# DISTRICT 12N NEWS & VIEWS

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- **Eyeglass Recycling**
  November 7, 2026
  9:00 AM LVBI
- **Membership Retention ZOOM**
  November 12, 2026
  7:00 PM
- **12N Charities Board Meeting**
  December 6, 2026
  3:00 PM at LVBI in Morristown

Serving in Rhythm
East Tennessee Lions
District 12-N
2026-2027



## Let Our Light Shine

November is a month of gratitude, and I'm especially thankful for Lions. During recent club visits, I have been continually amazed by the passionate members I meet. At every stop, Lions are serving their communities with heart, creativity and unwavering commitment.

In October, many clubs celebrated our Week of Service for Vision by conducting vision screenings during the designated week and throughout the month. From screenings to many other meaningful projects, the impact was far greater than any one activity. Our clubs do more than meet immediate needs; they build hope, one act of kindness at a time. I left each visit humbled and energized, reminded that service is the heartbeat of Lions.

Thank you, District 12N, for showing what true community service looks like. As International President Mark Lyon reminds us, we are "Rooted in Service."

But we also need to let our light shine. Though Lions serve for others, not recognition, sharing our stories can inspire neighbors to participate. Share project updates through local media (including social media). Invite non-Lions to volunteer for service projects; firsthand experience may encourage them to join. Build partnerships with other organizations, launch new projects and start Leo clubs. Report activities in the Lion Portal so we can showcase District 12N's impact and encourage future members to serve. Let's shine!

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

# Leading the Pride:



**1st VDG**
**Connie Emmons**

This year is going by so fast! In just a few weeks it will be Thanksgiving. I have a lot to be thankful for. Do you? As we look at our blessings, we also tend to look at what we can do better. As the new year approaches, I am looking for Lions that would like to serve on the District cabinet for 2027-2028. Do you have a passion for something, or something you would like to do or learn to do? Please reach out to me so that we can work together to continue our mission of Service. lionconniemay@gmail.com

## A Month of Gratitude and Service



**2nd VDG**
**Doris Watta Kaifa**

November is a time for gratitude, giving, and remembering those who need a helping hand. As Lions, we have so much to be thankful for and many opportunities to make a difference.

This Thanksgiving season, I encourage each Lion and Club to consider supporting our **Lions Charities** through a donation or White Cane.

Every contribution, big or small, helps strengthen our ability to serve our communities and make a meaningful impact.

Let's turn our gratitude into action and continue to serve with generous hearts. Together, in harmony, we can do more!

Wishing you and your families a blessed Thanksgiving.
In service and gratitude

# 12N District Convention Registration Form

## 71st Annual District 12N Lions Convention

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### EVENT INFORMATION:

DATE: March 12-13, 2027 Friday start time 4:00 PM Saturday start time 8:00 AM
LOCATION: First Broad Street United Methodist Church (All activities)
100 E. Church Circle, Kingsport, TN 37660
Special Guest: **Past International President Dr. Patti Hill**
Lodging: Attendees are responsible for making their own lodging reservations

### PARTICIPANT INFORMATION:

NAME 1 _____ Current Office/Position:_____
Circle one: Lion Leo Guest

NAME 2 _____Current Office/Position:_____
Circle one: Lion Leo Guest

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

Phone _____ Email _____

### REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

***ALL attendees must register***

Registration (including 2 meals) Received by February 15th: **$75. EACH X_____ = $ _____**

Registration for business only (no meals included): **$40. EACH X_____= $_____**

Special Dietary Needs: _____

**Clubs are asked to bring one or more baskets, or new/like new individual items, to be placed in the Silent Auction**

### PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS:

Registration can occur upon arrival at a cost of $40 (no meals included)

Make checks payable to: **District 12N Lions**.

Mail to: **Kingsport Lions Club, P.O. Box 3366, Kingsport, TN 37664**

# Treasurer's Report from PDG Keltie Kerney

## District 12N Treasurer's Report as of September 30, 2026

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| Administrative Account Balance beginning 092026 | $55,265.96 |
| Deposits: Semiannual 12N & MD12 dues | +$ 846.39 |
| Expenses: USA/Canada Forum, Disaster Relief | -$ 830.00 |
| **Ending balance as of 09/30/2026** | **$55,282.35** |

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**District 12N Charities Inc. Treasurer's Report as of 09/01/2026**

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| 12N Charities Account Balance beginning 09/01/2026 | $10,812.60 |
| Deposits: Account Transfer | +$ 9,570.00 |
| Expenses: LVBI Charities Donation | -$ 11,382.22 |
| **Ending balance as of 09/30/2026** | **$ 9,000.38** |

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

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| Account Balance beginning 09/01/2026 | $ 1,241.97 |
| Deposits: NONE | +$ 0.00 |
| Expenses: Disaster supplies | -$ 623.09 |
| **Ending balance as of 09/30/2026** | **$ 618.88** |

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

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| Account Balance beginning 09/01/2026 | $75,258.49 |
| Deposits: NONE | +00.00 |
| Net Interest Earned | +$14.42 |
| Expenses: Account transfer and donation (Leader Dog) | -$7,570.00 |
| **Ending balance as of 09/30/2026** | **$67,702.91** |

**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.*



7. **The Law of Respect:** People naturally follow leaders who demonstrate strength, competence, and character.
   - For example, members willingly volunteer for a project because they respect the project leader's calm, dependable leadership.
   - *What qualities cause others to respect my leadership?*

8. **The Law of Intuition:** Leaders evaluate situations through a leadership lens, recognizing opportunities and challenges that otherwise may be missed.
   - For example, declining attendance may result from members needing more fellowship, not just more meetings.
   - *Am I paying attention to what people aren't saying?*

## Learning Opportunity for All Members

The 2027 **Lions Learning Retreat** (LLR) will take place **January 22-24, 2027, at Cumberland University in Lebanon, TN.** The Retreat, running Friday evening to Sunday brunch, is an opportunity to energize as a Lion with learning, inspirational speakers, service, and fellowship.

District 12-N has designated funds to scholarship FIRST TIME attendees to the LLR. In order to be eligible, you must pre-register and attend, and then your registration fee will be reimbursed.

The Registration form is available at http://tnlions.org/calendar/ and elsewhere in the *News & Views.*

**The Registration Form must be submitted by December 31st to be guaranteed in the meal counts**. See the Registration Form for additional information, including hotels.

# Club Excellence Information












# Welcome New Members

**Carolyn Boswell - Norris Lions - Sponsor Kathy Cloutier**
**Amanda Hollins - Knox Tri County Lions - Sponsor Connie Emmons**
**Stacy Hunley - Knox Tri County Lions - Sponsor Connie Emmons**
**Melissa Johnson - Tazewell/New Tazewell Lions - Sponsor Maree Collins**
**Daphne Livesay - Tazewell/New Tazewell - Sponsor Juanita Honeycutt**
**Clarissa Mason - Tazewell/New Tazewell - Sponsor Joshua Harvey**
**David Norwood - Sevierville Lions - Sponsor Kim Osborne**
**Steven Painter - Norris Lions - Sponsor Nellie Harshbarger**
**Shirin Pagels - Karns Lions - Sponsor Donna Patschke**
**Joe Thibault - Knox Tri County Lions - Sponsor Connie Emmons**
**Karen Thompson - Norris Lions - Sponsor Robert Kapolka**
**Dolores Underwood - Knox Tri County Lions - Sponsor Kristy Lavella**










**C. Wayne Smith - Kingston Lions Club**

# Calendar of Events

## East TN Lions District 12N 2026-2027 CALENDAR

### July 2026

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18th Organizational Meeting, Sevierville

### August 2026

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1st MD Organizational Meeting, Nashville

23rd District GAT Team meeting ZOOM only 7 PM

### September 2026

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3rd – 5th USA/Canada Forum in Memphis, TN

15th and 17th ZOOM training Service Reporting – 7PM – Attend one or both

29th – ZOOM Membership Growth w/ID Daniel Elkins 7:00 PM

### October 2026

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8-18th VISION week of Service

24th DG Wayne's Fall Cabinet Meeting King Family Library, Sevierville 9:30 AM

31st Halloween

### November 2026

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7th Eyeglass Recycling 9:00 AM @LVBI

7th MD Fall Rally & Honors Banquet, Lebanon, TN

12th Membership Retention ZOOM 7:00 PM

26th Thanksgiving

### December 2026

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6th Charities Board Meeting @LVBI 3:00 PM

25th Christmas

### January 2027

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3rd DG Wayne's Winter Cabinet Meeting ZOOM only - 7 PM

22nd – 24th Lions Learning Retreat, Cumberland University

### February 2027

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13-21st YOUTH week of Service

13th MD Winter Meeting, Cumberland University

14th Valentine's Day

### March 2027

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12th – 13th District Convention in Kingsport, First Broad Street Methodist Church

### April 2027

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April 30th – May 1st, MD State Convention, Manchester, TN

### May 2027

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April 30th – May 1st, MD State Convention, Manchester, TN

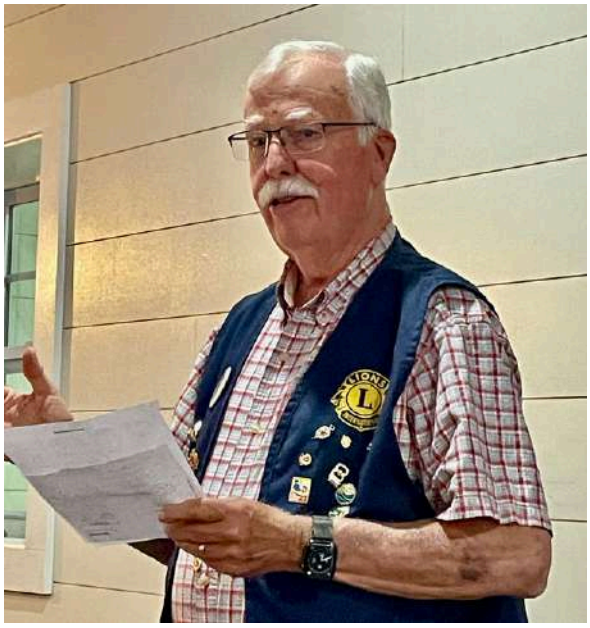
29th-June 6th ENVIRONMENTAL week of Service

### June 2027

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29th-June 6th ENVIRONMENTAL week of Service

# Dandridge Lions



Lion Lynn Murray was the "guest speaker" at the Dandridge Lions Club meeting held October 12th. He spoke to the club about the history of the scholarships that are given to local graduating students. When the Dandridge program started, just one $500 scholarship was awarded. Currently the club awards four $1,500 scholarships per year.

The Dandridge Lions Club - which services ALL of Jefferson County - is open to anyone who wants to "give back" to our local community. Upcoming events are the annual thanksgiving dinner delivery to shut ins, and many Christmas "give back" events.

Connie Emmons, FVDG for District 12N, was the guest speaker when the Dandridge Lion's met on September 28th. Ms. Emmons spoke about two different Lion's subjects:

The first one was "Leader Dogs" - those marvelous dogs which assist blind people function daily. Ms. Emmons has trained four Leader Dog puppies. The trained dogs (and their training) are completely free to the people that receive them. If you know someone who is sight impaired that would benefit from having a dog, please contact the Dandridge Lions Club for more information.

Secondly she spoke about the Lions Club International Foundation, which donates funds for local community projects. Following the Hurricane Helene disaster, LCIF provided our district with $15,000 in emergency funding that was used to purchase disaster relief supplies such as food, clothing, household goods, heating sources, and RV's.



# ETSU Lions

ETSU Lions Sarah Collins and Kyler Kerney-Elliott helped to deliver the first former newspaper boxes retrofitted for eyeglasses donation boxes. LVBI received the first box in the district. The project was completed by an Eagle Scout candidate.





L to R: LVBI employee Gary Mayes assists ETSU Lion Kyler and PDG Keltie with setting up the eyeglass donation box





Lions Kyler & Sarah show their "hearts for service" for all God's creatures by rescuing a tiny kitten found under the Kane Addition of a Church. They named her "Bibble Kane"!!

# Greeneville Lions



David Crocker was our October speaker, talking about reasons to Serve and gave us ideas for ways to serve. He shared stories and experiences included in his book. SVDG Doris Kaifa attended the meeting, sharing District information.



As part of Vision Week and National Book Month, the club donated bookmarks to the Greeneville Public Library and a Greeneville elementary school. Nancy Southerland (R) gave bookmarks to Megan Lampe (L), school librarian.



Garrett Hensley readies the camera to take a picture of a child's eyes for sight screening. The club served children at about 10 centers.



Nancy Southerland took plastics for recycling to Food City.




Bookmarks donated as part of Vision Week and National Book Month

# Harriman Lions

Music and Melons at Riverfront Park in Harriman. The Harriman Lions Club along with the Babahatchie Band sponsored “Music and Melons” again this year on September 27th.
The band provided the music and the Lions Club provided the melons at intermission.  A good time was had by all.







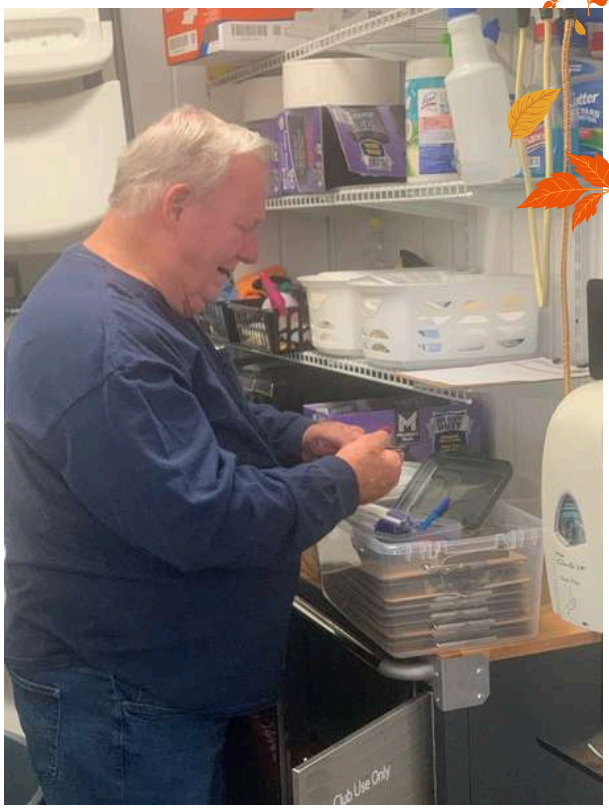
# Karns Lions

## Karns Lions Club Annual Hot Dog Roast

Karns Lions Club Community Park Pavillion was the scene for the Annual Hot Dog Roast on October 19, 2026



Members kept warm on the brisk Monday night by huddling around the fire and cooking hot dogs, brats and s'mores over the open flame.



PCC Tony Gross was busy preparing the fixins' and inducting their newest Lion member





L to R: 12N 1stVDG Connie Emmons, PCC Tony Gross, new Karns Lion Shirin Pagels, and sponsor Donna Patschke.

# Kingsport Lions



Lion Bill Murdoch and DG Wayne packing food at Shades of Grace.



L to R: PDG Keltie, DG Wayne, Lion Bill, and Lion Chris conducted vision screenings at a Kingsport School



Kingsport Lions Past President Larry White, DG Wayne Garland, Val Abernathy, Harry Ennis and Don Abernathy with plastics collected for recycling



Loading plastics for recycling

# Kingsport Lions (con't)



DG Wayne inducting new member, Carl Vogel



President of Kingsport Lions Club, Shannon Southerland, is presented a progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship pin by Lion Carol Bowling






Aidan Brandby, Eagle Scout candidate was the guest speaker for the Kingsport Lions Club meeting October 13. He presented a very thorough discussion on his project on repurposing old newspaper boxes into eyeglasses donation boxes. His father, Michael Brandby, one of the Troop 48 leaders is pictured with him.

# Knox Tri-County Lions

Thanks to Tri-County Lions Pres. Spence Perry, Bill Barnes, and Richard Perry for delivering several boxes full of craft and school supplies to Dolly Parton Children's Hospital and Tennessee School for the Deaf September 23! The supplies were donated by many of the members. Thank you notes were received from both.




Pres. Spence Perry and Richard Russell presenting craft items such as coloring books, pencils, and more, to Dolly Parton Children's Hospital.



More donations for Children's Hospital patients.



Spence Perry and Richard Russell are delivering school supplies to the Tennessee School for the Deaf.

## KNOXVILLE TRI-COUNTY LIONS SCREEN CHILDREN'S EYESIGHT

A team of Lion volunteers from Tri-County Lions conducted a vision screening for children at the Seymour Boys and Girls Club on September 24. A total of 24 youngsters were screened. Thanks to Lions Bill Barnes, Connie Emmons, Peggy & Richard Russell, and Pres. Spence Perry for this vital service to families in our community!



Lions Connie Emmons, Richard & Peggy Russell, Spence Perry (not shown) and Bill Barnes (not shown) participated in the Kidsight vision screening at the Boys and Girls Club.



Lion Connie Emmons screening a child's eyes.

# Knox Tri-County Lions (con't)

## SOUPER SATURDAY HOSTED BY KNOXVILLE TRI-COUNTY LIONS

Seven delicious flavors of soup, plus bread and cookies. We Serve. Really. On September 26th Tri-County Lions served approximately 75 senior citizens at the Renaissance Center in Seymour. Those that had mobility issues and couldn't make it to the community room had the soup delivered to their apartments! Thanks to all the members who participated preparing the crockpots of soups, serving, delivering, and more. It was a great day!





## KNOXVILLE TRI-COUNTY LIONS HOLD FOOD DRIVE FOR CROSS FOOD MINISTRY IN SEYMOUR







Tri-County Lions conducted a day-long food drive for CROSS Food Ministry Saturday, October 10 at the Kroger in Seymour.

# Maryville Lions

Members of the Maryville Lions Club recently delivered 420 “Thinking of You” goody packages to several Assisted Living Facilities in the Blount County Community. The packages included a magnifying glass, a microfiber cloth for cleaning eyeglasses, a packet of tissues, a pad and pen and a notecard stating “Thinking of You” from your friends at the Maryville Lions Club and students of Maryville College.



Foothills Transitional Care – Lion Joan Martin and Director Paula Hood

Several students from Maryville College helped stuff the goody packages at one of their college initiation days. Some of the students also helped sort over 2000 pairs of eyeglasses for recycling.



Life Care Center of Blount – Lion Joan Martin and Director Chyna Braxton and Asst Director Kennedy Paredes



Morning View – Lions Linda and John Wills & Tessa with Director Chelsea Rayfield

Concordia Nursing & Rehab – Lion Karen Fontaine and Director Lindsey Bonsall



# Sevier County Lions

Sevierville Police Department's National Night Out Community event. Lions PDG Rich, Wilma and Ranee.







Lion Brian introducing speakers at our September membership meeting from Bridge the Gap Ministries . Jeff Anselmo, left, the director of the program, says their ministry is a free 12 month program that provides a family environment for men who have been on drugs and alcohol. Nick and Dylan are current members who gave their testimonies.

Your kindness helps us provide for the kiddos who come through our doors and reminds them that their community cares about them. We are so grateful for your support and for the difference you continue to make! #Isaiah117housesevier



Lion Brian presents a gift card to Jo Ann Rup with Isaiah House 117. The director, Bethany Denton, spoke to our Club at our September membership meeting.

# Sevier County Lions (con't)






Community meet and greet at the Sherriff's Shindig in downtown Sevierville. Sevier County Lions Wilma, Ranee and PDG Rich.





Recently, Sevier Co Lions Club invited Smoky Mountain Lions Charities (SMLC) to join them in providing eye exams and glasses to inmates at the Sevier County Jail. This was our second mission at the jail this year. At the first one we provided eye care for 40 inmates, and 18 inmates at the most recent Clinic in October.
L to R: Volunteer Henry Carver, SMLC members Don, David, Myra, Jim, and Tim. Sevier County Lion Ranee King, Sherriff Michael Hodges, Dr Larry Zubel and Deputy Chief Steve Layman.

# Sevierville Lions

In late Sept., Lions held a FALL BBQ where they welcomed new members, installed new officers, and inducted two Lions Cubs.



Officers: Stacy, Kim, Tom, Kathi, & Judy



L to R: Kim O, Kim L, Jacob, Chuck, Ann, & Wiley



Club members in attendance: Kim O, Donna, Stacy, Trever, Kim L, Chuck, Jacob, Judy, Andrea, Kelly, Kathi, Summer, Liz, and Tom. In front: Cubs Cullen and Sadie-Rey



L to R: PDG Keltie, Mike, Kathi, Erik, Liz, and Tom



L to R: Stacy, PDG Keltie, Cub Cullen, Cub Sadie-Rey, Kathi, and Summer



New Members who were inducted, with their Sponsors: Donna, Stacy, Trever, Kim L, Jacob, Judy, Andrea, Kelly, and Kathi

# Sevierville Lions (con't)

In early October, Sevierville Lions and Brookdale Senior Living Center co-sponsored a Veterans Breakfast for around 50 local Veterans.




Serving breakfast were Lions (L to R): Liz, Meredith, Stacy, and Kelly



Lions Erik, Trever, and Chuck



Lions Kathi and Amy



Lions Judy and Meredith



Lions Chuck and Kim, with DAR and Event Organizer, Tracie (center)



New Member, David (orange shirt), submitted his application for membership at this event.



One of the Veterans at the event, Russell, took a group photo and used Chatgpt to create this fun picture. Russell added the lions in the background, and the safari clothing on two of our Lions members. We love this photo!!

# Tazewell-New Tazewell Lions



Lion Roger Hansard with MILES FOR SMILES at Kingsport Farmers Market for free Medical, dental, and prescription eye glasses clinic Oct 8.




# Tellico Village Lions

Misty Parker, Director of the Good Samaritan Center in Loudon County, spoke to the club about the food bank. dental services and utilities payment support provided by Good Sams. Lion Mark Williams presented Misty with a $1,500 donation from the Tellico Village Lions Club.



# Tellico Village Lions

The Tellico Village Lions OKTOBERFEST served over 600 guests, and raffled off a dozen baskets, collecting several thousand dollars for our community charities!



Good time had by all



Tom Kelly Event Director



Dessert Line: Larry Elder, Ed Hostick



Serving Line: Linda Sawicki, Ken Gandy, Sharon Krischer



Bratwurst Cooking Line: Barry Sherman, Wayne DeLawter, Bill Cooley, Kent Henderson



Basket Winner: Gene Oliver and Lion Josie Dwy

# Smoky Mtn. Lions Charities

Mission #188 - Sevierville Mission – September 23, 2026

On Wednesday, September 23, 2026, the Smoky Mountain Lions Charities Mobile Vision Lab conducted Mission #188 in Sevierville at the Sevier County Jail Annex. The mission provided vital vision services to community members and was supported by a dedicated team of Lions, professionals, and volunteers.

Key Results

- Total individuals receiving vision services: 18
- Complete eye exams given: 18
- Individuals receiving glasses while there: 0
- Individuals set to receive glasses (in 4 weeks or sooner): 18
- Individuals not needing glasses: 0

Medical Team and Volunteers

- Doctor on site: Dr. Larry Zubel, OD
- Total Lions participating: 6 (including 2 Lion Professionals)
- Non-Lion Professionals: 2
- Other Non-Lion Helpers: 2
- Total hours provided: 49+
- Estimated value of services: $4,285

Participating Clubs: Sevier County and West Knox Lions Clubs



Smoky Mountain Lions Mobile Vision Lab Volunteers and Sevier County Sheriff and Chief Deputy

# Smoky Mtn. Lions Charities

Mission Overview:
On Saturday, October 3, 2026, the Smoky Mountain Lions Charities Mobile Vision Lab conducted Mission #189 at the Cumberland Eye Care in Crossville, sponsored by the Crossville Lions Club. The mission provided vital vision services to community members and was supported by a dedicated team of Lions, professionals, and volunteers.
Key Results: • Total individuals receiving vision services: 149
• Complete eye exams given: 149 • Individuals receiving glasses while there: 0
• Individuals set to receive glasses (in 4 weeks or sooner): 138
• Individuals not needing glasses: 11 *Medical Team and Volunteers:
• Doctors on site: Brittany DeNaro OD, Cory Bosanko OD & Jennifer Peek OD
• Total Lions participating: 14 (including 2 Lion Professionals), Non-Lion Professionals: 10, • Other Non-Lion Helpers: 17, • Total hours provided: 241+, • Estimated value of services: $35,690
Participating Clubs
• Crossville Lions Club, Kingston Lions Club & • West Knox Lions Club



Patients checking out



Cumberland Eye Care Drs and staff



Patients waiting their turn with the doctor



Volunteers ready to serve

# Farragut Breakfast w/Santa:



# Maryville Pecan Sale:



# Sevierville Charity Sale:



# KAPA Update:

## Update on Knoxville Area Project Access (KAPA)

Knoxville Area Project Access (KAPA) has recently changed the way they process patients and they now require a Physicians referral. Referrals can no longer be made by Lions Clubs nor by the patient themselves. KAPA will, however, still help those patients who need eye care. That being said, this is the way we should handle the KAPA process going forward.

If you get a call from an individual needing assistance with cataract surgery or other types of eye care, you will need to tell them that they will need to notify their physician and that the physician must forward a referral form to KAPA. The individual can also provide KAPA's phone number to the physician should that be necessary. KAPA's phone number is 865-531-2766. I have talked to KAPA and I can still intercede on behalf of the patient, if it should become necessary. I and/or we just cannot continue to refer someone to KAPA ourselves. You can also tell the individual that they can call me (Gene Honeycutt) if they so desire and I will be glad to assist them through the process.

Please advise your Lions Club members to continue to check the News & Views for any additional updates. The KAPA program has been instrumental in helping many people to see during the past several years and we need to continue to help people with this process should they need it.

It is a pleasure to serve our district in this effort and I hope in the future we can still serve people who are having vision concerns.

Lion Gene Honeycutt
423-312-6972
Bulls Gap Lions Club
District 12N KAPA Chairperson

KAPA
A Program of the Knoxville Academy of Medicine Foundation

# 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: _____

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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: _____

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| Type of Registration | Deadline (postmarked by) | Amount | # to Register |
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| ***Full registration: Includes all seminars, Friday dinner, Saturday lunch & dinner and Sunday breakfast*** | | | |
| Early | Now - October 31, 2026 | $90 | |
| Regular | November 1 - December 31, 2026 | $95 | |
| Late/On-Site | January 1 - January 24, 2027 | $100 | |
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| ***Saturday only includes seminars with lunch & dinner*** | | | |
| Regular | Now – December 31, 2026 | $45 | |
| Late/On-Site ***Meals not guaranteed*** | January 1 - January 24, 2027 | $55 | |
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| ***Saturday seminars ONLY (NO MEALS INCLUDED)*** | | | |
| 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 (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 (83.13TOTAL)
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

# 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



**LCIF Donations**

We are currently doing fairly well on our donations. Please consider donating soon. We will soon have a chocolate coin for sale, and all proceeds go to LCIF. They will be $1 each. You can preorder by contacting Connie Emmons at lionconniemay@gmail.com

# Additional Announcements:

## GET (Global Extension Team) Information







PDG Ed Gibbons admires one of the repurposed eyeglasses donation boxes placed at LVBI in Morristown.






# Reminder From Your Contest & Awards Chair:

## Service Reporting...

Two of the top criteria for the District Contest & Awards Club of the Year are: Service Reporting on the Lion Portal and submitting articles/flyers/photos to the District 12N News & Views.

As of late October, only 58% of our clubs are reporting service in the Portal. We know there are many more clubs doing outstanding service for their communities but are not reporting the activities. It really isn't very hard to report on the Portal and does not have to take a lot of time. If you need assistance with the Portal, please contact Kim Osborne at: kimosborne607@gmail.com or myself at: ladipee@gmail.com and we will walk you through it.




## News & Views Reporting...

As of late October, only 38% of our clubs have submitted articles/flyers or photos to the District 12N News & Views. This is such a great and useful communications tool for the District to share what your club is doing. Please submit your items to kimosborne607@gmail.com by the 20th of each month.

There are other criteria for the District Contest & Awards Club of the Year award but we thought this was worth mentioning again because you still have lots of time to get going on these two things. We will republish the Contest and Awards Criteria later on as well.

**Paulette Bailey**
**District 12N Contest & Awards Chair**

# International Weeks of Service



# 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!* 🦁📬

***Lion Kim Osborne – News & Views Editor and Publisher***