



# NEW YEAR • NEW LOOK

*A New Lions Year Begins!*

## A New Lions Year... and a New Look!

As we begin a new Lions year, we're excited to unveil a fresh new look for the *District 12N News & Views!*

While you'll still find the same great club news, service stories, achievements, and upcoming events, you'll notice a cleaner, more modern design intended to make the newsletter easier to read and more enjoyable to explore.

We hope you enjoy the updated format and continue sharing your club's activities, photos, and accomplishments. Together, we'll make this another outstanding year of service and fellowship throughout District 12N.

*Here's to a new year, new opportunities,  
and a new look for News & Views!*



### SERVICE

We make a difference



### MEMBERSHIP

We are stronger together



### LEADERSHIP

We lead with integrity



### VISION

We see a better tomorrow



### COMMUNITY

We serve with compassion





# DISTRICT 12N NEWS & VIEWS

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## “Serving in Rhythm”

As District Governor Elect for East Tennessee Lions District 12-N, my goals for our district in the new year are to work as a team, improve communication, be kind to one another, and make our meetings fun and engaging. And of course, to serve. I have chosen “Serving in Rhythm” as our theme for 2026–2027, echoing the Tennessee state theme. After considering several other possibilities, I felt this theme best reflects these goals. “Serving in Rhythm” also supports greater unity across our state, strengthening the bonds that help us serve more effectively. Together, in rhythm, we can build a district of purpose, positivity, and shared success. Everyone is invited to our District Organizational meeting on **July 18 at the King Family Library in Sevierville. The Charities Board will meet at 9:30 AM and the Cabinet meeting will begin at 10:30 AM.**

Let’s have a great year!

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



✳ **Organizational Meeting**

**July 18, 2026**

King Family Library, 10:30 AM  
408 High Street, Sevierville, TN

✳ **DG Zoom Meeting**

August 23, 2026  
7:00 PM

✳ **USA/Canada Forum**

Sept. 3–5, 2026  
Memphis, TN

✳ **Fall Cabinet Meeting**

October 24, 2026  
King Family Library, 10:30 AM  
408 High Street, Sevierville, TN



# Leading the Pride:



**1st VDG  
Connie Emmons**

Let's make this a year of retention and growth. We need to focus on maintaining a healthy club. "Just Ask" those we know if they might consider joining our great organization. I think this year will be full of activities and remember to laugh and have fun too! Invite friends and family to fun activities to see first-hand what we do. It is not just all about the planning and executing of events, showcase the fun in our events which can be key to gaining new members.

Being visible is not always easy for everyone, but keeping our activities hidden does not show what we do and why. "Many hands make light the work"; just think of what we can achieve with more hands! Service reporting is helpful to keep track of activities and can help our own successors to have a record of your club.

I am available to help or answer any questions or concerns. If I don't have the answer, I will find you the person or resource that can. Please invite the DG Team to your events in advance, we would love to support you. Thank you for being a Lion and all that you do.

**Connie Emmons  
First Vice District Governor**



East Tennessee Lions  
District 12-N  
2026-2027

# Leading the Pride:

Dear Fellow Lions,

It is with great gratitude and humility that I serve as your Second Vice District Governor. Thank you for your confidence and for the opportunity to serve alongside such compassionate men and women who truly embody our motto, "We Serve."

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My heart for service comes from my own journey. I know what it means to overcome hardship, and I have learned that one caring person or one act of kindness can change a life forever. That is why I believe service is not only our common purpose as Lions—it is one of the highest callings God has placed on each of us. Every service project, every fundraiser, every meal shared, every vision restored, and every life touched reflects the love and compassion we are to give. When we lift others, we strengthen our communities and we are transformed ourselves.

As we begin this new Lions year, I encourage us to work together with unity, compassion, and a servant's heart. Every Lion brings unique gifts and talents, and together we can strengthen our clubs, our district, and our communities we proudly serve.

I would be honored to visit your club, celebrate your accomplishments, and learn more about the incredible work you are doing in your community. Please let me know if I can attend one of your meetings or service projects. I look forward to meeting many of you and serving together in the months ahead.

Thank you for all you do to make our communities stronger. May God continue to bless you, your families, and our District as we serve together.

**Doris Watta Kaifa**  
**Second Vice District Governor**

# “Leadership Corner” from PDG Wendy Cain



A special “thank you” to all the Lions who were “All In” to lead and serve in their Lions Clubs and District 12N this past year. It really makes a difference!

As the 2025-2026 Lions Year comes to a close, if you haven’t already, please take time to celebrate what you accomplished and recognize the people who made it possible. Our impact matters, but people remember how they were valued along the way. Genuine appreciation strengthens relationships, builds confidence, and inspires future service. As author and leadership expert John Maxwell

said, “People may hear your words, but they feel your attitude.”



## **CLUB OFFICER TRAINING:**

Thank you to those who attended the Club Officer and Board Training on June 2. The video for the Board of Directors and resources for officer-specific training is available for all Lions at: <http://tnlions.org/member-resources/training/>

## **CLUB EXCELLENCE:**

As you make your plans for the coming year, the 2026-2027 Club Excellence Award criteria is now available and can serve as a guide for your goals. The criteria have changed in recent years, and there is no longer an application, awards will be sent automatically to clubs that qualify based on information recorded in the Lion Portal. Watch the informational video on <https://www.youtube.com/@USLionsRock> titled “Earn the Lions Club Excellence Award | 2026-2027 Criteria” to learn more!

# Treasurer's Report from PDG Keltie Kerney



## District 12N Treasurer's Report as of May 29, 2026

Administrative Account Balance beginning 05/01/2026 .....	\$48,475.67
Deposits: District & MD Dues .....	+\$247.20
Expenses: Postage, 12N Convention, LCIF Donation for Mansell, ink, paper, GST expenses, June 18 expenses, (a reimbursement membership grant may be forthcoming), printing .....	-\$3,206.36
<b>Ending balance as of 05/29/2026 .....</b>	<b>\$45,516.51</b>

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## District 12N Charities Inc. Treasurer's Report as of 05/01/2026

12N Charities Account Balance as of 02/28/2026 .....	\$10,614.51
Deposits: Reverse Raffle ticket purchases, White Cane donations ...	+\$6,780.00
Expenses: DG Discretionary fund expenditure .....	-\$1,000.00
<b>Ending balance as of 05/29/2026 .....</b>	<b>\$16,358.17</b>

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

Account Balance as of 05/01/2026.....	\$4,989.61
Deposits: None this month .....	\$0.00
Expenses: This was redeposited into the Disaster Preparedness account in June .....	-\$1,250.00
<b>Ending balance as of 05/29/2026 .....</b>	<b>\$3,739.61</b>

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

Account Balance as of 05/01/2026.....	\$70,852.17
Deposits:.....	+750.00
Net Interest Earned .....	+\$70.42*
<b>Ending balance as of 05/29/2026 .....</b>	<b>\$71,672.59</b>

\*Regions Bank interest rates have fluctuated greatly. The last few months' interest decreased significantly. Options for better interest will be discussed during the July Organizational meeting.

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



# Campbell County Lions

On June 22nd, the Campbell County Lions Club celebrated their 20th anniversary at the La Follette Country Clubhouse with 29 in attendance.



Top row (L to R): Lions Fred Watts, Mike Childress, Dave Watson, PCC Brandon Johnson, Larry Elam, PDG Bill McDonald, PDG Carol McDonald, Martha Wells, Nancy Green, and Mollie Jones. Bottom row (L to R): Lions Virgie Selvidge, Sandy Pemberton, PDG Joe Pitts, PID Dianne Pitts, Gloria Milton, and JoAn Feeney.



International President's Certificate of Appreciation Certificates were presented by PID Dianne, assisted by PDG Bill, to: Lions Fred Watts and Virgie Selvidge.



After opening remarks, an amazing dinner was served to all by Nancy Thompson of Doorway Gourmet.

Past International Director Dianne Pitts installed the new incoming officers for the 2026 - 2027 year.

PID Dianne thanked the Club for all their work serving the community.

PID Dianne presented a Melvin Jones Fellowship to Lisa Robbins for her help in raising funds for the Club to assist in the community.



# Harriman Lions

Lion Bob Perdue presents the \$1000 scholarship to Harriman HS senior Railey Blakely. The Harriman club presents this scholarship every year.



Club President Dan Reid and 1st VP Andy Gecelosky welcome new club member Cindy Jacobsen.

*Welcome*

# Harriman Lions (con't)



Harriman Club members pose for a photo prior to the Pancake Breakfast held on 13 June. Billed as "America's Greatest Pancake Breakfast" the event was a huge success for the club.



Pancake breakfast "Chief Cooks and Bottle Washers"



Pancake breakfast "Ticket Takers"



A pancake breakfast election year always brings out the politicians and ensures a big crowd.

# Kingsport Lions - Turtle Derby

The Kingsport Lions Club celebrated their 80th Annual Turtle Derby at J. Fred Johnson Stadium. This year's event featured mechanical turtles for the first time, adding excitement while preserving a beloved tradition. Lane 3 dominated the competition, producing seven winners, including Derby Champion Bonnie, sponsored by Steve and Brenda Clark. Big Tex (Nancy Colquitt) finished second, and Blake #2 (The Blake) placed third. Funds raised support numerous Lions service projects, including vision screenings, approved financial assistance for eye exams and eyeglasses, monthly community meals for Shades of Grace, and other initiatives that positively impact our communities. The Kingsport Lions Club thanks all volunteers, sponsors, and attendees for making this milestone event a success.



L to R): Lion Doug Hillmuth, DG Wayne Garland, Riley Southerland, Lion Dion Thomidis, PDG Bill Moore, Vicki Lawson, and Greg Lawson



L to R: PDG Keltie with winner of bike



L to R: ETSU Lions Sarah & Kyler, and DG Wayne



On your mark.....

# Kingsport Lions (con't)



The Kingsport Lions Club contributed \$500 to the Greater Kingsport Family YMCA's Feeding Program, which provides a nutritious meal each day to children attending after-school and summer camp programs. The program plans, prepares, packs, and delivers meals to participating sites.

L to R: Lion Doug Haseltine, Past Club President David Douthat, and YMCA Feeding Program Manager Lynette Reese

The Kingsport Lions Club recently presented a donation in the amount of \$1,000 from the Turtle Derby to the Greater Kingsport Family YMCA to support diabetes education for children in more than 20 afterschool programs, with continued programming planned for YMCA summer camps.



L to R: Lion Doug Haseltine, Club President Shannon Southerland, and YMCA Sr. Camp & Feeding Director Sarah Anne Walker

# Maryville Lions Club



The Maryville Lions Club recently participated in a Keep Blount Beautiful Litter Pick-up event. There were roughly 20 volunteers from various organizations and they were divided into 3 teams covering different areas around the Blount County Public Library. Within a matter of one hour, over 100 lbs. of trash was collected and weighed for proper disposal. We can make a difference, one piece of litter at a time.



The Maryville Lions Club recently donated several pair of reading glasses to Walland Girl Scout Troop #20534. The troop plans to hold a summer camp and they want to make magnifying glasses out of the lenses and then use them to study nature. They are supposed to send us pictures after the camp is over!



Pictured is Asten Plate a member of the Girl Scout troop and Lion Paulette Bailey.

# Maryville Lions Club (con't)

As part of District 12N's Disaster Preparedness Initiative, the Maryville Lions Club recently donated several Disaster Preparedness Backpacks to the Maryville Fire/Police Dept. These backpacks are not merely bags; they are meticulously filled with essential items that could prove invaluable should an individual or family find themselves in a disaster situation. Each backpack is designed to provide immediate assistance and support, ensuring that recipients have access to necessary supplies during emergencies, which can often be chaotic and overwhelming.



The club also plans on donating several more backpacks to "A Place to Stay" who serves the underprivileged community in Blount and often times have individuals who have nothing but the clothes on their back.



These partnerships highlight the Lions dedication not only to disaster preparedness but also to supporting those in need, reinforcing the idea that preparedness and compassion go hand in hand.

# Sevier County Lions



Sevier County Lions members Vickie Ownby (L) and Sue Barker (R) are members of Sevier Chapter of American Business Women's Association. Last month Vickie was honored as ABWA Woman of the Year. Sue Barker, previous ABWA Woman of the Year, presented the certificate to Vickie.



Sevier Co School nurses Kim Williams (L) and Cristy Layman (R) presented Lion Ranee King with a Certificate of Appreciation for Eye Designs Optical in recognition of Adopt-A-School partnership with Sevier County School system. The program, set up in partnership with Sevier County Lions Club, is designed to make sure all children are screened and follow up on any referrals that are made so that children of Sevier County receive the eyeglasses and vision services they need.

The Club donated disaster relief "To-Go" kits to Village Ministries Helping Hands program.

L to R: Lion Trina, Lion Ranee, Mike Sisel; Director of the Helping Hands Ministry, and Lion Wilma. Both Trina and Wilma volunteer with the Helping Hands Ministry.



# Sevierville Lions



Lion Stacy regularly donates items to local agencies. On this trip, she dropped off donations to Sevier Co Food Ministry Thrift Store

In late June, several Sevierville Lions traveled to LVBI in Morristown to assist with a 'house keeping' project that consisted of shredding large amounts of decades old company documents, while also helping to serve a July 4<sup>th</sup> lunch to the LVBI employees.



Lions Kim and Chuck Osborne



Lions Kim, Chuck, and Erik listening as CEO Trevor explains the process of the new quilting machine



Lions Kathi & Erik Hofstad helping with the paper shredding project

# Tazewell-New Tazewell Lions in the News

## Lions provide \$15,000 grant for tornado relief

Staff Report

The Lions Club International Foundation has approved a \$15,000 grant for disaster relief in New Tazewell, Tennessee through the newly founded TNT Lions Club following the wake of the tornado that touched down May 22nd.

In addition, East Tennessee Lions District 12-N has approved \$1000 to be added to the total relief project. In partnership with REC Ministries, the funds will be allocated according to the below list:

- \$3,800 to replace and install the food pantry windows
- \$2,500 to repair the food pantry awning
- \$5,000 for 1 pallet of paper towels (80 boxes) from Lions

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Volunteer Blind Industries and other supplies

The remainder will be split as follows:

- \$1000 for industrial first aid kits (10x\$100)
- \$2000 for Infant Care Kits (diapers, formula, baby soap, bath wash,

- pacifiers, baby wipes)
- \$1500 for the remainder of the disaster kitchen sets (plasticware, toilet paper, soap, garbage bags, disinfectant)
- (\$200-\$2880) - Family Hygiene Kits (shampoo, razor, soap, deodorant, pads, comb, brush, toothbrush, toothpaste).



L to R: Roger Hansard, Director of R.E.C. Ministries, receiving donations from Lion Ian Kirkpatrick, funded in part from the disaster relief grant following the New Tazewell tornado. R.E.C. Ministries is a 501c3 organization that provides a variety of services, including Christmas backpack ministries, community education classes, job skills training, a food pantry, disaster relief resources, and rural health clinics.



Rathbone lodge #357, Knights of Pythias donated \$1000 to the Tazewell-New Tazewell Lions as part of their charity efforts.

# Tazewell-New Tazewell Lions (con't)



Tazewell-New Tazewell Lions Club President, Carl Nichols (second from Right), Lions Club Director of Hunger, Jennifer Prichard (front center), along with Lion Adam Hoppson fed the working men of Isaac's House during their car wash fundraiser. Isaac's House is a substance abuse recovery center for men. They are fundraising to install seats in their newly acquired transport van.

Earlier in the day, Hunger Director, Jennifer Prichard, collected a generous donation of non-perishable food from Food City in Tazewell. The Hunger Committee will use the food to stock Blessing Boxes in Tazewell and New Tazewell. They will soon be adding a Blessing Box in the Town of Cumberland Gap.



# Tellico Village Lions Club



New Members of the Tellico Village Lions with their Sponsors

L to R: Wendy Harris sponsored by Barb McKechnie, Ann Bisese sponsored by Cheryl Henderson, and Kent Henderson sponsor for Pat McGraw



Tellico Village Lions Club installed the new Board of Directors, Directors and Officers, this past week

Out with the old and in with the new officers and directors of the Lions Club! District Governor Wayne Garland performed the installation, and outgoing president Harry Rucker received an award for meritorious service ... Well Done King Lion!



# Eden's Vista Activities



L to R: New Lion Nastassia, PDG Keltie, DG Wayne, Lion Ann, Lion Wiley (in back), and PCC Paulette



L to R: IPDG Nate and 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Doris

On June 18<sup>th</sup>, the Reverse Raffle and End-of-the-Year BBQ Event was held at Eden's Vista in Gray, TN. Seen below are photos from this event.



L to R: DG Wayne, Lion Kathi, 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Doris, and Lion Val



**MEMBERSHIP**

We are  
stronger  
together

# ANNOUNCEMENTS:

## Message from District 12N Global Service Chair:

It is my privilege to serve as District 12N GST for Lions Clubs year 2026-2027. This year's weeks of focus are:

Vision Week: October 8-18th 2026

Youth Week: February 13-21st 2027

Environmental Week May 29th-June 6th 2027



I am looking forward to focusing on a district youth project in February of 2027. We will also plan to do our eyeglasses recycling event during the environmental week!

I would like to encourage all clubs to report their service! I am looking forward to a great year of impact.

**-IPDG Nathanael Hughes, GST Chairperson**

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## Reverse Raffle Update

The Reverse Raffle drawing was held on June 18, 2026 at Eden's Vista at 123 Heavens Orchard, Gray, TN. A large gathering of Lions, invited guests, family and friends enjoyed the breathtaking views, music, fellowship and food.

The reverse raffle financial details will be available later. Preliminary results indicate a positive financial contribution will be made towards the approved White Cane projects.

### Reverse Raffle Winners:

Last ticket drawn \$1,000 – David Hopper, Norris, TN

Second to last ticket drawn \$500 – Bailey Hughes, Elizabethton, TN

Third to last ticket drawn \$250 plus a \$250 anonymous donation for total \$500 – Jamie Wagner, Clinton, TN

**Submitted by PDG Keltie Kerney**

**Treasurer 12N Administrative and 12N Charities Accounts**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS (con't)

## Message from District 12N Charities President:



It is with great gratitude and excitement that I welcome you as I begin my journey as your incoming District 12-N Charities President. I am truly honored to serve alongside such dedicated Lions who have a heart for helping others and strengthening our communities. I would like to personally invite each of you to attend our first **District Charities Meeting on Saturday, July 18, at the King Family Library,**

408 High Street in Sevierville, beginning promptly at 9:30 a.m. All Lions are invited to attend. Your presence, ideas, and commitment are invaluable as we begin planning another year of meaningful service together.

During this meeting, we will also be filling several important leadership positions including:

- Vice President
- Secretary
- Board Member positions



East Tennessee Lions  
District 12-N  
2026-2027

If you have a passion for service and would like to become more involved in shaping the future of our Charities, I encourage you to consider serving in one of these roles. Please email me your interest ahead of time for planning purposes and time during the meeting. Please Email to: [Lionwdoris.kaifa@gmail.com](mailto:Lionwdoris.kaifa@gmail.com)

I look forward to seeing you on July 18 at 9:30 a.m.

**2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Doris Kaira, 12N Charities Board President**

# Recognition for PDG Keltie Kerney:



Keltie Kerney, Past District Governor for Lions District 12N, was presented two medals at the Virginia Lions Club State Convention as she was unable to attend the Tennessee Lions Club State Convention held in May 2026.

Lion Mark Lyon, the Lions Club International President Elect, presented her with two awards. The prestigious Leadership Medal is the third highest award presented to a member for distinguished service contributions such as disaster relief efforts or other humanitarian causes. Kerney also received a distinguished medal for goal achievement, which demonstrated her additional contributions to Lionism. Kerney is a Melvin Jones Fellow and serves as a member of the Kingsport Lions Club and as an associate member with the Weber City Scott County Branch Lions Club. She is married to Mike Kerney, who is President of the Weber City Scott County Branch Lions Club.

*Congratulations!*

# 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.

# Calendar of Events

## East TN Lions District 12N 2026 CALENDAR

January 2026							July 2026						
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April 2026							October 2026						
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May 2026							November 2026						
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June 2026							December 2026						
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# Disaster Relief



PDG Keltie Kerney met TNT Lion Ian Kirkpatrick to distribute additional emergency preparedness bags following the recent tornado in New Tazewell

LCIF has reaffirmed their dedication again to supporting District 12N by approving an Emergency Grant totaling \$15,000. This generous funding will be used to acquire vital supplies for those impacted by the recent tornado in Claiborne County. Specifically, the grant will cover the cost of purchasing and installing two panes of glass for a food pantry, repairing the damaged awning, and providing essential items for kitchen kits, infant kits, and first aid kits. These resources are crucial in helping affected individuals in the aftermath of the disaster.

Lion Ian Kirkpatrick, representing the recently chartered Tazewell-New Tazewell (TNT) Club, has stepped forward to lead efforts in obtaining essential supplies for the kits.

His commitment has been instrumental in efficiently acquiring the necessary supplies, highlighting the club's steadfast dedication to supporting individuals within the community who need assistance. Given the swift pace at which the TNT Lions are operating, it's anticipated that the allocated funds will be fully utilized in the near future, with a final report to follow shortly thereafter.

The TNT Club progress is remarkable—they are working with impressive speed and efficiency, swiftly advancing through each task.

I want to express my sincere appreciation to everyone who contributed to advancing the grant application and grant process, as well as to those who are playing a role in securing the necessary items. Your collective efforts have been invaluable in making meaningful progress toward our goals.

**PDG Keltie Kerney - Disaster Committee Chair**

# 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.)

- 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, **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.**

# Welcome New Members

**Ann Bisese - Tellico Village Lions - Sponsor Cheryl Henderson**  
**Gerald Blair - Morr. Cherokee Lions - Sponsor Betsy Loveday**  
**Andrea Bojang - Morr. Cherokee Lions - Sponsor Chris Hogan**  
**Chris Haley - Norris Lions - Sponsor Jennifer Hayes**  
**Wendy Harris - Tellico Village Lions - Sponsor Barb McKechnie**  
**Vicky Kolomechuk - Norris Lions - Sponsor Jennifer Hayes**  
**Kristy Lavella - Knox Tri-County Lions - Sponsor Connie Emmons**  
**Patricia McGraw - Tellico Village - Sponsor Cheryl Henderson**  
**Ted Padgett Jr - Knox Tri-County Lions - Sponsor Connie Emmons**  
**Teresa Smith - Morr. Cherokee Lions - Sponsor Andrea Bojang**  
**Nastassia Taylor - Kingsport Lions - Sponsor Keltie Kerney**  
**Nathan Winchester - Karns Lions - Sponsor Scott Gross**



*In loving memory*

**Bill Bales - Morristown Cherokee Lions**  
**Larry Hawk - Loudon Lions Club**  
**Stephen McCrary - Morristown Cherokee Lions**  
**Robert Zabka - Dandridge Lions Club**  
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**1985-1986**  
**Justice Brian Stevenson, Past International President,**  
**1987-1988**



# WANTED: NEWS & VIEWS EDITOR & PUBLISHER

*Help Tell the Story of District 12N Lions!*

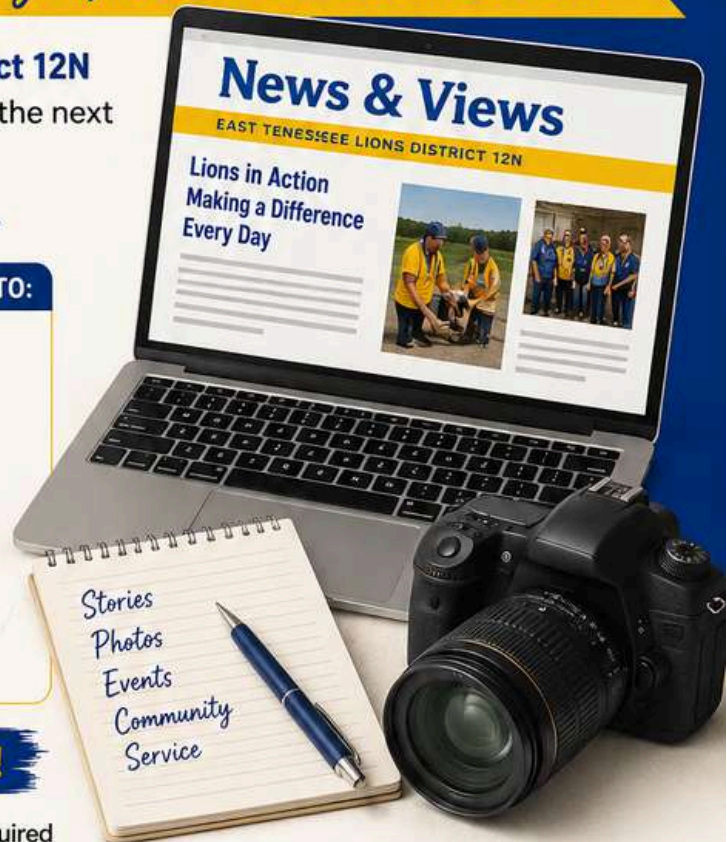
The East Tennessee Lions District 12N is seeking a volunteer to serve as the next **Editor & Publisher** of the **News & Views Newsletter**.

#### 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

HAPPY  
4<sup>th</sup> of  
July

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](mailto: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!*

