your Lions Club, District or Foundation ("Lions Organization") with incorporation filings, the formation of new Lions foundations and the completion of any other necessary filings at your Secretary of State office at substantial savings.

The services that CT provides are a cost-effective way to manage the business of maintaining your Lions Organization in good standing within the jurisdiction of your state or country. Each Lions club, district and/or foundation may take advantage of the services provided by CT at a substantial discount off published rates!

Contact CT with any questions or requests at: **1-866-331-2303** or [LionsClubs@wolterskluwer.com](mailto:LionsClubs@wolterskluwer.com)

## REMOTE AREA MEDICAL

Remote Area Medical continues its work for the underprivileged!

The recent expedition to Wise County Virginia, in the heart of Appalachia, is believed to be the largest event of its kind ever held in the United States. In a two and a half day period, from July 20-22, 1,377 RAM volunteers accomplished 8,431 patient encounters for a **value of free care amounting to \$1,365,804!**

At the just completed expedition to Harriman, held at Roane State Community College, RAM volunteers saw 528 patients. 601 services were rendered, and 2.7% of patients were children. Two hundred fifty one volunteers offered their services. **Total value of care for this clinic was \$97,465!**

The next clinic will be very special for all RAM regulars. RAM will celebrate its 500th clinic. This expedition will be at the Tex Turner Arena at Lincoln Memorial on September 22 and 23. Everyone who would like to volunteer is asked to be in the arena and at their posts at 6 AM. Come join us.

Karns Lioness and RAM volunteer, Glenda Cannon  
(865) 919-4988  
(865) 922-9318  
[www.ramusa.org](http://www.ramusa.org)

## MEMBERSHIP & RETENTION

By Lion Buddy Greene

### District Goals:

#### **1. Positive net growth of at least 2 members per club The District has 6 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 to club and district
- Special Year-Round membership growth program

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

**September:** Summer is coming to an end, why not invite those you spent your leisure time with to join your club. They may be waiting on someone to invite them to join and might enjoy serving together also.

#### **3. Through Retention of Members, cutting 2006-07 losses by 25%**

**2006-07 loss = 152**  
**June 2007 District Membership = 1261**  
**August 2007 District Membership = 1242 (net loss of 19)**  
**Current loss is 28 or 18% of last year**

Why are these Lions leaving?  
12 non attendance or non payment of dues  
12 left in good standing  
2 other, 1 moved, and 1 death

Why do Lions not attend or pay their dues, or choose to leave in good standing? Could it be they are no longer satisfied with meetings, activities and service projects? We need to find out! Let's keep the Lions we have, ask a Lion ..to stay!

## AFFORDABLE HEARING AID PROJECT

Our Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) has recently announced a new program that makes affordable, high-quality hearing aids available to Lions clubs in the United States for low-income members of their communities. The two types of digital hearing aids from Rexton, Inc. can be purchased for \$200 per aid from the Lions Affordable Hearing Aid Project (Lions AHAP).

Ninety-five percent of individuals with hearing loss can be successfully treated with hearing aids yet 30 percent are unable to afford hearing aids. Seven million people in the U.S. cannot afford to purchase hearing aids. In 2005, the average cost of a hearing aid was \$1,900, and most people need two hearing aids. Hearing is critical to communication, so when there is even a minimal loss, it affects all aspects of a person's life. For example, people with untreated hearing loss make an estimated 50% to 70% less in wages than their hearing peers.

The two types of aids offer Lions clubs the opportunity to help with almost any type of hearing loss. Reducing communication breakdown for one person creates a ripple effect that touches everyone in the community. And, based on feedback from the program so far, many clubs are revitalized and often recruit new members committed to the new service.

Please consider participating in this program. To learn more about Lions AHAP, please visit [http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/lcif\\_gr\\_ahap.shtml](http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/lcif_gr_ahap.shtml) or contact the office at (630) 571-5466, ext. 615. The e-mail address is [LionsAHAP@lionsclubs.org](mailto:LionsAHAP@lionsclubs.org)

## ID BILL'S ADVENTURES

ID Bill Watkins addressed the West Knox Lions Club on July 16. ID Bill is shown at right with new members Gina Berry (left) and Linnea Swahn-Packard (right).



## A Heart for Service

July 23 brought a visit to the Harriman Lions Club. ID Bill is shown at right with PDG Frank Farris.



## KIDSIGHT OUTREACH UPDATE

For the first half of calendar year 2007 (January-June), the following statistics are available regarding District 12-N's participation in the KidSight Outreach Vision Screenings:

<u>Lions Club</u>	<u># Sessions</u>	<u>#Screened</u>	<u># Referred</u>
Campbell Co.	13	263	15
Farragut	4	201	3
Greeneville	5	96	3
Johnson City	1	39	0
Johnson County	1	44	2
Kingsport	14	306	11
Maryville	46	1,429	73
Morgan Co. Central	2	25	0
Oak Ridge	6	118	5
Oak Ridge Century	1	151	10
Tellico Village	20	626	23
West Knox	40	928	37
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>4,226</b>	<b>182</b>

In 2006, there were 18,925 births in District 12-N.

**Lions did an OUTSTANDING job screening 9,669 children in 2006, but we need the help of every club in order to keep up!**

Statistics confirm that one in 20 children has a vision problem, and our screening program identifies problems for treatment.

### Get Involved—Conduct Screenings!

For more information contact screening coordinator Gwen Holt at (865) 983-1459

## UPCOMING ZONE MEETINGS

**CLUBS: Elizabethton, Johnson City, Johnson County, Bulls Gap, East Hawkins County, Greeneville, Kingsport, and Rogersville**

Lion Ed Gibbons, Zone Chair for Region I, Zone I has announced a joint Zone Meeting for the clubs in Region I to be held on **Tuesday, Sept. 18, 2007** at Giuseppe's Italian Restaurant, 2539 E. Stone Drive (across from Lowe's) in Kingsport. Registration (happy hour) will be from 5:45 to 6:15 pm. with dinner and a meeting to follow. Cost will be \$11.50 and includes taxes and gratuity.

**CLUBS: Knoxville Tri-County, Maryville, Pigeon Forge, and Sevierville**

Lion Don Denney, Zone Chair for Region III, Zone III will be having a Zone Meeting on **Monday, Sept. 24, 2007**. The meeting will be hosted by the Knox Tri-County Lions Club, which meets at Bob's Mountaineer Restaurant, 10321 Chapman Highway, Seymour. Arrive at 6 p.m. to eat with the group, the meeting will begin at 7 pm.

**CLUBS: Campbell County, Clinton, Halls Community, Lake City, Norris, and Oneida**

Lion Steve Lewis, Zone Chair for Region III, Zone II will be having a Zone Meeting on **Monday, Sept. 24, 2007**. The meeting will be hosted by the Halls Community Lions Club, which meets at Shoney's at Emory Road, Knoxville. The meeting will begin at 7 pm, arrive earlier to eat with the group.

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## EVENTS CALENDAR

**Sept. 8** Kingston Lions Club 5K Race  
**Sept. 14** Kingsport Lions Club Golf Tournament  
**Sept. 18** Zone Meeting in Kingsport  
**Sept. 22** Oak Ridge Century Lions Club Pancake Breakfast  
**Sept. 22-23** Remote Area Medical, Harrogate, TN  
**Sept. 24** Zone Meeting hosted by Halls Comm. Lions  
**Sept. 24** Zone Meeting hosted by Knox Tri-County Lions  
**Oct. 20** District 12-N Eyeglass Recycling Work Day

## DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S CLUB VISITS

<b>Sept. 10</b> Campbell County Halls Community	<b>Oct. 1</b> Karns
<b>Sept. 11</b> Hamblen County	<b>Oct. 2</b> Kingsport
<b>Sept. 13</b> Johnson County Johnson City	<b>Oct. 15</b> Clinton
<b>Sept. 17</b> Lake City	<b>Oct. 16</b> Tellico Village
<b>Sept. 24</b> Kingston	<b>Oct. 18</b> Newport
<b>Sept. 27</b> Greeneville	<b>Oct. 22</b> Harriman
	<b>Oct. 23</b> Sevierville

### IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

**T.D. CANNON —Hamblen County Lions Club**

**JAMES DUNN—Sevierville Lions Club**

Our thoughts and prayers are with these  
 Lions' families and their Lions Clubs.

## FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY FOR CLUBS AND DISTRICT 12-N

District 12-N has made arrangements to work a concession stand for UT Football home games. Funds raised from this project will be split:

- 50% to Lions District 12-N Charities, Inc. through the Knoxville area "A Day With The Lions"
- 50% to the clubs participating in proportion to each club's level of participation.

### Lions from all clubs are invited to participate!

Workers need to arrive a minimum of 3 hours before kickoff (gates open to fans 2 hours before kickoff) and 10 Lions are needed for each home game.

### The schedule is as follows:

		Kickoff
Sept. 8	Southern Mississippi	7:00 PM
Sept. 22	Arkansas State	7:00 PM
Oct. 6	Georgia	TBA
Oct. 27	South Carolina	TBA
Nov. 3	Louisiana – Lafayette	4:00 PM
Nov. 10	Arkansas	TBA
Nov. 17	Vanderbilt	TBA

Contact VDG Jim McFarland for more information or to sign up as a worker or alternate. VDG Jim may be reached at [TNLionJim@aol.com](mailto:TNLionJim@aol.com) or (865) 925-3334.