



**District 12-N
Dates to Remember
2018**

**Lions Learning Retreat
Coffee County Convention
Center
Manchester, TN
January 19-21, 2018**

**District 12-N Convention
MeadowView Resort & Conf.
Ctr.
Kingsport, TN
February 23 & 24, 2018**

**Spring Cabinet Meeting (#3)
MeadowView Resort & Conf.
Ctr.
Kingsport, TN
February 24, 2018**

**Eye Glass Recycling Day
Lions Eye Bank
Roanoke, VA
April 14, 2018**

**MD-12 TN State Convention
Embassy Suites
Murfreesboro, TN
May 4 & 5, 2018**

**Summer Cabinet Meeting
(#4)
Embassy Suites
Murfreesboro, TN
May 5, 2018**

**Lions 101st Int'l Convention
MGM Grand
Las Vegas, NV
June 29-July 3, 2018**

DG Adam's Post



Preparations are well underway for our District's 2018 Convention (February 23rd and 24th). You will find attached a copy of the registration form – please fill it out and send it to your 12-N Convention Chair PDG Diane Wilkerson at the address shown on the form. Your early registration will help immensely with planning, so do send the form with your check as early as you are able. If you are willing to help out at the Convention, please let Diane know your interest and your availability before or during the Convention. Please note that the deadline for special pricing on the hotel is February 1.

We are fortunate to have International Director Alan Lundgren and his partner in service Terry Pressel attending our sessions. ID Alan will deliver news from International President Naresh Aggarwal and will provide our keynote address, speaking on the importance of membership growth. He will also recognize several "younger" Lions for their contributions and achievements. At some point in the Convention, we hope to be motivated with his thoughts on the need/ways for members to step up to leadership at all levels in our Association. Please introduce yourself to ID Alan and Terry and welcome them to East Tennessee.

Carol and I continue to visit our 12-N Clubs and we very much enjoy listening as you talk about your service and fundraising projects. We have been pleased to see your interest in our new charitable endeavors: Diabetes and Juvenile Cancer. You will hear more about these initiatives at our Convention. So keep up the good work, thanks for what you do, and please continue to provide funding for White Cane and LCIF.

Please remember to bring your Club's Public Relations Display Board to the Convention for "show and tell". It's never too late to make and begin using this powerful tool in your community. More about the contest in this and the two previous editions of News & Views.

We also call your attention to the Centennial "Truly Tiny House Sale". The Tiny Houses provide for two significant causes. One is a donation to help fund LCIF and the other is to celebrate all 101 Presidents of LCI and their leadership in humanitarian service around the world. You will learn more about this project when you get to the Convention, and we promise that it will be fun.

Thanks for all you do for your communities and for your fellow Lions. Your service is important.

Adam Bowling
District Governor 12-N

RESOLUTION TO ADD PEDIATRIC CANCER AWARENESS TO 12-N CHARITIES PROJECTS

The Farragut Lions Club has requested that Pediatric Cancer Awareness become one of the Projects supported by 12-N Charities. You may know that 12-N Charities is mainly funded by the White Cane collections which most of the Lions Club in our district participate in.

In order for a project to be added to 12-N Charities it must be requested by a club, accomplished, the Constitution and Bylaws committee must construct language in the form of a Resolution that can be acted upon at an upcoming District 12-N Convention, accomplished, the proposed Resolution must be endorsed by the 12-N Cabinet, accomplished, and notification to District 12-N members of the upcoming vote on the Resolution must be published in the News and Views at least 30 days prior the 12-N Convention, purpose of this article.

The Cabinet endorsed Resolution to be acted upon by delegates to the District 12-N Convention, held at the Marriott Meadowview, Kingsport on February 23-24, 2018 is as follows.

"Whereas, the International Association of Lions Clubs has adopted Pediatric Cancer Awareness as one of its five focus areas of global service; and

Whereas, the Farragut Lions Club has resolved to petition District 12-N for inclusion of Pediatric Cancer Awareness in its District 12-N Charities Projects by virtue of a vote of its members as recorded in minutes of its November 28, 2017 meeting; and

Whereas, the Farragut Lions Club has appropriately provided the Constitution and By-Laws Chairperson with relevant information for District 12-N's Cabinet to consider the requested addition,

Now, therefore be it resolved that Pediatric Cancer Awareness shall be included as a Project under District 12-N Charities."

CALLS FOR NOMINATIONS DISTRICT OFFICERS AND CHARITY TRUSTEES/ DIRECTORS

Elections of District Officers and Charity Trustees/Directors occur at the District 12-N Convention. In order to be considered as a candidate for either of these positions you must make your desire known to the Chair of the respective Nomination Committee. For those considering District Governor, 1st Vice District Governor or 2nd Vice District Governor, PDG Diane Wilkerson is your point of Contact at 865.640.1053 or lucydw59@gmail.com. She can give you the details of what is required, including endorsement of your club. For those desiring to serve as a Trustee/Director for District 12-N Charities, PDG Bill McDonald is your point of Contact at 423-907-2429 or bigmac12@juno.com. Elections will occur during the District 12-N Convention at the Marriott Meadowview in Kingsport, TN on February 24, 2018.

VOTING MEMBERS FOR THE DISTRICT 12-N CONVENTION MUST BE SELECTED BY THEIR CLUBS BY JAN 13, 2018

CAROL CALLING!

ROAR LIONS! We are trying to find a new and more relevant way to raise funds for the Districts White Cane charities.

When I first joined the Lions of District 12N the District hosted "A Day With the Lions" also known as the "Walk for Sight" event every year in spring. Lions collected pledges, or donations, from their friends and neighbors for the walk to be held. We also had some large corporate sponsors. And we had our little walk. We also had craft booths and food vendors.



Over the years the event lost its corporate sponsors and the donations dwindled. Fewer people came to the event. To increase interest the location was changed. But that didn't help. Then we tried the "Reverse Raffle". The raffle is expensive and difficult to keep track of. Last year it raised around \$6,000.00 after paying the prizes and fees.

The clubs work hard to raise the money so the District can give to organizations that help the visual and hearing impaired. Maybe it would be nice to have fun doing what you do the help the district. Of course, clubs that want to continue their traditional White Cane fund raiser are encouraged to continue. There has been some success this year from the traditional White Cane fundraisers. Perhaps, if you are able, we can have the traditional with the new.

That my dear Lions is up to you.

I'm hoping for a great and exciting 2018.

Carol McDonald, 2nd VDG District 12-N

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Amendments to District 12-N Constitution and By-Laws

When ever amendments to the International Constitution and By-Laws are adopted at the International Convention applicable portions flow down to the Multi District, District and Club Constitution and By-Laws. Such was the case at the most recent International Convention in Chicago this past July where language regarding the Global Service Team concept was adopted along with other important matters. As a result, extensive mandatory changes to the District 12-N Constitution and By-Laws are now in effect. While technically, they are automatically integrated because of the supremacy of the International governing documents, it has been the practice in District 12-N to formally adopt the changes, even the mandatory ones, at our District Convention. As you may know, it is a requirement of our District 12-N Constitution and By-Laws that any amendment be published at least 30 days prior to the convention so that delegates have time to consider the ramifications of the proposed changes prior to casting their vote.

Due to the extensiveness of the changes, I was granted permission by the Cabinet at the last Cabinet Meeting, November 18, 2017 to publish the revised and amended District 12-N Constitution and By-Laws on the District website, nlions.org, where you can review it and or print it as you desire at your convenience. This article, therefore, serves as your notification that the Amended District 12-N Constitution and By-Laws will be voted on at the District Convention, February 24, 2018 at the Marriott Meadowview, Kingsport, TN.

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck Bailey, Constitution and By-Laws Chair



District-wide Public Relations Board Competition

Purpose: to aid your Club in becoming more visible and better understood in your community

The winner will be determined on February 24, 2018, by \$1 vote of those attending the District 12-N Convention. There is no limit to the number of \$1 votes by any Club or individual Lion. A monetary prize reflecting votes cast will be awarded for the top entry, and each Club submitting an entry will get some money to help offset expenditures. But the real winner

will be every Club that makes an effort to help themselves! You end up with your very powerful personal portable "billboard" that can travel along as your Club members go about serving in your community.

There are only five rules to qualify for entering:

1. Only *tabletop display boards* will be accepted for judging, but they may be of any type or size. Including multimedia is OK, but the main thing is the PR Board itself.
2. The LCI logo must appear somewhere on the PR Board.
3. Your Club name must appear somewhere on the PR Board.
4. Subject matter of the PR Board will be determined only by the needs of *your Club*.
5. Entries must be received after 3:00 PM on Friday, February 23, 2018, and are to be displayed for \$1 voting at the District 12-N Convention at MeadowView Convention Center in Kingsport. Voting begins Friday and closes previous to the beginning of the Saturday afternoon Business Session.

Property for Sale

The Centennial Truly Tiny House project is a tool for honoring our International Presidents and also to raise money for Lions Club International Foundation while having fun. Sales open on February 23, 2018, at the District 12-N Convention at MeadowView Conference Resort in Kingsport, Tennessee. When you purchase one or more of our absolutely unique handmade pottery Truly Tiny Homes, you receive your house, a Quitclaim Deed, and credit for your donation to LCIF. Keep in mind that the MLS Book will contain a mix-up of Truths, Semi-truths, Opinions, and Outright Lies – all in the humanitarian cause of helping others! Come out and play with us!

We can take cash, check, or credit card (American Express, Discover, MasterCard, and Visa)



Proposed District 12-N Charities Budget

The below proposed budget was adopted by Trustees/Directors of the District 12-N Charities Board of Directors at its November 18, 2017 meeting for consideration by delegates to the District 12-N Convention, Marriott Meadowview, Kingsport, TN on February 23-24, 2018.

Project	Proposed Budget Expenditures
Diabetes Awareness	\$2,500.00
East Tennessee Lions Eye Bank	\$1,000.00
Leaders Dogs for the Blind	\$5,000.00
Learning Ally	\$4,000.00
Lions Quest	\$0.00
Lions Volunteer Blind Industries	\$22,906.00
Tennessee School for the Blind	\$3,000.00
Tennessee School for the Deaf	\$3,000.00
DG's Emergency Fund	\$1,000.00
District Discretionary Fund	\$5,000.00
Operating Expenses	<u>\$1,000.00</u>
Total	\$48,406.00

LIONS LEARNING RETREAT
JANUARY 19-21, 2018
MANCHESTER-COFFEE COUNTY CONFERENCE CENTER, MANCHESTER, TN
 SEE REGISTRATION FORM IN THE NOVEMBER NEWS AND VIEWS
 OR CONTACT YOUR CLUB LEADERSHIP



REMINDER
DISTRICT/MD12 CENTENNIAL SCRAPBOOK PROJECT
 Capturing the 1st 100 Years of Lionism

The Deadline for this project is January 31, 2018 and all pages are to be delivered to Paulette Bailey by that time. For more info contact Paulette at ladipee@gmail.com or 423-371-9738.

District Governor's Proposed Visit Schedule

Oneida	January 8	Morristown Cherokee	January 24
Greeneville	January 11	Maryville	February 6
Karns	January 15	Elizabethton	February 8
Powell	January 16	Tellico Village	February 20
Harriman	January 22	ETSU	February 27
Farragut	January 23		

LIONS DISTRICT 12-N CONVENTION
12-N EAST TN LIONS EYE BANK ANNUAL MEETING
12-N CHARITIES ANNUAL MEETING

Feb. 23-24, 2018

MeadowView Marriott Conference Resort
1901 Meadowview Parkway, Kingsport, TN 37760
Phone 423-578-6600

Keynote Speaker: ID Alan Lundgren, Arizona

Registration Deadline For Room — Feb. 1, 2018

Call MeadowView Marriott directly for room reservations.

NAME 1 _____
Circle one--- Lion Lioness Leo Guest

NAME 2 _____
Circle one--- Lion Lioness Leo Guest

Club (Name 1) _____ Club (Name 2) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone (best number to reach you—Name 1) _____

Email _____

Registration Fee \$20.00 each X _____ - \$ _____

Friday Plated Dinner Compliments of East TN Lions Eye Bank

NEED TO KNOW IF ATTENDING FRIDAY DINNER X _____ - \$ _____ \$0.00

Saturday Morning Breakfast \$17.10 each X _____ - \$ _____

Saturday Lunch Plated \$30.50 each X _____ - \$ _____

TOTAL - \$ _____

Special Dietary Need (be Specific) _____

Mail registration form by Feb. 1 and check payable to LIONS DISTRICT 12-N

PDG Diane Wilkerson, Convention Chair
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Lions Club Anniversaries

Johnson City Lions Celebrate 70 Years

The Johnson City Lions Club is having their 70th year anniversary celebration on February 17th at the Blackthorn Golf and Country Club at 6:30pm. Contact PDG Ed Gibbons at ed.gibbons@wataugainsurance.com or (423)914-9991

West Knox Lions Celebrate 50 Years

The West Knox Lions are celebrating their 50th anniversary on March 23rd at the Holiday Inn on Cedar Bluff Road in Knoxville at 6:30pm. Their special guest speaker will be Past International President and Chairman of the Lions Clubs International Foundation, Bob Corlew. The club has created a nifty fifty year pin for the occasion. Contact PDG Tim Hilliker at liontimh@gmail.com or (865)705-654

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