



DISTRICT 12N NEWS & VIEWS

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* USA/Canada Forum

Sept. 3-5, 2026
Memphis, TN

* Fall Cabinet Meeting

October 24, 2026
Location TO BE DETERMINED



"Serving in Rhythm"

I attended the 108th Lions International Convention in Hong Kong July 3-7, along with the other 4 District Governors from Tennessee. This convention brought together over 17,000 Lions from more than 140 countries for a five-day global gathering focused on service, leadership, and cultural exchange. I was able to participate in forums, professional seminars, and workshops exploring modern community service, philanthropy, and leadership development, and witness our new International President Mark Lyon being elected. His theme is "Rooted in Service" which certainly fits our district. Another highlight was a world-record Tai Chi event featuring 4,000 Lions from six continents, underscoring unity and wellness. We also engaged directly with Hong Kong communities through several service projects. But for me the best part was meeting and networking with Lions from all around the world. It was a great experience, and I hope to bring some of the things that I learned back to our district to help strengthen our clubs.

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

Leading the Pride:



1st VDG
Connie Emmons

Thank you for a wonderful start to the new year! As we progress through this year, let's make some solid connections with our communities. If we can partner with other groups, we can do so much more. Remember to invite your District Governor team to your events as well as your zone chairs. We are here to help you in any way that we can. Let's cheer each other on and stay positive this year; in heart, service, our communities, and fellowship with other Lions.

Thank you again for all your hard work.

As we begin a new Lions year, I am honored to serve as your 2nd Vice District Governor. I look forward to working alongside each of you as we strengthen our clubs, grow our membership, and expand our service to our communities.

Together, let's lead with compassion, serve with purpose, and inspire others through our actions. Thank you for all you do to make a difference.



2nd VDG
Doris Watta Kaifa

Wishing everyone a successful, rewarding, and impactful Lions year. Let's Roar together! We Serve!

Treasurer's Report from PDG Keltie Kerney



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

Administrative Account Balance beginning 05/30/2026	\$45,516.51
Deposits: LCIF Disaster Grant, June 18 event, club dues	+\$19,490.00
Expenses: Postage, copies, disaster supplies, June 18 event, insurance	-\$12,452.81
Ending balance as of 06/30/2026	\$52,543.70

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

12N Charities Account Balance as of 05/01/2026	\$16,358.27
Deposits: LCIF membership grant, reverse raffle sales, White Cane donations	+\$5,449.47
Expenses: Roofing expenses from disaster funds, donation to New Tazewell for tornado disaster relief	-\$4,070.20
Ending balance as of 06/30/2026	\$17,737.54

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

Account Balance as of 05/30/2026	\$3,739.61
Deposits: None this month	\$0.00
Expenses: Disaster relief supplies	-\$2,960.89
Ending balance as of 06/30/2026	\$778.72

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

Account Balance as of 05/30/2026	\$71,672.59
Deposits: Donations	+3,500.00
Net Interest Earned	+\$36.44
Ending balance as of 06/30/2026	\$75,209.03

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 am beginning a series highlighting *The 21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership*.

1. The Law of the Lid: Your leadership ability determines the level of your effectiveness. The better you lead, the greater your impact.

- A club with enthusiastic members struggles because the president doesn't delegate or communicate well. When leadership improves, membership and service both grow.
- What leadership skill, if improved, would raise the "lid" on your effectiveness?

2. The Law of Influence: Leadership is influence—nothing more, nothing less. Titles don't make people follow you.

- A longtime Lion with no elected office inspires members to volunteer simply because people trust and respect her.
- Who willingly follows your example, and why?

Upcoming Events:

- Sept. 3-5, 2026: USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Memphis, TN. The registration fee is currently \$385 but increases to \$400 after July 31. You can register or get more information at <https://lionsforum.org/>
- Jan. 22-24, 2027: Tennessee Lions Learning Retreat in Lebanon, TN. Registration information will be available soon!



Club of the Year 2026-2027



DISTRICT 12N 2026-2027 CONTEST & AWARDS CRITERIA CLUB OF THE YEAR

Club of the Year (July 1 – June 30) – Submittal deadline June 30, 2027

Lion of the Year (January – December) – Submittal Deadline February 28, 2027

Lion of the Decade (January – December) – Submittal deadline February 28, 2027

Lion of the Year/Decade criteria will be mailed separately

Club of the Year Criteria/Points:

- Service projects reported on the Portal (Minimum of 12/year) 20 pts
 - At least 3 Club Officers participate in District and/or Int'l Officer training (This includes on-line Learn Center Officer training) 15 pts
 - 1 or more Club members attending at least 2 District meetings plus the District Convention (District Cabinet members excluded) 15 pts
 - Clubs with reported increased membership as of June 30, 2027 10 pts
 - Clubs donating a minimum of \$50 to LCIF 10 pts
 - Clubs donating a minimum of \$50 to White Cane Charities or White Cane Org. directly 10 pts
 - Clubs sending information to the News & Views Editor at least 6x/yr. 10 pts
 - At least 10% of the Club members take training courses in the Portal Learn section 10 pts
- 100 pts

Bonus Points:

- Clubs naming a Melvin Jones Fellow 5 pts
 - Clubs naming a Lindsey Jennings or Virginia Lindsey candidate 5 pts
 - Clubs participating in Peace Poster or Essay Contest 5 pts
 - Clubs sponsoring a new Lion or Leo Club 5 pts
 - Clubs submitting a Lion of the Year and/or Lion of the Decade candidates 5 pts
 - Clubs with updated social media presence (Facebook, website, Instagram) 5 pts
 - Clubs holding monthly programs w/guest speakers 5 pts
- 35 pts

Club of the Year

The contest will be comprised of 3 tiers based on club size (small, medium and large) as follows:

Small Clubs: 1-15

Medium Clubs: 16 – 25

Large Clubs: 26+

Note: The clubs will receive a listing of their individual size along with the information contained in this packet. Once the club is entered into a category size (S/M/L) as of July 1st, they will remain in that category the remainder of the contest year even though the club may have pluses or minuses in membership through the year.

The clubs with the most cumulative points will be recognized as winners in the three categories small, medium and large with a further breakdown of 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each of those categories. Chart below should explain this concept.

PLACE	AWARD AMOUNT
First Place	\$100
Second Place	\$60
Third Place	\$40

The basic total cumulative points a club can earn is 100 but with the bonus points a club could earn 35 Points for a total of up to 135 points.

The cumulative point tally will come from several sources, the Lions Portal, the GLT Coordinator, the White Cane Chair, the News & Views Editor, the Cabinet Secretary, the Cabinet Treasurer and the Club President.

The awards will be distributed at the District Governor's Organizational meeting usually held in July of the NEW Lions year.

PCC Paulette Bailey

District 12N Contest & Awards Chair 2026-2027

Email: ladipee@gmail.com

Lion of the Year



2026 Lion of the Year Contest

CONTEST PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2026 – DECEMBER 31, 2026

Awarding an individual *“Lion of the Year”* is a great way to honor an outstanding Lion for the **2026 calendar year**. Send an email to the District Contest and Awards Chair by **February 28, 2027** and include the following information about your nominee. Please see additional rules on the following page.

Name of Nominee:

Name of Club:

District:

Hometown of Nominee:

How long has this person been a Lion? (Must be a Lion for a minimum of a full year)

1. **In what way has your nominee served your club this year? (60 points)** – Include any projects chaired or other projects worked on in the last 12 months.
2. **List any awards or offices (club level or higher) nominee held this year (20 points)**
3. **List any volunteering nominee has done outside the club this year (20 points)**

The nomination must be submitted from the email address associated with the Club President or Secretary based on the Lions Portal.

Request an email copy of the Lion of the Year application from Paulette Bailey, Contest and Awards Chair at ladipee@gmail.com.

Deadline for submitting the Lion of the Year Application form to Contest and Awards Chair, Paulette Bailey is **February 28, 2027**. Applications received after the deadline will not be considered.

Lion of the Year

Lion of the Year Contest (cont.)

Rules and Regulations

Lion of the Year for District 12 and Multiple District 12/State

1. The District committee selection of the "*Lion of the Year*" award shall consider the following points regarding the importance of the three items in the contest. Item No. 1 = 60 points, Item No. 2 = 20 points, Item No. 3 = 20 points.
2. Only one (1) nominee from a club may be entered each year in the District Contest, only one (1) nominee from a District may be entered each year in the Multiple District/State Contest and only one (1) Multiple District/State "*Lion of the Year*" shall be selected each year.
3. The candidate, club and District shall have been in "Good standing" during the entire contest period. (See MD-12 Constitution and By-Laws Article III, Section 1 and Lions International Constitution and By-Laws Article XI, Section 1(a).)
4. Contest begins **January 1, 2026** and ends **December 31, 2026**.
5. The District Contest & Awards Chair must receive the local club's completed application form **postmarked or emailed no later than February 28, 2027**, for the entry to be considered.
6. The District awardee selection committee shall be chaired by the District Contest & Awards Chair and shall be composed of Lions appointed by the District Governor.
7. Those individuals ineligible to be entered in the District competition are: District Governor, 1st and 2nd Vice District Governors, District/Multiple District Contest & Awards Chair.
8. The District winner will be announced at the State Convention with appropriate awards and publicity being given.
9. The District Contest & Awards Chair will submit the District winner to the Multiple District/State Contest & Awards Chair on or before a date specified by the MD12 Contest & Awards Chair. **Only one (1) nominee shall be submitted from the District to the Multiple District/State.**
10. The MD12/State Contest & Awards Committee shall review the District entries sufficiently in advance of the State Convention in order to select a winner and have a suitable award prepared for presentation before the close of the State Convention.
11. Once a Lion has won the District or Multiple District/State award of Lion of the Year, he/she may not be nominated again for the same award for a period of 5 years.

Deadline for submitting the Lion of the Year Application form to Contest and Awards Chair, Paulette Bailey is **February 28, 2027**. Applications received after the deadline will not be considered.

Lion of the Decade



2026 Lion of the Decade Contest

CONTEST PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2016 – DECEMBER 31, 2026

Club must be in "Good Standing" with District and International dues paid up to date for the nominee to be considered. (See MD12 Constitution By-Laws Article III, Section 1 and Lions International Constitution and By-Laws Article XI, Section 1(a).)

Use the following format to submit your Club "*Lion of the Decade*" nominee's name for the District 12 and Multiple District 12/State contests. Complete your club entry form in detail and mail it to your District Contest & Awards Chair POSTMARKED OR EMAILED NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 28, 2027. Include a small picture of the nominee (color print is acceptable) if at all possible. Attach additional pages (no more than 6) with the information specified in items 1-3 below. No additional pictures or letters of recommendation will be considered.

Name of your Lions Club:

District:

Name of Your "*Lion of the Decade*" nominee:

Number of Years nominee has been a Lion (minimum of 10 years):

Address of your "*Lion of the Decade*" nominee:

No. 1. How has your nominee served your club in the past 10 years. Please list dates of Projects or Committees chaired or served on (50 points)

No. 2. Nominee service rendered to Lionism beyond the local club level during the past ten-year period. List all offices, committees served on, committees chaired, etc. in the District and beyond. List dates served in these capacities. List all awards received for service to Lionism. (25 points)

No. 3. Nominee's service rendered to your community during the past ten-year period. (25 points)

Respectfully submitted by:

Name of Secretary or Lion of the Decade Chair:

Contact information:

Request an email copy of the Lion of the Year application from Paulette Bailey, Contest and Awards Chair at ladipee@gmail.com.

Deadline for submitting the Lion of the Year Application form to Contest and Awards Chair, Paulette Bailey is **February 28, 2027**. Applications received after the deadline will not be considered.

Lion of the Decade

Lion of the Decade Contest (cont.)

Rules and Regulations

Lion of the Decade for District 12 and Multiple District 12/State

1. The District committee selecting the "*Lion of the Decade*" awardee shall consider the following points with regard to the importance of the three items in the contest. No 1 = 50 points, No. 2 = 25 points, No. 3 = 25 points.
2. Only one (1) nominee from a club may be entered each year in the District Contest, only one (1) nominee from a District may be entered each year in the Multiple District/State Contest and only one (1) Multiple District/State "*Lion of the Decade*" shall be selected each year.
3. The nominee shall have been "In Good Standing" in his/her local club during the entire contest period. (See MD12 Constitution and By-Laws Article III, Section 1 and Lions International Constitution and By-Laws Article XI, Section 1(a).)
4. Contest begins January, 2016 and ends December 31, 2026.
5. The District Contest and Awards Chair must receive the local club's completed entry form **postmarked or emailed no later than February 28, 2027** for the entry to be considered.
6. The District selection committee shall be chaired by the District Contest and Awards Chair and shall be composed of Lions appointed by the District Governor.
7. Those individuals ineligible to be entered in the District competition are: District Governor, 1st and 2nd Vice District Governors and the District Contest and Awards Chair.
8. The District winner will be announced at the State Convention, with appropriate awards and publicity being given.
9. The District Contest and Awards Chair will submit the District winner to the Multiple District 12/State Contest and Awards Chair on or before a date specified by the MD12 Contest and Awards Chair. **Only one (1) nominee shall be submitted to the Multiple District and the *Lion of the Decade* cannot also be *Lion of the Year* concurrently.**
10. The MD12 State Contest and Awards committee shall review the District entries sufficiently in advance of the State Convention in order to select a winner and have a suitable award prepared for presentation by the close of the State Convention.
11. A Lion who has been nominated for the award of *Lion of the Decade* and wins at the District level may not be nominated again for the same award for a period of 5 years and cannot use the nominating information previously used for the prior 5 years.

Deadline for submitting the Lion of the Year Application form to Contest and Awards Chair, Paulette Bailey is **February 28, 2027**. Applications received after the deadline will not be considered.

Club Excellence Information



2026-2027 CLUB EXCELLENCE AWARD

★ **RECOGNIZING CLUBS MAKING A DIFFERENCE**



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

CLUB EXCELLENCE AWARD CRITERIA



1 MEMBERSHIP

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

2 SERVICE

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

 YOUTH

 VISION

 ENVIRONMENT



3 LEADERSHIP & ORGANIZATIONAL EXCELLENCE

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

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



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



4 LCIF

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



5 DISTRICT, REGION AND ZONE CRITERIA

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



TOGETHER WE SERVE. TOGETHER WE EXCEL.

Making a Difference, Together 

WE SERVE WITH COMPASSION. WE LEAD WITH PURPOSE. WE IMPACT LIVES.

SERVICE

We make
a difference

MEMBERSHIP

We are
stronger
together

COMMUNITY

We serve
with
compassion

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Calendar of Events

East TN Lions District 12N 2026-2027 CALENDAR

		July 2026						
		S	M	T	W	T	F	S
18 th Organizational Meeting, Sevierville					1	2	3	4
		5	6	7	8	9	10	11
		12	13	14	15	16	17	18
		19	20	21	22	23	24	25
		26	27	28	29	30	31	

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

		September 2026						
		S	M	T	W	T	F	S
3 rd – 5 th USA/Canada Forum in Memphis, TN				1	2	3	4	5
		6	7	8	9	10	11	12
		13	14	15	16	17	18	19
		20	21	22	23	24	25	26
		27	28	29	30			

		October 2026						
		S	M	T	W	T	F	S
24 th DG Wayne's Fall Cabinet Meeting – LOCATION TO BE DETERMINED						1	2	3
		4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		11	12	13	14	15	16	17
31 st Halloween		18	19	20	21	22	23	24
		25	26	27	28	29	30	31

		November 2026						
		S	M	T	W	T	F	S
7 th MD Fall Rally & Honors Banquet, Lebanon, TN		1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		8	9	10	11	12	13	14
		15	16	17	18	19	20	21
26 th Thanksgiving		22	23	24	25	26	27	28
		29	30					

		December 2026						
		S	M	T	W	T	F	S
25 th Christmas				1	2	3	4	5
		6	7	8	9	10	11	12
		13	14	15	16	17	18	19
		20	21	22	23	24	25	26
		27	28	29	30	31		

		January 2027						
		S	M	T	W	T	F	S
3 rd DG Wayne's Winter Cabinet Meeting ZOOM only - 7 PM							1	2
		3	4	5	6	7	8	9
22 nd – 24 th Lions Learning Retreat, Cumberland University		10	11	12	13	14	15	16
		17	18	19	20	21	22	23
		24	25	26	27	28	29	30
		31						

		February 2027						
		S	M	T	W	T	F	S
13 th MD Winter Meeting, Cumberland University			1	2	3	4	5	6
		7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 th Valentine's Day		14	15	16	17	18	19	20
		21	22	23	24	25	26	27
		28						

		March 2027						
		S	M	T	W	T	F	S
12 th – 13 th District Convention in Kingsport, First Broad Street Methodist Church			1	2	3	4	5	6
		7	8	9	10	11	12	13
		14	15	16	17	18	19	20
		21	22	23	24	25	26	27
		28	29	30	31			

		April 2027						
		S	M	T	W	T	F	S
April 30 th – May 1 st , MD State Convention, Manchester, TN						1	2	3
		4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		11	12	13	14	15	16	17
		18	19	20	21	22	23	24
		25	26	27	28	29	30	

		May 2027						
		S	M	T	W	T	F	S
April 30 th – May 1 st , MD State Convention, Manchester, TN							1	
		2	3	4	5	6	7	8
		9	10	11	12	13	14	15
		16	17	18	19	20	21	22
		23	24	25	26	27	28	29
		30	31					

		June 2027						
		S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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		6	7	8	9	10	11	12
		13	14	15	16	17	18	19
		20	21	22	23	24	25	26
		27	28	29	30			

Dandridge Lions

Nathanael Hughes – Immediate Past District Governor – presented to Rejane O'Connell, former Queen Lion, and member Kenny Lodwick the Lion's Melvin Jones award at the Dandridge Lion's Club Installation Dinner held on June 22nd. The Melvin Jones Fellowship (MJF) was established in 1973 in honor of Melvin Jones, the founder of Lions Clubs International, who encouraged members to extend their service beyond business concerns to improve communities and the world. The award recognizes individuals who demonstrate exceptional dedication to humanitarian work and support the mission of LCIF globally.



L to R: IPDG Nate Hughes, Rejane O'Connell, and Kenny Lodwick

The Dandridge Lion's Club – which serves ALL of Jefferson County – is actively seeking new members. The club meets the second and fourth Monday at 6:30 at Shoney's in Dandridge and is free (and open to everyone).

ETSU Lions



ETSU Lion Kyler Kerney Elliott and IPDG Nate Hughes

Kingsport Lions Jeremy & Sarah Faulk, with ETSU Lions Sarah Collins and Kyler Kerney-Elliott



Harriman Lions



Lion Carie Gecelosky accepted the "presidential gavel" from Lion Dan Reid, club immediate past president at our July meeting. Carie also presented Dan with a plaque for his service as club president for the 2025-2026 term.

As you may know, Dan is blind. His role as president served as a great opportunity for him and the club. Thank you Dan!

thank you

Harriman Lions

The Harriman Lions Club was deeply saddened by the passing of member Lion Jeff Cate on July 3rd. Jeff was 59 years old and fought a valiant fight against cancer for seven years. Jeff was the most kind and considerate man you could ever meet. He contributed greatly to many of our club projects and was held in high esteem by club members. Jeff was also an avid fisherman and helped many young children and adults catch their first fish; many times it was the biggest fish they ever caught! Jeff is survived by his wife Brenda, who is also a member of the Harriman Club. The Harriman Club requests that we keep Jeff and Brenda in our prayers.



*in
loving
memory*



Karns Lions

For two nights, June 19 and 20, the scent of seasoned shrimp and the sound of neighbors catching up filled the air as the annual Karns Lions Club Shrimp Boil drew about 80 to 100 people each evening. Longtime attendees said the hometown tradition serves shrimp better than many restaurants and with every plate sold helps fund the club's many community service projects.

Lion Karen Gross is famous for her sides and desserts. This year, she prepared cheesecake and coconut cake. She also put 3 coconut cakes up for the silent auction (that reportedly sold for \$105 each!).

The Karns Lions Club is famous for its community service projects including the Karns Lions Pool, the Karns Lions All Inclusive Playground, vision assistance with exams and eyeglasses, college scholarships for graduating students from Karns High School, Christmas food baskets, and helping neighbors in need.



Mark Graham and PCC Tony Gross attend the second day of the Karns Lions Club annual Shrimp Boil.

Proceeds from the Shrimp Boil exceeded \$4,200.!!



L to R: Lions Kevin, Tony, Joseph, and new Lion David prepared the Shrimp and sides.



Charlene Gross makes a bid on a pet cooling mat, one of nearly 50 silent auction items.

Kingsport Lions

About 36 members and guests gathered at the Crown Colony Clubhouse to celebrate the end of an excellent year with President Larry White presiding. Thank you, IPDG Nate, for visiting the Kingsport Club and officially installing the officers that were present.



Lion Ron Richardson received his 40 year chevron in Lionism. Lion Ron divides his time between the Kingsport Lions Club and his home club in Arkansas.



Lions members enjoying dinner



PDG Bill Moore, PDG Adam Bowling, IPDG Nate Hughes and PDG Keltie Kerney at the Kingsport Club officer installation

Kingsport Lions (con't)

The Special needs Picnic is an annual event hosted on the first Monday Night of the week long Fun Fest Events in Kingsport. It's an opportunity for individuals with special needs and their caregivers to gather for an evening with food, music, special guests and other activities. The Kingsport Lions club is one of the main sponsors which arranges the delivery of the hot dogs donated by Palace Vending, the pizza donated by Domino's, donuts donated by Seavers Bakery, chips donated by Food City and sodas donated by The Moose Lodge. Rain or a heat wave, guests arrive, usually early and join the picnic.



Lions Eileen Hillmuth, Carol Bowling and Sarah Faulk wrapping food



L to R: DG Wayne Garland, Lions Dion Thomidis, Shannon Southerland and Mike Kerney serving up food



Lions Robyn, FESTUS, and PDG Keltie



Lions Doug Hilmuth, Bill Murdoch and PDG Adam Bowling

Maryville Lions Club

Members of the Maryville Lions Club recently delivered 24 Disaster Preparedness backpacks to A Place to Stay, an organization who serves the underprivileged residents of Blount County. They provide shelter, support services and resources to help individuals and families facing hardship.

Emergencies can strike without warning, leaving vulnerable individuals and communities scrambling for basic necessities. These backpacks are designed to provide essential supplies during emergencies. Emergency preparedness is not just about having supplies; it's about ensuring that everyone has access to the tools needed to survive and recover.

The backpacks were obtained during the East Tennessee District 12N Convention, where over 400 backpacks were packed in a collaborative effort with volunteers from a number of Lions Clubs and Church World Service (CWS) an organization known for providing humanitarian aid worldwide.



L to R: Lion Chuck Bailey; A Place to Stay, Heather; Lion Paulette Bailey; and A Place to Stay, Brooke

These partnerships highlight the power of community collaboration. When local organizations and volunteers come together, they create a safety net that can reduce suffering during emergencies. By focusing on preparedness, the community can reduce the impact of tomorrow's disasters and ensure that no one faces hardship alone.

Sevier County Lions



Lion Rich presented members with Service Awards. L to R: Lions Rich, Ranee, Miriam, Frank, Terry, Sue, Trina, Vickie, Wilma and Cecilia



Lions Ranee and Wilma present outgoing President, PDG Rich Wilson with an acrylic appreciation award for his unwavering commitment, dedication and leadership for Sevier County Lions Club and beyond.



Lion Rich gave past officer pins to Lions Ranee, Wilma, Frank, Terry and Brian



Lion Yessi Romero provided catered food from her restaurant Muchacho Alegre Mexican

Sevierville Lions



Making 'Button Bouquets' as part of a social time



Listening to the presentation by Dr. John Hood



In mid-July, Lions gathered for a 'social' time to work on a craft project, play a fun game, and listen to a informative presentation by local Chiropractor, Dr. John Hood.



Sevierville Lions had the most members in participation at the recent District Organizational meeting with 7 members in person or via zoom. Shown (in red shirts) are Lions Judy (far left) and Tom (right)

Congratulations to Lion Chuck on receiving his Membership Advancement Key for sponsoring 5 new members into the Lions International Organization



L to R: Lion Chuck and DG Wayne

Tazewell-New Tazewell Lions



L to R: TNT Club officers Amanda, Ian, Robyn, and President Carl

The TNT Lions Club met with Roger and Judy Hansard with REC Ministries on 6/19 to deliver another round of disaster relief supplies, including 80 boxes of paper towels from LVBI. So far the group has donated \$6972.97 of the \$15000 grant from LCI.



L to R: Lions Ian, Amanda, Pres. Carl, a volunteer, Robyn, Robyn's son, and Judy



Young Canter with donations for REC Ministries



A construction crew replacing the broken windows; funding provided by the LCIF Disaster Grant

Tazewell-New Tazewell Lions (con't)

TNT Lions club participated in the 3rd annual Diaper Dash at Claiborne High School Friday, June 26 from 9-12. Supplies distributed included items purchased with a \$15000 disaster relief grant from LCIF.



The men of Isaac's House, a local recovery home, loaded the items for us to take to the diaper dash.



West Knoxville Lions

WEST KNOX LIONS HONOR DON DARE

On June 15, 2026, at the West Knox Lions Club Awards Dinner WATE Mr. Don Dare was awarded the LCIF Melvin Jones Award for his outstanding work in helping people overwhelmed with consumer issues and scams. His reports reveal helpful information and warnings to help people avoid scammers, to avoid bad business practices, and to help keep us healthy and



safe. His calling goes far beyond what ordinary people expect. His service is his dedication to seeing issues members of different communities present to him, offering them hope through the many different resources available and offering his knowledge. These are the types of unselfish acts of a humanitarian that LCIF recognizes.

Thank you, Mr. Dare.

*Thank,
You*

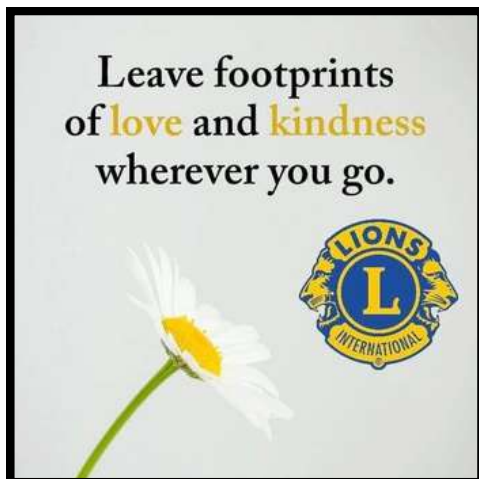
Don Dare. Wate TV, with PCC Nancy Hall

Cabinet Meeting Held on 07.18.26



Welcome New Members

Mattie Cash - Knoxville East Lions - Sponsor Angela Patrick
Kaitlyn Daniels - Knox Tri-County Lions - Sponsor Kristy Lavella
Dustin Ellis - Tazewell/New Tazewell - Sponsor Haley Bolden
Samuel Frogg - Kingston Lions - Sponsor Steven Bates
Roger Hansard - Tazewell/New Tazewell - Sponsor Ian Kirkpatrick
Eddie Hay - Harriman Lions - Transfer from Texas
Adam Hopson - Tazewell/New Tazewell - Sponsor Carl Nichols
Idella Johnson - Tazewell/New Tazewell - Sponsor Robyn Canter
Carla Reece - Tazewell/New Tazewell - Sponsor Reba Ramsey
Samantha Smith - Tazewell/New Tazewell - Sponsor Amanda Arends



In loving memory

Jeff Cate - Harriman Lions Club
James Fischer - Kingsport Lions Club

ANNOUNCEMENTS



monthly virtual hospitality room

ROAR & POUR

2nd Thursday
8 pm EDT / 7 pm CDT / 6 pm MDT / 5 pm PDT



Register once. Party every month.
You're welcome.
<https://bit.ly/RoarPourParty>



East Tennessee Lions
District 12-N
2026-2027

FOUNTAIN CITY LIONS has a building for your next event. Celebrations, meetings, craft shows etc. The facility has tables and chairs, 2 arches that can be decorated and a refrigerator. Air conditioned and heated. Daily rates during the week are \$150 and weekends are \$150 per half day.

Located at 5345 North Broadway Knoxville, TN

Reserve for your next event!

Text Betty Smith
846-302-2613



District Governor Team:
DG Wayne Garland, 1st VDG
Connie Emmons, & 2nd VDG
Doris Kaifa



Past District Governor's Retreat Info

WHAT DOES A PAST DISTRICT GOVERNOR *Do?*

A Past District Governor (PDG) is a **GUIDE. MENTOR. AND RESOURCE** for today's and tomorrow's leaders.

OUR MISSION IS SIMPLE:
SUPPORT THE LEADERS WHO SERVE.



WE SUPPORT OUR FUTURE GOVERNORS BY:



Mentoring & Guiding

Sharing experience and insights to build confidence and strong leadership.



Offering Support

Providing encouragement, resources, and a listening ear every step of the way.



Providing Leadership Continuity

Helping ensure a smooth transition and strong future for our district.



Serving When Needed

Answering the call to assist in any way our governors and clubs need us.

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*Leadership doesn't end
with a term.*

IT EVOLVES INTO LEGACY.

”

We are here to uplift, empower, and strengthen the leaders who will lead tomorrow—so together, we can

**KEEP SERVING AND
MAKE AN EVEN GREATER IMPACT.**



Past District Governors:

Leading Forward. Serving Always.



THANK YOU

for your continued dedication
to our Lions family!



With Gratitude,

The Governor

TOGETHER, WE SERVE.

See Page 29 for Agenda & Registration Form for the
Past District Governor's upcoming Retreat

Past District Governor's Retreat Info

**PDG Association Retreat
August 14-15
Agenda & Registration Form**

Friday, August 14th:

4 pm Check in to the hotel then head on out to the Karns Lions Park 6618 Beaver Ridge Rd, Knoxville (approximately 12 miles East on Hwy 62)

We will have drinks and snacks available at the Karns Lions Pavilion for anyone who comes in early and would like to socialize while waiting for the tour and dinner.

5:30 pm Tour of the East Tennessee Lions Eye Bank (across the highway from the park)

6:30 pm Dinner at the Park in the Karns Lions Memorial Pavilion

Saturday Morning:

Breakfast on your own

9 am PDG Meeting at the Hotel

11 am check out of hotel

We plan on going to Brushy Mountain State Penitentiary.

We can lunch together at the Wardens Table and visit the gift shop where you can buy End of the Line Moonshine which is made in a distillery on the prison grounds.

Audio-Visual Tours of the prison are available for those interested. They do not have elevators in the prison so there are some areas that are not accessible such as the Hole and prison cafeteria.

There are other interesting places to visit in the Secret City Area, and if you do not know the history of Oak Ridge there are many sites to visit.

Hotel Info: DoubleTree by Hilton Oak Ridge-Knoxville, 215 S. Illinois, Avenue, Oak Ridge, TN 37830. Group name: Past District Governors Association. Room rate \$119 + tax for 1 King or 2 Queen good until August 1 (865) 481-2474

Registration Information:

Name _____

Registration Fee (\$10) \$10 X _____ = _____

Friday Dinner (\$18) \$18 X _____ = _____

Total =

Make checks payable to: PDG Association of Tennessee

Mail Form and Checks to: PCC Tony Gross, 3825 Proffitt Lane, Knoxville, TN 37931 by Aug 1st.

jcgross@comcast.net, Text (865)216-0492

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.



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! 🦁 📧