

District 12N

NEWS & VIEWS



JUNE
2026

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Editor & Publisher

Feeling Blessed

Serving as District Governor for Lions District 12-N has been a great honor. I feel very blessed to have served alongside such dedicated and compassionate leaders and Lions throughout our district. This year reminded me that if we communicate, collaborate and serve there is no ceiling to the impact we can make. Through open communication we strengthened relationships, shared more ideas effectively, and stayed connected in a common mission to serve others. Our collaboration across the district was inspiring. Different clubs with new and seasoned members supported projects, responded to needs of others, and served each other.



When we work together great things can be accomplished. Lastly we served. This year we focused on our mental health at the club level, screened for vision impairments, provided meals for the hungry, recycled glasses, assisted with flood relief efforts, provided diabetic kits, educated others about disasters, and provided preparedness kits for when a disaster hits. This list goes on. Thank you for your support, encouragement and patience throughout this journey. I will always cherish these memories, relationships and lessons learned during my time as DG.

I look forward to the years to come as PDG Nate.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

June 2, 2026
ZOOM Club Officer
Training

June 18th
Reverse Raffle
Eden's Vista, Gray, TN

SAVE THE DATE:
DGE Wayne Garland's
Organizational Meeting -
July 18, 2026, 10:00 AM
King Family Library
Sevierville, TN

District 12N Charities
Meeting - July 18, 2026
9:00 AM - King Family
Library, Sevierville, TN

August 31, 2026
Deadline to Submit
'Kindness Matters'
Application

In Service...Nathanael Hughes, District Governor 1

VDG Lionhearted Lesson



It's Great to Be a Lion

The new Lions year is approaching fast. Encourage newly-elected officers to use our learning resources – The Lions Learning Center (LLC) and Managing your club webpage are packed with information to prepare them for their terms.

Have more fun at club meetings. Invite an interesting speaker. Do social events. Make sure all members feel connected and valued.

Ask community leaders what the biggest needs are and start a new service project. It doesn't have to be a large project necessarily – right size it to what your club can do with some help.

Invite families and non-Lions to help with service projects. Partner with other organizations that have a similar cause. Then invite them to join Lions (children can be Cubs or Leos).

Yours in Lionism....Wayne Garland, 1st Vice District Governor

Our Multiple District 12 has received over 4.4 million dollars from Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF). District 12 N has received over 1.4 million dollars of those funds. We are getting a phenomenal return on investment! We have received far more than we have given. We need your help. Please make your donations to LCIF before July. We are still shy of our goal of \$24,672. Last year we exceeded our goal. Thank you for all your hard work in helping LCIF.

Look at your communities and see if there is a need that can be helped with a grant. There are many possibilities. Every donation helps LCIF to continue to supply grant money large or small. Let's finish the year strong!

SVDG Connie Emmons

Please note my new email for all things Lions: lionconniemay@gmail.com



Lions Invitation



DISTRICT 12-N LIONS CLUB

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE *and* CHARITY EVENT

JUNE 18TH
4:30PM – 8:00PM



REVERSE RAFFLE
will start at
4:30PM

BLUEGRASS
and
BBQ



Bluegrass by
**TENNESSEE
BACKROADS**

Event will be at
EDEN'S VISTA
123 HEAVENS ORCHARD
GRAY, TN 37615

Admission
\$10

“Leadership Corner” from PDG Wendy Cain



INCOMING CLUB OFFICERS:

Your Club’s Officers for 2026-2027 go into effect July 1 and should be reported in the Lion Portal by now. If you have not done so, please submit them as soon as possible!

All Members of your Club Board of Directors are invited to attend Club Officer Training via Zoom on Tuesday, June 2, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

This session will help equip all officers and members of your club’s Board of Directors with the information and tools needed for a successful year ahead. Zoom link is available at:

<http://tnlions.org/calendar/>



CLUB EXCELLENCE:

As we continue our commitment to service, now is the perfect time for every club to reflect on its achievements and ensure your efforts are recognized. **The Club Excellence Award** is a meaningful way to celebrate your club’s impact, leadership, and dedication to serving your community. There is no application, awards will be sent automatically to clubs that qualify. You are encouraged to review the criteria at <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/member-resource-center/grants-and-awards/association-awards/excellence-awards> and finish the Lions year strong!

As you make your service, membership, and club operational plans for the coming year, the 2026-2027 Club Excellence Award criteria is now available and can serve as a guide for your goals.

District 12N Treasurer's Update:

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

Administrative Account Balance beginning 04/01/2026	\$51,603.36
Deposits: MD Directory purchase reimbursement	+\$10.00
Expenses: Convention Expenses, Peace Poster, Secretary supplies....	-\$3,137.69
Ending balance as of 04/30/2026	\$48,475.67

District 12N Charities Inc. Treasurer's Report as of 04/01/2026

12N Charities Account Balance as of 02/28/2026	\$10,883.45
Deposits: None this month	+\$0.00
Expenses: Puppy care & maintenance, Secretary of State, Postage, Accounting.....	-\$268.94
Ending balance as of 04/30/2026	\$10,614.51

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

Account Balance as of 04/01/2026.....	\$6,426.49
Deposits: None this month	\$0.00
Expenses: Disaster Preparedness Supplies	-\$1,436.88
Ending balance as of 04/30/2026	\$4,989.61

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

Account Balance as of 04/01/2026.....	\$69,580.36
Net Interest Earned (\$71.81) and (\$1,200. deposit)	+\$1,271.81
Ending balance as of 04/30/2026	\$70,852.17

Submitted by,
Keltie Kerney
IPDG, 12N Treasurer Administrative and Charities Accounts





LIONS INTERNATIONAL CLUB OFFICER REPORTING

2026-2027 LIONS YEAR



IMPORTANT DEADLINE

New club officers should be entered into the Lion Portal by:

MAY 15, 2026

Reporting early ensures they receive necessary materials and have access to the system for training and planning.

For the 2026-2027 Lions International year, new club officers should be entered into the Lion Portal (formerly MyLCi) by **May 15, 2026**. While the new fiscal year does not begin until July 1, reporting them by this earlier date ensures they receive necessary materials and have access to the system for training and planning.

KEY DATES FOR OFFICER ENTRY



APRIL

Hold elections & begin entering new officers.



MAY 15, 2026

RECOMMENDED DEADLINE for materials & system access.



JUNE 1, 2026

FINAL DEADLINE to avoid system transition issues.



JULY 1, 2026

New officer terms officially begin!

IMPORTANT NOTES



EARLY ACCESS = STRONG START

Add officers early so they're ready on Day 1.



AVOID LOCKOUTS

Clubs not updated by June 30 may lose access and need International assistance.



UNIQUE EMAILS REQUIRED

Each officer must have their own email address reported in the system.



HOW TO REPORT

Use the Lion Portal (MyLCi / Club Central) to update your incoming officers.



SET YOUR CLUB UP FOR SUCCESS!

PLAN EARLY • REPORT ON TIME • LEAD STRONG



As of May 21st, these Clubs have reported their new Officers for 2026-2027 in the Portal. If your Club is missing from this list, please report your new Officers asap. If you need assistance with reporting, contact Lion Kim Osborne at kimosborne607@gmail.com



Bulls Gap
Clinton
ETSU
Greeneville
Inskip
Karns
Kingston
Knox East
Loudon
Morr. Hamblen
Oak Ridge
Powell
Sevier Co
West Knox

Campbell Co
Dandridge
Fountain City
Harriman
Johnson City
Kingsport
Knox Co North
Knoxville Tri-Co
Maryville
Norris
Oneida
Sevierville
Tellico Village



Dandridge Lions Club



Queen Lion Rajean O'Connell (center) and former Queen Lion Susie Jarnigan (R) of the Dandridge Lions (which services ALL of Jefferson County) recently presented to Bethany Jones (L), Director of Dandridge Memorial Library, a check towards the new Dandridge Library.

The Dandridge Lions meet the second and fourth Monday at 6:30 at Shoney's and are open to all who want to serve our local community.

Elizabethton Lions Club

Dr. David Crocker spoke at the Elizabethton Club on April 30 on the topic "The Power of Serving Others." Much of his talk came from his book *Compassionaries: Unleash the Power of Serving*. It focused on the impact of serving on both the person/group serving and those they serve.

He noted that while Lions are deeply engaged in serving their communities, they may not receive all the benefits of their serving because they have never reflected on the power of their serving. Crocker has shared his talk with Lions clubs in Fairfield, Tellico, Maryville, West Knoxville, New Tazewell, Chattanooga and is scheduled to be in Johnson City in June. He may be reached at dwcrocker62@gmail.com.



ETSU Lions Club



L to R: Mike, Asher, Kyler, and Sarah



L to R: Asher, Mike, Kyler, and IPDG Keltie

ETSU Lions Club members Sarah Collins and Kyler Kerney-Elliott assisted in packing 150 bags of food for 10 schools. They have consistently participated since this service project began in January 2025.

Weber City Scott County Club member Mike Kerney and Kingsport Lions Club members IPDG Keltie Kerney and Asher Elliott shopped, loaded and unloaded supplies and helped to assemble the bags.



Lions Club members Sarah (L) and Kyler (center) join Weber City Scott County Lions Club member Suzanne Kerney-Quillen (R) in a good cause to help move a large piece of furniture from a woman's house to another location.



Greeneville Lions Club



Nancy Southerland with 18 pounds of plastic taken to Food City



Carolyn Broyles and Nancy Southerland helping a customer at the Library Book Sale.



Members planting over 500 vinca flowers at Pioneer Park on Tusculum University's campus where the Greeneville Flyboys play summer baseball. Carolyn Broyles, Todd from TU staff, Ken Southerland and Nancy Southerland.



Inskip Lions Club



Inskip Lions plan to hold a membership drive and ice cream social on June 8th at 5pm for their community



DG Nate Hughes visited the Inskip Lions Club



District 12N Happenings



L to R: Frank Waldo, DGE Wayne Garland, and Michelle Campbell with Appalachian Miles for Smiles

On May 14 DGE Wayne Garland presented a \$1000 check to Frank Waldo and Michelle Campbell of Appalachian Miles for Smiles to be used for diabetes A1C testing in connection with providing glasses to individuals. \$625 was from District 12-N Discretionary funds and \$375 was from the Kingsport Lions club.

Karns Lions Club



2026 Annual Shrimp Boil Benefiting the Karns Lions Club



Friday June 19th
Saturday June 20th
6:30pm

\$35 per person

Karns Lions Club Pavilion
6618 Beaver Ridge Rd

KarnsLionsClub.com
Facebook.com/KarnsLionsClub

Join us for an evening of food & fun to support the
Karns Lions Club Community Park and the many
Karns Lions Club charitable projects in the community.

Live band - Dynamic Panic

Indulge in all you can eat shrimp,* andouille sausage, potatoes,
corn on the cob, hushpuppies, gumbo, all the fixins', soft drink and dessert.

Bid on a variety of items in our silent auction. Pay w/ cash/check/PayPal.

Tickets must be purchased by noon on Wednesday June 17, 2026.

Limited number available for each evening. Non-refundable.

Purchase online at KarnsLionsClub.com/upcoming-events or at:

Salon Matias, 2548 Byington Solway Rd
Mike Grimes Insurance, 7715 Oak Ridge Hwy
Matlock Tire, 10838 Hardin Valley Rd
Karns Lions Club Pool, 6618 Beaver Ridge Rd

*Shrimp prepared separately. Shrimp-free plates available for those with shellfish allergies.

Kingsport Lions Club



Recent meeting of the Kingsport Lions Club

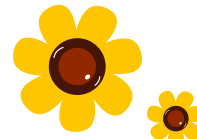


IPDG Governor presents a Kingsport Lions Club guest, Nastassia Taylor, with an emergency preparedness "To Go Kit" which was funded by an LCIF Grant to District 12N



Planting a flower garden at Weber City Elementary School- A new service project embarked upon by members of the Kingsport Lions Club and the Weber City Scott County Lions Club

L to R: Lion Asher Elliott, Grandson Teague Kerney-Quillen, IPDG Keltie Kerney, and Mike Kerney (Weber City)



Kingsport Lions Club (con't)

It is with sadness that we share the passing of longtime Kingsport Lions Club member Jim Fischer. Jim was a dedicated Lion whose kindness, service, and commitment to helping others made a lasting impact on his club and community. He will be remembered for his friendship, generous spirit, and faithful support of Lionism. Please keep Jim's family, friends, and fellow Lions in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.



*in
loving
memory*



Lion Jim Fischer recently helped pack 200 community meals.

Knox Tri-County Lions Club

KNOXVILLE TRI-COUNTY LIONS CELEBRATE 50 YEARS OF SERVICE

How exciting to have Lions Past International President Robert E. "Bob" Corlew and his wife Lion Dianne April 25 for the Knoxville Tri-County Lions 50th Anniversary celebration dinner!

"I commend your club for all the service that you have done throughout the years. Most recently, of course, as you all know, the club has been instrumental in securing an LCIF grant for the purchase of a new fire truck for the Seymour Fire Department." — PIP Corlew

Other special guests included Past Int'l Director B J Blankenship and his wife, PDG Carolyn. Past District Governors participating included Wendy Cain, Bill Slover, Frank McCall, and Ken Moffett. A special thanks to our own 1st Vice District Governor-Elect Connie Emmons for the venue, caterer, and event programs.

Tri-County Lions Richard and Peggy Russell, Ray Valentine, and Ken Moffett were given engraved crystal plaques by Pres. Spence Perry saying in part, "Never underestimate the difference you make and the lives you touched."

Congratulations!



PIP Bob Corlew entertains guests while Lion Dianne Corlew, Carolyn and B J Blankenship look on.



Pres. Spence Perry addresses those gathered for the event.

Morristown-Hamblen Lions Club



The Morristown-Hamblen Lions Club proudly announced its recent \$500 contribution to bolster local senior programs. Ms. Valeria Farmer, Executive Director of the Senior Citizen Center in Morristown gratefully accepted the donation. We deeply appreciate Ms. Farmer's tireless work and dedication to our seniors.



Outstanding work by Lions Erin Dalton, Wiley Holbrooks, Debbie Chance, and Ann Holbrooks! Their dedication led to the collection of 211 pounds of recyclable plastic for our environmental project.



Rogersville Lions Club

Rogersville Lions Club Celebrates Earth Day at Local School

The Rogersville Lions Club Earth Day Project was held at Clinch School on April 22nd and was a HUGE success. With the help of 5 Lions Club members, 7 students, a Teacher and Principal, we did landscaping of the School Sign, Planted trees, Trash pick up, and Mulching of the Outdoor Patio. It was an absolutely Beautiful day and the students and staff were excited to help. Our members were excited to reach out to the school and Everyone was so pleased with the results. What a Special Day! Our Project was led by Club President Tim Seaton with Fred Grillot, Tim Johnson, Mark Myers, and Nancy Point working.



Plans are already being discussed for next year's Earth Day Project. What a wonderful example of Lionism and our "We Serve" Motto.

Sevierville Lions Club

See Page 23 for additional information on the "Queens for a Cause" Benefit event



L to R: Lions Erik and Tom



Sevierville Lions at the May Club meeting



Sunset Gap has a concrete 'Lion' sitting underneath their sign!



Lions Chuck (L) and Kim (not shown) delivered a car load of clothing to Melissa (R) at the Sunset Gap Thrift Store in Cosby, TN

Sevierville Lions Club (con't)



Club President, Kathi, met a rather important person at the MD12 Convention in Clarksville, TN



Lion Erik manning the Sevierville Lion's Club Vendor booth at the MD12 Convention. Proceeds benefitted the Sevierville Lions Club

Thank You!



The basket donated by Sevierville Lions for the MD12 Auction



Lion Kelly (L in photo) participated in the "Battle of the Litter" event sponsored by the Sevierville local Police Departments

Sevier County Lions Club



Sevier Co participated in My People Senior Center yard sale. L to R: Lions Trina, Wilma, Rich and Ranee

Participating in Senior Expo at My People Senior Center



L to R: Lions Terry, Ranee, and Ashley



Sevier Co Lions celebrated their 9 year Charter Anniversary



L to R: Lions Frank and Terry



L to R: Lions Vickie, Frank, Sue, Terry, Jennifer, Wilma, Susanna, Ranee, Lonnie, Trina, Patricia, Rich, and Brian at the Charter Anniversary Celebration event.

HAPPY
Anniversary

Sevier County Lions Club (con't)

Sevier County Lions Club, in cooperation with Smoky Mountain Lions charities, held a vision clinic on Wednesday, April 29, 2026. We were able to provide 84 complete eye exams, and 80 pairs of eyeglasses. We had eight referrals for additional medical services, i.e. cataract surgery, glaucoma, etc. These individuals will be assisted by Sevier County Lions members and applying to KAPA, Knoxville area project access, for the services. 32 individuals were detected with diabetes, 23 with high blood pressure and 29 with high cholesterol. All were referred to Mountain Hope Good Shepherd Clinic, whose mobile unit was on site. Along with vision Services, our neighbors were able to take advantage of the resources of many local agencies who were set up on that day.



Lion Wilma and Helping Hands volunteers



Loading the vision van after a long rewarding day



School nurses Kim Williams, Cristy Layman, Karen Rauhuff, and Lion Terry



Lion Frank



Lions Gloria and Rane with Sevier United volunteer Maria



L to R: Terry, Optician Judy, Rane, Cecilia, Lonnie & Alissa.



Lion Cecilia & Sevier United volunteer Nadia handing out bags of fruit from second harvest

Tazewell-New Tazewell Lions Club

On Friday evening, May 22nd an F0 tornado touched down in the heart of New Tazewell, causing much damage and destruction to several buildings. As a response, our District 12N Governor, Nate Hughes, at the time of this publication has filed for an LCIF Emergency Disaster Grant to assist with the needs of the community that were affected by this tornado.

The **Tazewell-New Tazewell (TNT) Lions Club**, being the newest Lions Club in the state of TN after chartering in March of this year, are immediately responding to the disaster relief efforts while awaiting a response from LCIF. **Currently donations are being accepted by the TNT Club to assist with the efforts, and other clubs in 12N are encouraged to consider donating to assist with immediate needs.** TNT is working in partnership with REC Ministries.

All donations can be sent to 7809 Night Shade Ln, Knoxville, TN. Checks should be made out to Tazewell-New Tazewell Lions Club.



Duncan Lumber Company suffered extensive damages



Ongoing relief efforts have begun



DGE and Guiding Lion Wayne Garland visited the Tazewell-New Tazewell Lions club on May 27. This new club has several projects started including disaster relief for the recent tornado in their community (the District has applied for a Disaster Relief grant). They are also looking at starting 2 Leo Clubs.



Lions Club members with Guest (R), DGE Wayne Garland

Tellico Village Lions Club



Dennis Kelly, Harry Rucker, Bill Cooley, Marcia Higby selling mulligans.



Tellico Village held their annual golf tournament on May 16th. Sponsorships from local businesses raised over \$15,000, thanks to Larry Elder and Bill Cooley



Lion Mark Williams with his team, Pete, Peter, and Ben

Tellico Village recently added two new members:

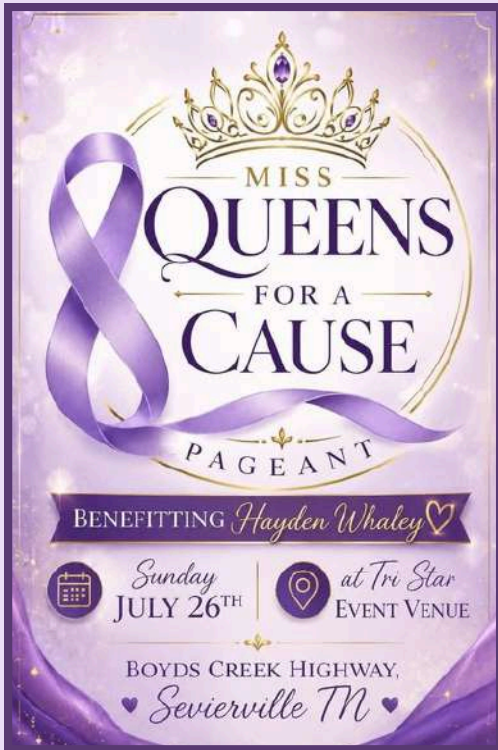


Howard Highby, Event Director, addressing the players



L to R: Kent Henderson - Sponsor, Ron Dwy, Josie Koppie Dwy, and Cheryl Henderson - Sponsor

A Lion Family Member in Need:



Dear Lion friends,

One of our Sevierville Lions Club families is facing a very difficult journey, and we have an opportunity to come together in support. **Hayden**, the husband of Lion Summer and son-in-law of Lion Stacy, was recently diagnosed with Stage 4 Brain Cancer and is currently undergoing treatment at Vanderbilt Hospital in Nashville. As Hayden focuses on his fight towards recovery, the family is facing financial challenges, as Hayden is not eligible for short-term benefits or disability assistance at this time.

To help support Hayden's medical care and expenses, a **Benefit Beauty Pageant** has been scheduled for **Sunday, July 26th**. We invite anyone who is able to lend a helping hand by volunteering at the event, donating items for the silent auction, sponsoring a contestant, and/or making a financial contribution. Your kindness, prayers, encouragement, and support will mean so much to this family during this challenging time. Please see the attached graphics for additional details.

If you have questions or would like to help, please contact Sevierville Lions Kathi Hofstad (kathihofstad@gmail.com) or Kim Osborne (kimosborne607@gmail.com)



Lions Volunteer Blind Industries

Project Paycheck is a vital initiative for **Lions Volunteer Blind Industries (LVBI)**, providing necessary funding for Employment Scholarships that directly support training and wages for our blind and visually impaired workers. Donations to this program are used exclusively for blind payroll, enabling individuals to learn new skills, gain economic independence, and remain competitive in the manufacturing market place. By supporting this program, you are helping LVBI maintain a high-quality, dedicated workforce in our East Tennessee.

We encourage all Lions Clubs that have not yet contributed to consider donating to **Project Paycheck**. As a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, all contributions from clubs or individuals are tax-deductible and directly impact the lives of those we serve. If you would like to mail a check, please send it to our address at **758 West Morris Blvd, Morristown, TN 37813**. Your contribution helps ensure that LVBI can continue its mission to empower people who are blind to become contributing, self-sufficient members of society.

This vital work is only possible through the generous support of our community partners. Whether through a single donation or recurring support, your involvement allows us to provide opportunities for dignity and independence through work. We thank everyone who has supported the **Project Paycheck** program.

We would like to extend a special thank you to the **Kingsport Lions Club** for their incredibly generous donation of **\$8,000.00**. This substantial contribution to **Project Paycheck** is greatly appreciated and will make a direct impact on the training and employment of our blind workers.



CEO Trevor Southerland with the Project Paycheck donation from the Kingsport Lions Club

MD12 Convention in Clarksville



L to R: Council Chair Scott Shelhamer and DG Nate Hughes (Elizabethton Lions)



L to R: 1st VDG Wayne Garland (Kingsport Lions) and PID B.J. Blankenship (w/Gena Shelhamer in back).



L to R: PCC Tony Gross (Karns Lions) and PDG Wendy Cain (Oak Ridge Lions)



Cabinet Secretary, Kathi Hofstad (Sevierville Lions Club)

MD12 Convention in Clarksville



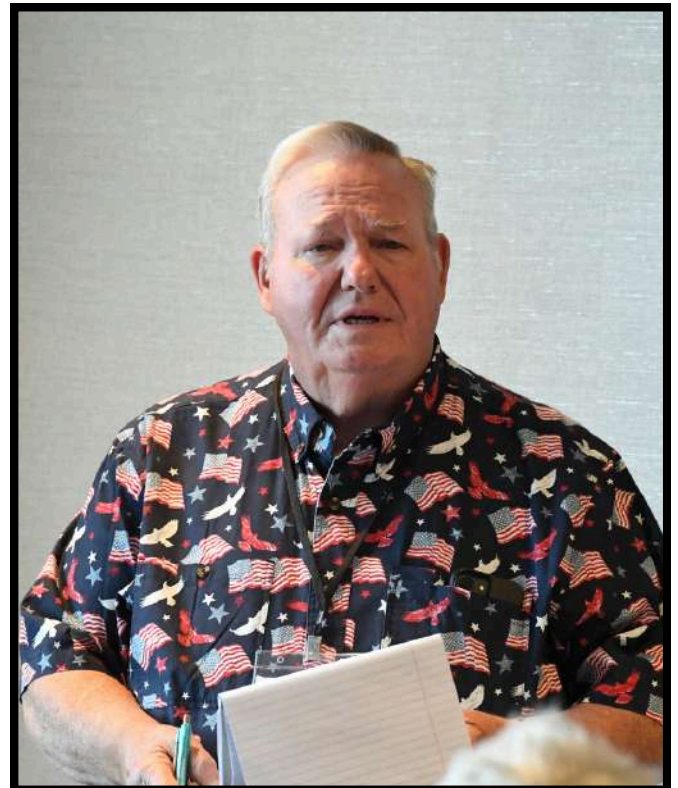
L to R: PCC Tony Gross & Karen Gross of Karns Lions Club



L to R: PDG Millie Burke of Sevierville Lions and 1st International Vice-President Mark Lyon



FVDGE Connie Emmons of Knox Tri-County Lions



PCC Tony Gross of Karns Lions

MD12 Convention in Clarksville



L to R: 1st International Vice President, Mark Lyon and PDG Rich Wilson (Sevier Co Lions)



Welcome to the 107th Tennessee Lions Convention Banner



Lions Kathi & Erik Hofstad (Sevierville Lions Club)



PDG Wendy Cain (Oak Ridge Lions) and PDG Millie Burke (Sevierville Lions)

Welcome New Members

Robert Gamache - Elizabethton Lions - Sponsor Nate Hughes
Cindy Jacobsen - Harriman Lions - Sponsor A Julian Ahler
Mollie Jones - Campbell Co Lions - Sponsor Martha Wells

Leave footprints
of **love** and **kindness**
wherever you go.



In Loving Memory

Jim Fischer - Kingsport Lions Club

Summer

I Spy



12N Charities Board of Directors

Lions District 12 N Charities, Inc. Board of Directors (Rev. 3/28/2026)

2026 – 2029

President Doris Kaifa (Johnson City)
PDG Frank McCall (Loudon)
Lion Kathi Hofstad (Sevierville)
PDG Keltie Kerney (Kingsport)

2025 – 2028

Lion Tyler Hunsaker (Farragut)
Lion Debbie Chance (Morristown)
Lion Douglas Dykstra (Dandridge)
Lion Joan Martin (Maryville)

2024 – 2027

Lion Harry Ennis (Kingsport)
Lion Benjamin Wilbur (Dandridge)
DG Wayne Garland (Kingsport)
Lion Kathleen Dooley (Tellico Village)

District Governor: Wayne Garland
(Kingsport)

Treasurer & Registered Agent:
PDG Keltie Kerney (Kingsport)



LIONS, MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

JOIN US FOR SOME OF THE **BEST LIONS TRAINING** IN THE WORLD!

FUTURE FORUMS

 <p>HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA</p> <p>SEPTEMBER 16-18TH, 2027</p>	 <p>GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN</p> <p>SEPTEMBER 21-23RD, 2028</p>	 <p>SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA</p> <p>SEPTEMBER 13-15TH, 2029</p>
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 <p>LEARN. LEAD. GROW.</p>	 <p>GAIN POWERFUL KNOWLEDGE</p>	 <p>CONNECT WITH LIONS WORLDWIDE</p>	 <p>MAKE AN IMPACT THAT MATTERS</p>
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BE INSPIRED. BE EMPOWERED. BE A LION.

SAVE THE DATES • PLAN AHEAD • BE THERE!

Disaster Relief



There has been one request since the last report for the 12N Lions to assist a family still trying to recover from the damage to their home during Helene. The Disaster Team approved \$3,000 towards repairs to their leaking roof. The additional funds were donated by a local church. The roofing has been completed.

If you know of anyone who still needs assistance with disaster relief or disaster preparedness, please reach out to Keltie Kerney. There are some funds remaining in each account for disaster relief and disaster preparedness assistance.

IPDG Keltie Kerney
Chair Disaster Relief/Preparedness



Notes & News:

Reverse Raffle Tickets: Are still Available

Reverse Raffle tickets are still available. The reverse raffle will be held on June 18, 2026, beginning at 4:30 pm at Edens Vista in Gray, TN.

Please contact Keltie Kerney at keltiekerney@hotmail.com or 423-416-7407 to obtain YOUR reverse raffle tickets.

The more tickets sold means more funds for White Cane projects!

HAPPY
Father's
DAY!



Club Excellence Award



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.)



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, **50%** 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.

East TN Lions District 12N 2026 CALENDAR

January 2026							July 2026						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	26	27	28	29	30	31	

February 2026							August 2026						
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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:

It's come to our attention that some of our fellow Lions may not be aware of the News & Views Newsletter that's delivered to inboxes at the start of each month. This monthly publication is packed with valuable updates, event information, and resources that are important for all of us in District 12N.

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