



DISTRICT 12N NEWS & VIEWS

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- ★ **Fall Cabinet Meeting**
October 24, 2026
9:30 AM
King Family Library, Sevierville

- ★ **Vision Week of Service**
October 8-18, 2026

- ★ **Eyeglass Recycling**
November 7, 2026
9:00 AM LVBI

- ★ **Membership Seminar**
November 12, 2026
7:00 PM ZOOM



Five Tips for Club Growth

The Summer 2026 edition of Lions Magazine has an excellent article about club growth by the Larchmont Mamaroneck Lions Club in New York.

I encourage you to read it, but here are the 5 tips that they give. I think these are excellent and encourage everyone to consider how they might apply in your club.

1. Partner with other community groups. Working together can help your club have a bigger impact and reach more people.
2. Promote your club. Share your story so others can see what your club does.
3. Use your club's strengths. Put your skills, connection and resources where they can do the most good.
4. Listen to your community. Let local needs guide your service and shape your next steps.
5. Connect with schools. Projects like the Peace Poster Contest, scholarships and KidSight screenings can help you build strong school partnerships.

**- Yours in Lionism,
District Governor, Wayne Garland**

Leading the Pride:



1st VDG
Connie Emmons

We are building our District one new Lion at a time. We are leading the state in new members. Congratulations and keep up the good work! The more Lions we have the more service we can do. Set goals and achieve them. If you have a goal, it is easier to achieve rather than no goal or direction. Please make you LCIF donations. Together we can do so much for our communities.

We still need puppy raisers. Please spread the word and feel free to ask questions.

Want a District role next year? Ask me how you can help.

The USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum on the September 3rd weekend was a wonderful opportunity to connect, learn, and be reminded of the powerful impact of Lions service.

I was honored to have the opportunity to interview a Past International President and hear firsthand about the difference Lions are making around the world.



2nd VDG
Doris Watta Kaifa

Let's continue spreading the goodness of being a Lion! Invite a friend, family member, or someone in your community to experience the fellowship, purpose, and joy of serving others. The more we share, the more lives we can touch.

We Serve!

Additional News from DG Wayne

Importance of White Cane Day Contributions

Lions Clubs White Cane Day is one of the most visible and meaningful traditions in Lionism. Each year, Lions stand in their communities with the familiar white cane symbol to raise awareness of blindness, vision loss, and the life-changing services Lions provide. In our East Tennessee District 12-N there are differences in how clubs across our East Tennessee district accomplish this, but the goal is the same.

White Cane Day is far more than a fundraiser — it is a public reminder of our mission. The donations collected directly support charitable programs that matter deeply in District 12-N such as Childhood Cancer, Diabetes Awareness, the Hearing & Speech Foundation, etc. Plus, statewide partners like the Tennessee School for the Blind and Leader Dogs for the Blind. Also, the Discretionary Fund and the District Governor's Emergency Fund which are used for special needs for people in our district that "fall between the cracks" and are not covered elsewhere.

In East Tennessee, where many families rely on Lions services, White Cane Day ensures these programs remain strong. It is a symbol of generosity, visibility, and community pride — and a cornerstone of how Lions continue to serve. As you know, White Cane Day and the Reverse Raffle are the only sources of funds for District Charities. I realize that some clubs give additional support to individual programs to which they are specially committed, but I encourage all clubs to support the District Charities with White Cane Day contributions and to give input on District Charities budget for next year. Please make this a priority. Input on the budget can be given at the annual Charities budget meeting (usually the 1st Saturday in December) and/or the District Convention March 12-13 where the budget will be reviewed and approved.



- Yours in Lionism, District Governor, Wayne Garland

Treasurer's Report from PDG Keltie Kerney



District 12N Treasurer's Report as of August 31, 2026

Administrative Account Balance beginning 08/01/2026	\$53,297.09
Deposits: Semiannual 12N & MD12 dues	+\$2,825.82
Expenses: DG, FVDG, SVDG badges, disaster supplies (which will show inter account transfer next month of \$623.09)	-\$ 856.95
Ending balance as of 08/31/2026	\$55,265.96

District 12N Charities Inc. Treasurer's Report as of 08/01/2026

12N Charities Account Balance beginning 08/01/2026.....	\$17,012.60
Deposits: NONE.	+\$ 0.00
Expenses: Leader Dog donation, accounting tax return	-\$6,200.00
Ending balance as of 08/31/2026.....	\$10,812.60

District 12N Charities Inc. DBA Lions District 12N Disaster Preparedness

Account Balance beginning 08/01/2026	\$1,406.63
Deposits: NONE	+\$ 0.00
Expenses: Zoom, hard drive, supplies	-\$ 164.63
Ending balance as of 08/31/2026	\$1,242.00

District 12N Charities Inc. DBA White Cane, DBA LCIF (Business Money Market)

Account Balance beginning 08/01/2026	\$75,240.97
Deposits: NONE	+00.00
Net Interest Earned	+\$17.52
Ending balance as of 08/31/2026.....	\$75,258.49

Submitted by, Keltie Kerney

PDG, 12N Treasurer Administrative and Charities Accounts



“Leadership Corner” from PDG Wendy Cain



One of my favorite authors is John C. Maxwell, and this month I continue the series highlighting *The 21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership*.

5. The Law of Addition: Leaders add value by serving other first.

- For example, a membership chair spends time mentoring new members so they feel welcomed and involved.
- *Who can I intentionally add value to this week?*

6. The Law of Solid Ground: Trust is the foundation of leadership. Integrity earns lasting influence.

- For example, a club treasurer provides transparent financial reports every month, building confidence among members.
- *Would others describe me as consistently trustworthy?*

Two Important Deadlines by Oct. 31!

1. Club Officer Training – To be eligible for the 2026–2027 Club Excellence Award, your club **President, 1st Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer must participate in club officer training by Oct. 31, 2026**. If you did not attend the June 2, 2026 District Club Officer Zoom training, please login to the Lion Portal, go to the Lions Learning Center, and complete the respective Learning Path: President (and 1st Vice President), Secretary, or Treasurer.

2. 2027 Lions Learning Retreat Registration – Save money by registering by Oct. 31 Early Registration deadline! Registration form is available in the *News & Views* or <http://tnlions.org/calendar/>

Upcoming Events:

- Jan. 22–24, 2027: Tennessee Lions Learning Retreat in Lebanon, TN.

Important Message from our District Secretary

Thank you to all of our clubs for keeping me included in your updates and emails! I love hearing about the great things happening throughout District 12N.

A quick reminder when requesting that information be shared with our Lions: **All requests for email publication are reviewed with DG Wayne Garland prior to distribution.** This helps us:

- **Fact check** and make sure we are all on the same page.
- **Avoid duplication** when information can be included in *News & Views*.
- **Combine time-sensitive information** with other district communications, when possible.
- **Avoid email overload** – We want Lions to read our messages, rather than think, *“Oh no...another Lions email!”*
- **Promote News & Views** as a great way to keep Lions connected and informed.

When submitting Information:

- Email requested publication to BOTH:
 1. Cabinet Secretary Lion Kathi Hofstad (kathihofstad@gmail.com), and
 2. News & Views Editor, Lion Kim Osborne (kimosborne607@gmail.com)
- Items for News & Views:
 3. Send to Editor, Lion Kim Osborne. Additional information or photos may be needed for News & Views.



Thank you for helping us keep our communications timely, organized, and meaningful.

Together, we serve. Together, we make a difference!

Submitted by District 12N Cabinet Secretary, Kathi Hofstad

Club Excellence Information



2026-2027 CLUB EXCELLENCE AWARD

★ **RECOGNIZING CLUBS MAKING A DIFFERENCE**



★ **New clubs chartered after January 1, 2027, are not eligible for the award.*

CLUB EXCELLENCE AWARD CRITERIA



1 MEMBERSHIP

- ✓ Achieved a net growth of **two (2) members** or **10% or more members** (Reinstated members and charter members above the minimum 20 members will qualify.)
- OR**
- ✓ Sponsored a new Lions club or Club Branch

2 SERVICE

- ✓ Report a minimum of **four (4) service activities**. (Three (3) must align with our **Global Causes** around Youth, Vision and Environment (one in each Global Cause) these service projects can be completed throughout the 2026-2027 Lion year.)

 YOUTH

 VISION

 ENVIRONMENT



3 LEADERSHIP & ORGANIZATIONAL EXCELLENCE

- ✓ Clubs in Good Standing: not in Status Quo or Financial Suspension. Club dues paid and no unpaid balance with Lions International greater than US\$50 outstanding 90 days or more.
- ✓ Report newly elected club officers for the 2027-2028 Lions year in the Lion Portal by May 15, 2027, of the current Lions year.
- ✓ Club officers to attend instructor-led club officer training (in person or virtual), organized and reported in Learn by GLT coordinator, between March 1, 2026 - October 31, 2026.

- ✓ The club president for the current Lion year must not have served in that role more than two consecutive years.
- ✓ 10% of the club's members complete any three (3) courses in the Lions Learning Center.



INVEST IN LEADERS. STRENGTHEN YOUR CLUB. SERVE YOUR COMMUNITY.



4 LCIF

- ✓ Contributed to LCIF a minimum of the club's membership total at the start of the 2026-2027 Lion year multiplied by US\$20.



5 DISTRICT, REGION AND ZONE CRITERIA

- ✓ For the District, Zone Chairperson and Region Chairperson, **90%** of the clubs must earn the club excellence award for them to receive this award.



TOGETHER WE SERVE. TOGETHER WE EXCEL.

Making a Difference, Together 
WE SERVE WITH COMPASSION. WE LEAD WITH PURPOSE. WE IMPACT LIVES.

SERVICE

We make
a difference

MEMBERSHIP

We are
stronger
together

COMMUNITY

We serve
with
compassion

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Welcome New Members

Donna Hope Blas - Sevierville Lions - Sponsor Stacy Anderson
Nicole Broesch - Tazewell/New Tazewell Lions - Sponsor Roger Hansard
Mary Chege - Johnson City Lions - Sponsor Doris Kaifa
Jaclyn Gibson - Oak Ridge Lions - Sponsor Bill Truex
Jerri Green - Tazewell/New Tazewell Lions - Sponsor Carl Nichols
Joshua Harvey - Tazewell/New Tazewell Lions - Sponsor Adam Hopson
Stella Nelson - Tazewell/New Tazewell Lions- Sponsor Carla Reece
Carl Vogel - Kingsport Lions - Sponsor Robyn Kennedy



In loving memory

Dolly Parton - Honorary Member - Sevier County Lions Club
Colleen Thomas - Karns Lions Club

Global Extension Team (GET) Spotlight

How to Start a Leo or Lions Club

This month's 12N GET report will focus on the basics. Whether you wish to start a Lions Club (Link to: [Member Recruitment/Lions Clubs International](#)), or a Leo Club (Link to: [Starting a Leo club/Lions Clubs International](#)), all your forms, training materials and general information are located at your fingertips in the Lions Portal.

LCI grant funds are available for reimbursement once certain criteria are met. District 12N should have an LCI Membership Development Grant available in October.

Please contact me, PDG Rich Wilson (c: 865-321-0903) or (email: richwilson2011@yahoo.com) if you wish to take advantage of available funds to grow your Club and District!

Remember: More Lions = More Service. Get started NOW (NOT later Now) by viewing ideas on the Lions YouTube Channel:

<https://tinyurl.com/5hkpdvww>



Submitted by: PDG 12N GET Rich Wilson

GET Report (con't):

District 12N October 2026 GET N&V Report:

LCI	1,381,917	55,901 Adds	+23,809
USA	260,866	6,638 Adds	+864
Tenn	3,460	113 Adds	+63
12-S	752	24 Adds	+11
12-N	716	43 Adds	+33
12-I	686	9 Adds	+5
12-L	618	19 Adds	+15
12-O	506	17 Adds	-1



Lions International

Club REBUILDING

Help your club reach its membership goals. Complete the Club Rebuilding Learning Path in the Lions Learning Center.

The Learning Path features:

- Specific tips for small clubs
- Clear action at each step
- Motivation for the whole club
- Certificate of completion
- Discussion forums

TRY THE DEMO TODAY!

FLEXIBLE LEARNING, ENGAGING CONTENT

To register, contact:
District and Club Administration
clubstatus@lionsclubs.org

This eight-course learning path with supplemental workbook can be done at the club's convenience and is self-paced while encouraging club involvement.

Our East Tennessee district has added 28 members as of September 24, 2026 this Lions year, which will allow us to provide even more service for our communities!

Congratulations to all the clubs that have added members this year, and I know all our clubs are working to keep the momentum going. I hope our district seminars and News & Views articles on Membership Growth and Membership Retention will be of help to you. We serve.

Submitted by GET PDG Rich Wilson

Submitted by DG
Wayne Garland

Calendar of Events

East TN Lions District 12N 2026-2027 CALENDAR

18 th Organizational Meeting, Sevierville	July 2026						
	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	26	27	28	29	30	31	

1 st MD Organizational Meeting, Nashville	August 2026						
	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
23 rd District GAT Team meeting ZOOM only 7 PM	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	30	31					

3 rd – 5 th USA/Canada Forum in Memphis, TN	September 2026						
	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
15 th and 17 th ZOOM training Service Reporting – 7PM – Attend one or both	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
29 th – ZOOM Membership Growth w/ID Daniel Elkins 7:00 PM	27	28	29	30			

8-18 th VISION week of Service	October 2026						
	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
24 th DG Wayne's Fall Cabinet Meeting King Family Library, Sevierville 9:30 AM	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
31 st Halloween	25	26	27	28	29	30	31

7 th Eyeglass Recycling 9:00 AM @LVBI	November 2026						
	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
7 th MD Fall Rally & Honors Banquet, Lebanon, TN	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
12 th Membership Retention ZOOM 7:00 PM	29	30					
26 th Thanksgiving							

25 th Christmas	December 2026						
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3 rd DG Wayne's Winter Cabinet Meeting ZOOM only - 7 PM	January 2027						
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	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
22 nd – 24 th Lions Learning Retreat, Cumberland University	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	31						

13-21 st YOUTH week of Service	February 2027						
	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
13 th MD Winter Meeting, Cumberland University	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
14 th Valentine's Day	28						

12 th – 13 th District Convention in Kingsport, First Broad Street Methodist Church	March 2027						
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April 30 th – May 1 st , MD State Convention, Manchester, TN	April 2027						
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April 30 th – May 1 st , MD State Convention, Manchester, TN	May 2027						
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29 th -June 6 th ENVIRONMENTAL week of Service	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
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	30	31					

29 th -June 6 th ENVIRONMENTAL week of Service	June 2027						
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Dandridge Lions

PDG Keltie Kerney, current LVBI (Lions Volunteer Blind Industries) Board Chairperson, was the **guest speaker** at the Dandridge Lions Club meeting held Monday September 14th at Shoney's in Dandridge. PDG Keltie discussed the challenges and reorganization of LVBI, which is a mission the local Lions support.

The Dandridge Lions Club meets on the second and fourth Monday of each month at Shoney's in Dandridge at 6:30 PM.



Tail Twister collecting Happy Dollars at the Club Meeting



PDG Keltie Kerney

ALL are welcome! Come see how you can serve our local community!

ETSU Lions

School Board supervisor congratulates **ETSU Lion**, Kingsport Lion and Weber City Lions for their Food For Thought hunger service project where over 8,000 food bags were packed during the last school year.



L to R: School Supervisor, Lion Weber City Lion Suzanne, Kingsport PDG Keltie, ETSU Lion Kyler, and Weber City Lion Mike



Kingsport Lion Robyn Kennedy, **ETSU Lion** Sarah Collins and Weber City Lion and Symphony of the Mountains Gala Chair Suzanne Kerney Quillen loading the UHaul for the trip to the Virginian Golf Course, Gala location

L to R: Lion Robyn, ETSU Lion Sarah, and Lion Suzanne

Harriman Lions



Harriman, TN celebrated its 38th year for **"Hooray for Harriman"** on September 7th (Labor Day). The Harriman club set up their booth and gave away eyeglass cases, sold \$280.00 worth of brooms, and "advertised" our club to several prospective members.

The Harriman Club began **vision screening** all Roane County elementary schools to include a private Christian school this year. Pictured here is (seated) Club President Carie Gecelosky, Betty Guyton, and Mike McGuire. Standing (L to R): Mike and Esther Livingston and April Burgess.



Kingsport Lions



Kingsport Lions club members Lions Bill Murdoch, Barbara Carrico, PDG Keltie Kerney, DG Wayne Garland (front row), Dion Thomidis and Chris Manley (back row) assisted with **vision screening** at a large elementary school in Kingsport on 9/11.



Kingsport welcomes new member Carl Vogel



Symphony of the Mountains **Gala event**. L to R: PDG Keltie Kerney with Lions Val & Don Abernathy; PDG Keltie Kerney with PDG Adam & Lion Carol Bowling

Kingsport Lions (con't)



Eighteen teams ready to golf for a cause on September 11th at the MeadowView Cattails Golf Course in Kingsport.



Past President Larry White...Golf Committee Chairman



PDG's at the **Golf Tournament**
L to R: PDG Keltie Kerney, IPDG Nate Hughes, and PDG Bill Moore



"The Dr. Anthony Seaton team".
Dr. Seaton (far right) is a member of the Kingsport Lions Club and a faithful support of Lions initiatives

Sevier County Lions



Lion Brian Powell presents Bethany with a token of appreciation for sharing her mission with the club.

Bethany Denton, location leader for **Isaiah 117 House** in Sevierville, spoke at the Sevier Co meeting last month. She told members that their organization fills the gap when a child gets taken out of a home before they are placed in foster care. There are 44 Isaiah 117 houses located in 13 states.



Lions Terry and Frank Aparicio with their granddaughter – a future Leo



Lto R: Lions Susana and Wilma; Nurses Kim and Karen.

Sevier County Lions were invited to provide **vision screenings** at five locations of the Boys And Girls Club. Lions Patty and Susanna are being instructed on using provision screening camera.

Sevier County Lions (con't)



Sevierville Boys And Girls Club vision screenings
L to R: Lion Susana, Sevier Co School nurses Karen and Kim, Lions Wilma, Brian, Patty and Ranee



Vols for Volunteers Fair – Lions
Rich, Trina and Ranee



At the **USA/Canada Forum** in Memphis, the Sevier County Lions Club donated the doorprizes for the Rise and Roar education committee seminar previews.



PDG Lion Rich representing Sevier County Lions Club at the My People Senior Center **Health Fair**

Sevierville Lions



Director, Lion Stacy

In September, Lions Club members assisted at the Sevier County Fair in 100+ degree weather by helping Fairest of the Fair Director, Lion Stacy Anderson.

Fairest of the Fair contests

Almost 3,000 stuffed animals were donated by contestants



Lions Andrea, Stacy, Trever, & Summer registering contestants



Lions Tom, Liz, and Kim greeting contestants



Lions Kim and Chuck counting the 'stuffies'



Winner, Lion Kelly



Emcee, Lion Summer



Lions Chuck & Kathi with the 'stuffies'

Sevierville Lions (con't)



L to R: Principal of Carter Elementary and Lion Andrea

Lion Andrea visited with the Principal of **Carter Elementary School** and delivered donations of 30 'recycled' binders from LVBI, in addition to more than 100 pairs of gloves, 100 hats, and 100 pairs of socks for the students.



Guest Speaker at the Sept. club meeting was DAR Regent Tracie Jenkins Widner. Plans were made for the club to help Tracie sponsor a **Veterans Breakfast** later in Oct.



Lions with our new (free) reflective **road sign** from LCI, which members hope to have installed soon!

L to R: New **Sevierville Cubs**; Cullen and Sadie-Rey, inducted at our Fall BBQ in late September. More photos and stories next month.



L to R: (front) Andrea & Stacy; (back) Chuck & Kim. Conducting KidSight screenings at Cosby Elementary School

Tazewell-New Tazewell Lions



Tazewell-New Tazewell Lions Club held a **CAR WASH and YARD SALE** to benefit the Lions Club Vision and Childhood Cancer Funds AND Isaac's House Men's Recovery Farm & Community.



Gubernatorial candidate Jerri Green joined the TNT Lions Club after meeting club president Carl Nichols at an event in Tazewell, TN on Sep 6, 2026. Join us in welcoming one of our newest District 12N Lions members!

Members of the TNT Lions Club attended the **Groundbreaking Ceremony** for the New Tazewell City Hall Sep 18, 2026. Lion Carl Nichols is seen among a group of city and county leaders taking part in the initial dig.



TNT President, Carl Nichols – front row left with shovel

Tellico Village Lions



Curt Isakson, Vision Chair, and Dennis Van Wormer, Eyeglass Collections, are assisted by Michelle Menefee at a **"Show and Tell" event** held at the Tellico Village Residents Association meeting of over 200 people.

Tellico Village Lions packing up after **vision testing** over 300 students at the Fort Loudon Middle School.

L to R: Maureen Beyel, Michelle Menefee, Rosie Sylvester, Colleen Walsh, and Linda Sawicki



The Tellico Village Lions Club **STRIDES event** raised more than \$6,000 for the the Dolly Parton Children's Hospital Camp Cure. Lion Gerald "Hollywood" Edgell (seated) led his walking team (Mary and Bob Lanning, Bruce Johnson) to raise over \$1,000, which will send two Type 1 diabetic children to camp next summer.

Tellico Village Lions

The Tellico Village Lions took the day to meet up on Tellico Lake and parade to Mud Puppy restaurant for a delicious lunch. What a group of "Freshwater Pirates" ... Arrrrgh!



Dandridge Golf Tournament:

The Dandridge Lion's Club will be holding a shotgun start golf tournament on October 10th at 1 pm at the Dandridge Golf Club. All monies raised goes back into the local community. The Club is looking for hole sponsors and prizes – for more information, please contact Paul Moody at honzrocket@gmail.com or 865-804-6915.



SATURDAY
OCTOBER 10, 2026
SHOTGUN 1:00

THE DANDRIDGE LIONS CLUB

47TH ANNUAL DAVID DeZAN
CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT



**Dandridge Golf and
Country Club**

**\$300/team pre-pay
\$340/team day of**

**Field will have 3
fights with prizes
awarded for 1st**

**Includes Lunch, Hole-
In-One chances, Par
3 Challenge**

**Sponsorships
available-Call for
details**

Mail Checks to

Dandridge Lions Club
Charities
Attn: Harrell Webb
P.O. Box 583
Dandridge TN 37725
Golf Tourney in memo

Or call
Paul Moody
865-804-6915
to sign up

Johnson City Turtle Derby:

SPONSOR A TURTLE • SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY



It's Turtle Derby Time in Tennessee Again!

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Whether you have supported us before or are joining us for the first time, please help the **Johnson City Lions Club** by sponsoring a turtle in our Turtle Derby on **Saturday, October 24, at 9:30 AM.**

Each sponsorship is \$50. You get to name your turtle—and then come to Carver Recreation Center to cheer it on in the race!

Your support helps the Lions Club serve our community, from providing eyeglasses and eye exams for neighbors in need to conducting vision screenings for young children.

Your sponsorship helps us continue this important work. Thank you for supporting the Johnson City Lions Club and the people we serve.

**Sponsor a turtle. Name it.
Cheer it on!**



Contact: _____ to purchase a turtle.

Email: _____

Phone: _____

YES! I'LL SPONSOR A TURTLE FOR \$50

Contact a Johnson City Lions Club member to participate.

Sponsor name: _____

Turtle's name: _____

Phone or email: _____

Send payment to Johnson City Lions Club, Post Office Box 902, Johnson City, Tennessee 37605.

Maryville Pecan Sale:



Maryville Lions Club

Fall Pecan Sale

Serving Our Community Changing Lives

Fresh nuts for fall baking, holiday gifts & snacking!

1 lb bags – \$12 each

-  Mammoth Pecan Halves
-  Large Pecan Pieces
-  Praline Pecan Halves
-  Chocolate Amaretto Pecan Halves
-  Whole Jumbo Cashews

Good Nuts Brighter Tomorrows

People Helping People

Perfect for fall gatherings, baking, gifting, and snacking.

Nuts Make Happier Holidays!

Procceds support the vision and community services of the Maryville Lions Club.

Order online today!

www.maryvillelions.org/purchase-pecans

Same Community. Brighter Tomorrows.

Scan to Order



Maryville Car Show:

OLDIES TO THE OLDIES

— Show Your Car for a Purpose —



**100% of PROCEEDS SUPPORT VISION CARE
in BLOUNT COUNTY**

Drive Memories. Restore Sight.

Classic cars don't just turn heads — they bring back memories.
Through *Oldies to the Oldies*, the Maryville Lions Club brings vintage rides
to local retirement communities and those who can't attend traditional car shows.

Join the Caravan. Make Someone's Day.

EVENT DETAILS

Pre 1990 Vehicles

\$20 Registration

DATE: Saturday 24 Oct. 2026

RAIN DATE: Saturday 7 Nov. 2026

Registration: Saturday, 24 Oct. 2026 starting at 12:30 PM until 1 PM at 1st location

1st Location: Life Care Center of Blount Co. 1965 Stewart Ln, Louisville 1-1:45 PM

2nd Location: Brookdale Sandy Springs 511 Pearson Springs Rd, Maryville 2:15-3 PM

3rd Location: Foothills Transitional Care & Rehab 102 Jamestown Way, Maryville 3:05-3:50 PM

4th Location: Morningview Village Sr. Comm. 2304 E Lamar Alexander Pky, Maryville 4:15-5 PM

5:10 PM-6ish Hot Rods 50's Diner 373 Hannum St. Alcoa, TN for prizes & meal together

Hosted by the Maryville Lions Club



— Register online at —

www.maryvillelions.org/classic-car-rally

✉: mmcastle@aol.com • Dean or Karen Fontaine

☎: (865) 406-3887 / (865) 599-4936

Sevierville Sock Drive:



SOCK'TOBER Fest

COLLECTING NEW SOCKS

OCT. 1ST – 30TH

Two Donation Locations:

Dr. John Hood's Office Chiropractor 1011 Middle Creek Road Sevierville, TN 37862	Brookdale Senior Living 1020 Middle Creek Road Sevierville, TN 37862
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**DONATED SOCKS WILL BENEFIT
LOCAL AGENCIES THAT SUPPORT
THE HOMELESS AND LESS FORTUNATE.**

SPONSORED BY
SEVIERVILLE LIONS CLUB
♥ We Serve

 seviervillelions@gmail.com

Sevierville Veterans Event:



Free Breakfast for Veterans and their Guests



Cedar Street Church
214 Cedar Street, Sevierville, TN 37862

Saturday, October 3, 2026

Doors open at 8AM, Chowline opens at 8:30AM



Sevierville Lions Club
Contact us at
SeviervilleLions@gmail.com



BROOKDALE
— SENIOR LIVING —

Amy Garner
Brookdale Sevierville
1020 Middle Creek Road
Sevierville, TN 37862

865-934-7821



Warm Hospitality provided by
the Spencer Clack Chapter, NSDAR



Sponsors of the month provide the meal at no cost. If you are interested in sponsoring a month, please contact United Veterans Council of East Tennessee (865) 604-4443

Tellico Village Oktoberfest:

Oktoberfest

♦ FREE PARKING SHUTTLE AT CCTV • 3:30–7 PM ♦



TELLICO VILLAGE
LIONS CLUB PRESENTS

OKTOBERFEST

♦ SAVE THE DATE ♦

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2026

♦ 4:00–7:00 PM ♦

TELLICO VILLAGE YACHT CLUB

RAFFLE • MANY THEMED BASKETS

TICKETS \$20

BUY FROM LIONS CLUB MEMBERS

SLOAN'S HOME CENTER • VILLAGE SALON • UNITED COMMUNITY BANK

USA/Canada Forum Recap

District 12N Lions who attended the Forum in Memphis:

- PDG Wendy Cain - Oak Ridge
- PDG Rich Wilson - Sevier Co.
- PDG Frank McCall - Loudon
- FVDG Connie Emmons - Knox Tri Co.
- SVDG Doris Kaifa - Johnson City
- Lion Kathi Hofstad - Sevierville
- Lion Joan Martin - Maryville



SVDG Doris and PDG Wendy



PDG Oak Ridge Lion Wendy and Sevierville Lion Kathi



MD12 Lions at the USA/Canada Forum in Memphis, TN

USA/Canada Forum (con't)



PID B.J. Blankenship and
Sevierville Lion Kathi Hofstad



SVDG Doris Kaifa and PDG
Rich Wilson

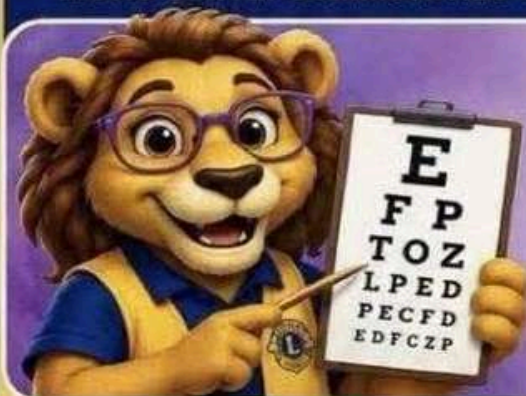


District 12N PDG's Wendy Cain and Rich Wilson received International President's Certificates of Appreciation from International President Mark S. Lyon, Immediate Past International President A. P. Singh, and 1st International Vice President Dr. Manoj Shaw.

International Weeks of Service



LIONS SERVE. COMMUNITIES THRIVE. ❤️ TOGETHER, WE CAN CHANGE THE WORLD!



VISION

OCTOBER 8-18, 2026

Opening eyes. Changing lives.

Promote eye health and support sight-saving initiatives in your community and around the world.



YOUTH

FEBRUARY 13-21, 2027

Empower today. Lead tomorrow.

Invest in our youth through service, mentorship, and programs that build brighter futures.



ENVIRONMENT

MAY 29-JUNE 6, 2027

Protect today. Preserve tomorrow.

Take action to care for our planet through sustainability, conservation, and clean community initiatives.

Week of Service for Vision

During Lions Clubs International's Week of Service for Vision, District 12-N proudly highlights the remarkable commitment our clubs show toward protecting sight in our communities. Most clubs across our district operate active vision-screening programs, reaching children, adults, and underserved neighbors with life-changing early detection.

District projects, such as the Vision Van, expand this impact even further, delivering mobile screenings and essential care where it's needed most. Our partnership with Appalachian Miles for Smiles strengthens this effort, combining dental and vision services to support whole-person health. The service happening across 12-N is even more impressive than many realize.



Yours in Lionism, DG Wayne Garland

Additional Announcements:

The next eyeglass recycling event is scheduled for Saturday, November 7th starting at 9:00 AM at the Lions Volunteer Blind Industries (LVBI) in Morristown. Volunteers are needed, as there are several other Lions related events scheduled for that same date. If you can't make it by 9:00 AM, come as soon as you can, but prior to 12:00 PM.



DG Wayne wishes to remind Clubs to continue collecting and donating clear/flexible plastics, to take photos of the donations, and to send recycling information to Don & Val Abernathy. Lions Don & Val are continuing to report on donated plastics.
donvalabernathy@gmail.com

Kindness Matters

Lions' members bring diverse experiences, ideas, and perspectives to every discussion. Disagreement is natural and can lead to better decisions when everyone has an opportunity to speak honestly. Members should feel comfortable voicing their opinions, asking questions, and respectfully challenging ideas. However, disagreement should never become personal, dismissive, or hostile. Listening carefully, choosing thoughtful words, and allowing others to finish speaking demonstrate respect. Kindness helps create a welcoming environment where every member feels valued and heard. We may not always agree, but we can remain united in our shared commitment to service. In every conversation, remember: kindness matters, and civility strengthens our Lions community.



Yours in Lionism, DG Wayne Garland

LIONS VOLUNTEER BLIND INDUSTRIES (LVBI)



NEWS UPDATE

Chris Hogan, Director of HR, has been promoted to General Manager for LVBI and will focus on day-to-day operations, alongside interim consultant Dennis Steiner.

Both Chris and Dennis have been tasked with growing and developing business opportunities to continue LVBI's mission of employing blind and visually impaired individuals. The LVBI Board continues to evaluate all business options, as several challenges remain very difficult.



LVBI Employees, standing in front of the Gribetz Quilting Machine that was funded by donations and a grant from LCIF

Leader Dog Information

Is your club interested in a service project for Blindness Awareness Month?

October is an important month for our cause: the Vision Week of Service is October 8 to 18, and White Cane Day is October 15.

International President Mark Lyon is a champion for the cause of vision. Earlier this year, he visited Leader Dog to celebrate our long-standing partnership and shared mission of service. He said:

“A few years back, I had the joy of serving on the Lions Advisory Committee for Leader Dog and learned so much about this premier organization that shares so many of our Lions values. Founded in 1939, Leader Dog and Lions have been working side by side to serve the blind and visually impaired to gain their independence and mobility. **Lion Lyn and I look forward to partnering with Leader Dog in the days ahead.**”

I hope you will join us and Lions around the world for a service project in October. Partner with Leader Dog for a Dining in the Dark community event or ask community members to donate on White Cane Day with a [Leader Dog & Lions fundraising page](#). Read a Leader Dog picture book in a classroom near you or give brochures to your local eye doctor. Share social media posts to spread awareness and encourage gifts to Leader Dog's programs or work with a local business to fundraise in your neighborhood.

Service is the foundation of Lions, and we need your help to support people who are blind or low vision in your community. **Check out our new [Service Project Guide](#) for inspiration and guidance to organize a service project** or reply to this email to explore service project opportunities for your Lions club or district.



Photo description: A group of people pose in front of the Leader Dogs for the Blind logo in the lobby of the canine center. From left to right: Lion Melissa Weisse, Lion Lyn Lyon, International President Mark Lyon, Past International Director Justin Faber, and Lion Shelly O'Henley.

Together we serve, Lion Claudia Gregory
Manager of Philanthropy for Lions Engagement
Leader Dogs for the Blind

Submitted by 1st VDG Connie Emmons

Lions Learning Retreat Registration



Lions Learning Retreat

January 22-24, 2027

Cumberland University

Lebanon, Tennessee

DEADLINE TO CONFIRM MEALS IS DECEMBER 31, 2026

Attendee 1: _____ Printed name on Badge: _____

District: _____ Club: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

First Time Attendee? (Please Circle One): Y N Lion: _____ Leo: _____ Cub: _____ Guest: _____

Special Meals: Diabetic: _____ Low Sodium: _____ Vegetarian: _____ Other: _____

Attendee 2: _____ Printed name on Badge: _____

District: _____ Club: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

First Time Attendee? (Please Circle One): Y N Lion: _____ Leo: _____ Cub: _____ Guest: _____

Special Meals: Diabetic: _____ Low Sodium: _____ Vegetarian: _____ Other: _____

Type of Registration	Deadline (postmarked by)	Amount	# to Register
<i>Full registration: Includes all seminars, Friday dinner, Saturday lunch & dinner and Sunday breakfast</i>			
Early	Now - October 31, 2026	\$90	
Regular	November 1 - December 31, 2026	\$95	
Late/On-Site	January 1 - January 24, 2027	\$100	
<i>Saturday only includes seminars with lunch & dinner</i>			
Regular	Now - December 31, 2026	\$45	
Late/On-Site ***Meals not guaranteed***	January 1 - January 24, 2027	\$55	
<i>Saturday seminars ONLY (NO MEALS INCLUDED)</i>			
Regular	Now - December 31, 2026	\$25	
Late/On-Site	January 1 - January 24, 2027	\$35	
		TOTAL:	

For full registration: mark if NOT ATTENDING one of the meals below:

Friday dinner: _____ Saturday lunch: _____ Saturday dinner: _____ Sunday breakfast: _____

PAYMENT

Check# _____ enclosed in the amount of _____ made payable to **Lions Learning Retreat**

Credit Card# _____ Exp. Date _____ Sec. Code _____

I authorize the LLR to charge \$ _____ to my credit card. **Add Convenience Fee of \$5 per Reg.**

Signature _____

Send all registrations and payments to:

Lion Jim McFarland, 8030 Whitestone RD, Knoxville, TN 37938

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Lions Learning Retreat (con't)

Lions Learning Retreat (cont)

THE FOLLOWING ROOM RATES HAVE BEEN SECURED FOR THE 2027 LIONS LEARNING RETREAT IN LEBANON, TENNESSEE.

1. HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS & SUITES
826 SOUTH CUMBERLAND ST.
ROOM BLOCK RATE IS \$90 PLUS TAX
CONTACT 615-994-3225

2. DAYS INN BY WINDHAM LEBANON
822 SOUTH CUMBERLAND ST.
ROOMS BLOCKED RATE FOR 1-2 PEOPLE IS \$70+TAX (83.13 TOTAL)
ADDITIONAL PERSON \$5 PER PERSON PER NIGHT
CONTACT 615-449-5781

3. COMFORT SUITES
904 MURFREESBORO RD. LEBANON, TN.
CUT OFF DATE 12/30/2026, RATE IS \$74.95 +TAX PER NIGHT
CONTACT 615-443-0027

4. LA QUINTA INN & SUITES
140 DIXIE AV LEBANON, TN.
CUT OFF DATE 12/30/2026, RATE \$70 +TAX PER NIGHT
CONTACT 615-619-9734

***ALL ARE LOCATED 1.6 MILES FROM THE CUMBERLAND UNIVERSITY CAMPUS:

FROM INTERSTATE 40 GO NORTH ON HWY 231 NORTH, TURN LEFT AT LIGHT 3 (LEEVILLE PIKE) IT HAS A CUMBERLAND UNIVERSITY SIGN HANGING NEXT TO LIGHT. TURN RIGHT AT 2ND STOP SIGN (S GREENWOOD ST) THEN TURN LEFT AT THE NEXT STREET (MCCLAIN AV) THEN RIGHT ON PAUL STUMB WAY. THE LLR WILL BE IN THE AREA UNDER THE CLOCK TOWER MEMORIAL HALL. LOOK FOR SIGNS.

The Basket Auction continues: Help to keep the cost of the LLR registration as low as possible. Can we count on you to bring a gift basket? Yes _____

****First-timer seminar Friday night**** It is worth getting there early to gain valuable time spent if this is your first LLR. Learn what to expect from the LLR and meet other Lions who have not attended an LLR.

For you attending the LLR: Increase your education on all things Lionism as you have fun learning to be a better Lion! Strengthen your leadership skills to head back and help your club thrive! **Together, We Serve.**

Interested in PRESENTING at the Lions Learning Retreat?

Contact Rachel Saltsman: rachelsalt24@hotmail.com Cell: 423-414-7496

Hope to see you in Lebanon, TN January 22-24, 2027



WANTED: NEWS & VIEWS EDITOR & PUBLISHER

Help Tell the Story of District 12N Lions!

The East Tennessee Lions District 12N
is seeking a volunteer to serve as the next
**Editor & Publisher of the
News & Views Newsletter.**

THIS IS A REWARDING OPPORTUNITY TO:

-  Share the accomplishments of Lions throughout the district
-  Promote upcoming events and service projects
-  Highlight member achievements
-  Keep Lions informed and connected

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!

- ✓ Prior newsletter experience is not required
- ✓ Training and support will be provided
- ✓ Learn valuable communication and publishing skills



If you enjoy organizing information, working with photos and stories, and helping promote the good work of Lions, this may be the perfect opportunity for you!

*Interested?
Contact:*



Lion Kim Osborne
kimosborne607@gmail.com

*Help us continue sharing the stories of service that
make a difference throughout District 12N!*



Lions Code of Ethics



To show my faith in the worthiness of my vocation by industrious application to the end that I may merit a reputation for quality of service.

To seek success and to demand all fair remuneration or profit as my just due, but to accept no profit or success at the price of my own self-respect lost because of unfair advantage taken or because of questionable acts on my part.

To remember that in building up my business it is not necessary to tear down another's; to be loyal to my clients or customers and true to myself.

Whenever a doubt arises as to the right or ethics of my position or action towards others, to resolve such doubt against myself.

To Hold friendship as an end and not a means. To hold that true friendship exists not on account of the service performed by one to another, but that true friendship demands nothing but accepts service in the spirit in which it is given.

Always to bear in mind my obligations as a citizen to my nation, my state, and my community, and to give them an unswerving loyalty in word, act, and deed. To give them freely of my time, labor and means.

To Aid others by giving my sympathy to those in distress, my aid to the weak, and my substance to the needy.

To be Careful with my criticism and liberal with my praise, to build up and not destroy.

NEWS & VIEWS ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS

We know you're making a difference in your communities, and we want to hear about it! Whether it's a service project, fundraiser, officer installation, new member inductions, or recognizing a member's hard work, share your experiences with us. Let's inspire and learn from each other.

Articles for News & Views should be submitted in WORD or JPEG formats (please avoid PDFs). Use the font size of 16, and keep articles under 200 words. If including photos (strongly encouraged!), limit your article to 100 words and include the names of individuals in the photos when possible.

**Send your submissions to Lion Kim Osborne at
kimosborne607@gmail.com
by the 20th day of the month.**

We look forward to seeing your stories!



WE NEED YOUR HELP:

We're encouraging all Club Presidents to highlight News & Views at each meeting and help spread the word. Please remind your members to check their email and take a few minutes each month to stay informed and connected through this helpful resource.

Together, let's make sure every Lion in 12N is in the know! 🦁 📧