



Get Your House in Order

If its one thing I enjoy is doing a little old fashioned house cleaning. Getting rid of all the clutter, putting things where they go and maintaining that ordinary style of life. It rubs off on how we organize our everyday lives. So, there is something positive about getting your house in order.

Dates to Remember

April 11-14, 2024
**TLLI - TN Lions Learning
Institute**
Cumberland University
Lebanon

May 3-4, 2024
MD12 State Convention
Manchester

June 21-25, 2024
Lions Int'l Convention
Melbourne, Australia

It burns calories, your house looks better, and you are not tripping or procrastinating. You know, positive!

Can we do the same with our club? Yes! We can first help our club by registering the club officers for the new fiscal year. You must have the correct officers needed to operate your club efficiently. Meeting times are important. Do you want to change or keep the same meeting time? That is important to attract new members, the District Governor visits and guest speakers. This can also lend a hand in member retention. Many improvements that a club does not take into consideration can be a negative. Meeting on a different day or time might help.

Investing quality time in navigating the Lions Portal can be effective. All you need is a working email address, not a shared one. There are many ways one can benefit. Clubs can report on service projects as well as fundraisers. Fellow lions can shop for merchandise.

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DG Frank's Article Cont.

Use the search engine to find the steps in forming a food pantry or create a childhood cancer support group. All Lions can do officer training to educate themselves on officer positions for the new year. More importantly, Lions club members can find out how L.C.I.F. can have a positive impact on community service or even assist with estate planning.

To bring meaning to all this organizing, hold a special installation service for all the new club officers with all the club there for support. This signifies new club officers as well as new innovative ideas. It is never too late to serve. Lions are inclusive. Lions are not exclusive. RRROARRRR!

Yours in Lionism,

DG Frank McCall



Vice Governor's Musings



Childhood Cancer Initiative

Over 300,000 children are diagnosed yearly with various cancers. The lives of the children and family members change drastically with a cancer diagnosis.

Thank you District 12N Lions for providing gift cards, toys, books, games, cards and beanie wigs for families while the child is receiving treatment. These items have been distributed to East Tennessee Children's Hospital in Knoxville and Niswonger Children's Hospital in

Johnson City.

Grants are also available through LCIF to Lions Districts; however, they must be implemented in coordination or collaboration with existing charitable organizations or cancer medical facilities.

Thank you, Lion Carol Bowling, for serving as the District Cancer Chair beginning in July. She will help the District engage in additional ways to continue to support Childhood Cancer needs.

Serving with you, DGE Keltie



When I see the month of April pop up on the calendar I think of a couple of different things. One is the saying "April showers bring May flowers." The other is April-Fools day. I am sure this year, like most I will fall victim to a prank. I hope as you Lions are reading that you are not the victim of a prank as well.

As far as showers go, I think it is safe to say that April will, as it usually does bring its usual rain.

The exciting thing about the rain is it will allow things to sprout and grow creating beauty all around us. A question to ponder... "What areas in our Lion lives are we watering." In my mind, watering can be referred to as time, effort, commitment, energies etc. around these areas. I encourage you all to water the areas in life that create a beauty that can be seen by others.

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DISTRICT CLUBS SERVING FROM THE HEART

Clinton Lions Veterans Breakfast



The Clinton Lions Club recently sponsored the monthly Anderson County Veterans Appreciation Breakfast honoring our nations veterans. Present were approximately 146 veterans and guests. Three beautiful handmade quilts were presented on behalf of the Quilts of Valor Foundation to three deserving veterans during the program. It was very touching to see them so honored.

Door prizes included wooden service department plaques crafted by PDG Neal Vaughan, as well as military hats donated by Mark Baldwin and walking sticks donated by Jim Roper. The Clinton Lions Club has been a supporter of this breakfast since its inception over eight years ago.



DISTRICT CLUBS SERVING FROM THE HEART

Johnson City Projects



Once a month the Johnson City Lions Club conducts vision screening and has fun building lego projects with the children.



WE SERVE

DISTRICT CLUBS SERVING FROM THE HEART

Oak Ridge Lions Club



Lion Club Members Ron Wilson (left) and Gaylan Good screened a student's eyes with a non-invasive camera. This was part of the Oak Ridge Lions Club work screening the eyes of 807 students in Oak Ridge.

Students ranged in grade from Pre-Kindergarten to 8th grade. The screenings are a service, supported by the Lions Pediatric Eye Center at Vanderbilt to detect possible vision problems among students. These included 724 in the Oak Ridge Schools

and 83 students at St. Mary's School.

"We were thrilled to screen the eyes of so many students," said Bill Truex, coordinator of the Oak Ridge Lions screening project for 2023. "Parents signed up the students for our non-invasive screening. All the students had to do is sit still so we could take a digital reading of their eyes."

Other Lions who helped to screen students' eyes were Ron Bugos, Bob Smallridge, Matt Hudson, Ann Rigell, and Patti Cates.

The Oak Ridge Schools included the pre-school, four elementary schools, and two middle schools. Students from Kindergarten to 8th grade were screened at St. Mary's.

DISTRICT CLUBS SERVING FROM THE HEART

Sevier County Lions Activities



L to R: Kristy, Brookdale's Activities Director, Lion Kim, Lion Ranee, and Lion Chuck



Shown below: L to R: Lion Brian and Lion Chuck



Sevier County Lions had a fun-filled afternoon by hosting an Easter egg hunt for the residents of Brookdale Assisted Living & Senior Care facility in Sevierville. Club members had previously filled 200+ plastic eggs with candies, which were then hidden by Lions Ranee, Kim, Brian, and Chuck throughout the hallways of the Center. Seniors were then given an Easter bag and were sent on their way to hunt these eggs, in addition to special golden prize eggs. Each Senior also received an Easter basket containing plush Easter 'friends' provided by the Lions. A great time was had by all of the Seniors and the Sevier County Lions members!

OTHER DISTRICT RELATED ITEMS

Tellico Village Inducts New Members



New member, Pam Cooley and Sponsor, Lion Rose Sylvester



New members, Pat and John Gosik and Sponsor, Lion Michael Elkins



New members, Bob and Mary Lanning and Sponsor, Lion Gerald Edgell



Sponsor, Lion Bruce Johnson w/ new member Bonnie Weaver, back Lion Chris Garner, Front KL Kathy Dooley, back next to Chris, Lion Diane Anderson and far right new member, Jane Grethey.

CONGRATULATIONS TELLICO VILLAGE

OTHER DISTRICT RELATED ITEMS

DGE Keltie's Outings



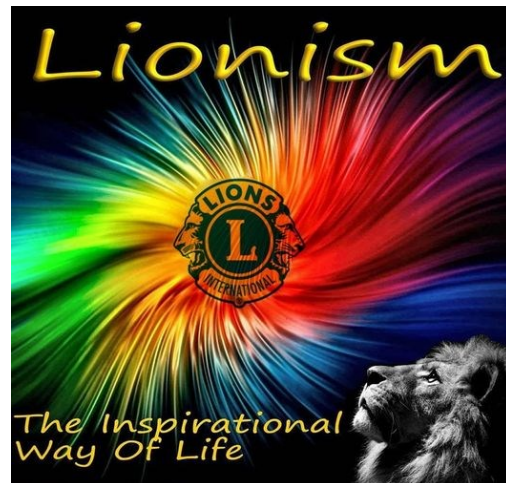
DGE Keltie with Lion Floyd (musician), center and Lion Scott at St. Charles training.

Lion Floyd serves in a club in Southern California and is a talented bass singer, formerly the lead bass singer with the 5th Dimensions. Lion Scott Shelhamer is DGE District 12L.

DGE Keltie Kerney assisted Shannon Kern, Executive Director, CASA, (to her right) at a presentation for the Kingsport Kiwanis Club. Pictured also is Darrell Duncan, President Kiwanis Club. Keltie has served as a Court Appointed Special Advocate for 21 years. CASA advocates on behalf of abused and neglected children.



Kingsport Lions Club presents \$5,000 to The Friends of Warriors.



OTHER DISTRICT RELATED ITEMS

Dandridge Lions Anniversary



The Dandridge Lions Club held their 85th Charter Night dinner March 25, 2024, at Dandridge First United Methodist Church. The widows of past members were guests of the Club. Our special guests were DGE Keltie Kerney and husband Mike, and PDGs Dave and Clare Crawford who are pictured with Dandridge Club President, Doug Dykstra.

Dandridge Lion Jarnigan and Weber City, VA. Lion Mike Kerney (DGE Keltie's husband), shared Davy Crockett and Daniel Boone stories. Lion Jarnigan's program tonight was about Hero's and his was Davy Crockett—Jefferson County's famous frontier person. The Daniel Boone Wilderness Road in Gate City, VA crosses Mike's home place which has been in the family for 100 years. Lion Lloyd Bible told of a person going to the eye doctor. All speakers were enjoyed by all.



DGE Keltie inducted Lion Sandy Long as the newest Dandridge Lions Club member.



CONGRATULATIONS

SILENT AUCTION to benefit the **SEVIER COUNTY** **LIONS CLUB**



**Location is the My People Senior
Activity Center, 1220 W. Main Str,
Sevierville, TN, 37862**

**Auction will run from
Wednesday, April 10th at
1:00 PM until Friday,
April 19th at 1:00PM.**

**Proceeds benefit the Charity
Projects of the Sevier Co Lions Club**

**For questions, contact Kim Osborne at 865-446-0757 or by
email at SevierLions@gmail.com**

OTHER DISTRICT RELATED ITEMS



Eyeglass Recycling Workshop

Saturday, April 27th

9AM to Noon

Lions Volunteer Blind Ind.

624 King Ave

Morristown, TN

Please bring all your collected eyeglasses for recycling.

NOTE: This is the Morristown complex NOT Gray where we have been holding our recycle day in the past.

NEWS & VIEWS ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS

We NEED your stories and photos. We know you are serving your communities. Whether it is a service project, a fundraiser, Officer Installations, New Member Inductions or thanking a member for a job well done - let us know what you are doing. We can all learn off each other!

Articles for the News & Views should be in WORD or JPEG formats and NOT PDF formats. Font size should be at least 16 and 200 words is the maximum limit for articles. If photos are submitted (encouraged) the articles should be no longer than 110 words and please name the people in the photo(s) if possible.

Submit all articles and photos to Paulette Bailey at ladipee@gmail.com by the 20th of the month.

OTHER DISTRICT RELATED ITEMS

Election of 2024-2025 Club Officers

It is not too soon to elect your Club Officers for the 2024-2025 Lions year. Typically the club would hold their elections in March/April and immediately after the vote report them on MyLCI. This is usually done by the Club Secretary. Some key positions follow but these are not all positions you should have.



PRESIDENT



SECRETARY



TREASURER



VICE PRESIDENT



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CHAIR**

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2024 Annual Shrimp Boil Benefiting the Karns Lions Club



Friday June 14th
Saturday June 15th
6:30pm

\$35 per person

Karns Lions Club Pavilion
6618 Beaver Ridge Rd

KarnsLionsClub.com
[Facebook.com/KarnsLionsClub](https://www.facebook.com/KarnsLionsClub)

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

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

Bid on a variety of items in our silent auction.

Tickets must be purchased by Wednesday June 12, 2024.

Limited number available for each evening.

Ticket only valid for evening/date noted on ticket. Non-refundable.

Purchase online at KarnsLionsClub.com 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.

LIONS PORTAL UPDATE

Preparation is underway to begin rolling out the new Lion Portal. Here is some important information to prepare you for launch.

Phased rollout for Lion Account Users

Our target launch window is April 15 – May 13*. During this time, all current Lion Account users will receive an email inviting them to access the new Lion Portal**. We're doing this phased rollout to ensure staff are available to provide the best support possible and offer you a positive introductory experience.

Now – April 11: MyLion, MyLCI and Insights will continue to function as normal.

April 12 and beyond: MyLion, MyLCI and Insights are no longer available.

April 15 – May 13: Invitations to access the new Lion Portal sent via email on a rolling basis to existing Lion Account users.

Please note: User permissions will not change. In other words, those who can report service, access member data and other key functions remains the same.

May 13 and beyond: All visitors attempting to access the previous digital tools will be automatically redirected to the new Lion Portal.

*Dates are subject to change. Our number one goal is to create a positive experience for Lions and Leos. If determined more time is required to ensure the product is in an optimal state, the dates may be adjusted accordingly.



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Email: ladipee@gmail.com



LIONS CLUBS OF TENNESSEE MULTIPLE DISTRICT 12 CONVENTION



May 3-4, 2024
Featuring
IMMEDIATE PAST INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT
BRIAN SHEEHAN

Manchester Coffee County Convention Center
111 Hospitality Blvd.
Manchester, Tennessee
(931) 728-9383

Room Reservation Deadline — Friday, April 14th - \$115.00 per Night
For reservations, please contact Holiday Inn Express directly at (931) 728-9383

NAME 1: _____ Current Office/Position: _____

Circle one: Lion Leo Guest

NAME 2: _____ Current Office/Position: _____

Circle one: Lion Leo Guest

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

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone (best number to reach you) _____ Email _____

Registration Fee \$25.00 EACH X _____ = \$ _____

(Registration fee mandatory for all attendees)

Friday Dinner \$25.00 EACH X _____ = \$ _____

(Chicken Cordon Bleu)

Saturday "LCIF" Luncheon \$20.00 EACH X _____ = \$ _____

(Fish & Chips)

Saturday Dinner \$25.00 EACH X _____ = \$ _____

(Choose One: BBQ Grilled Chicken Breast or Garlic Steak Bites)

TOTAL = \$ _____

Special Dietary Needs (be specific): _____

Mail registration form by April 14th, 2023 and make checks payable to LIONS CLUBS MD12. Mail to:
PDG Linda Justice, Convention Registrar 239 Roosevelt Rd. McMinnville, TN 37110-1235

The Host Hotel is the Holiday Inn Express, 111 Hospitality BLVD, in Manchester
Please call today for room reservations. **931-728-9383** and ask for Lions Rate of \$115.00 plus
taxes. Additional Important Information: **This rate is good till**

MD12 State Convention Registration (cont.)

April 5th 2024. Reservations made after that date will pay a higher room rate.

Another place to stay is Laquinta Inns & Suites at 120 Hospitality Dr. call 931-450-4005 ask for Lions rate of \$115.00.

Rate is good til March 1st 2024. To make it easier on everyone, if each person wants to send me an email at laquintamanches-tertn@gmail.com

(that's where we're keeping up with group reservations) with their information (name, phone number, rewards number if applicable, room type, etc.) and a good time to call and get a card number over the phone, I can go ahead and set everything up to make sure it's done correctly and that everyone has as little issues as possible.

There are also 20 rooms blocked at The Comfort Inn & Suites at 152 Hospitality Dr. in Manchester. For reservations call 931-228-8393 and ask for Lion's rate. The rate is \$114.00 plus tax. Hot breakfast included. The rooms will be released April 19, 2024.

There will be a basket auction as well as a silent auction to help with the Convention cost.

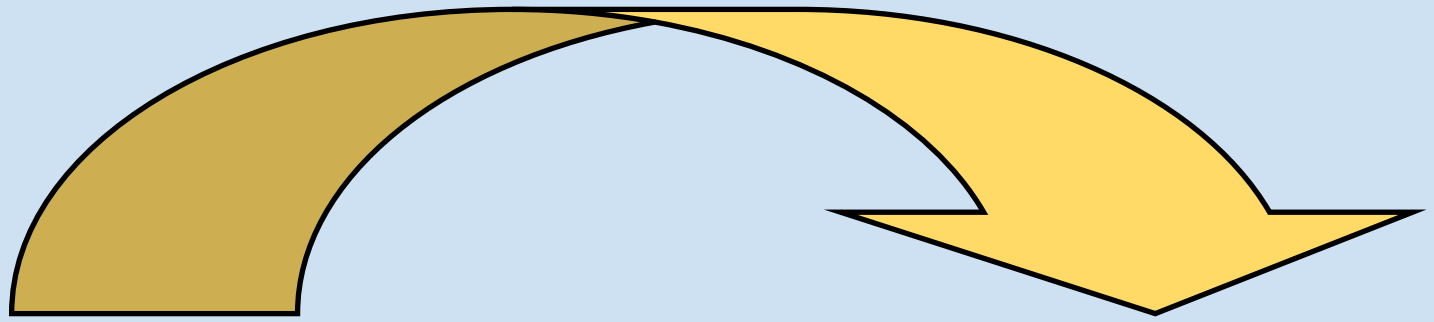
We will be selling ads in the proceeding's booklet....

FULL PAGE \$100

1/2 PAGE \$50

1/4 PAGE \$25

PATRON \$10 – one line listing with all the patrons (NAME & CLUB)



**WELCOME TO OUR
NEWEST MEMBERS**

- Sandy Long - Dandridge**
- Kathleen Holmes - Farragut**
- Pam Cooley - Tellico Village**
- Pat & John Gosik - Tellico Village**
- Jane Grethey - Tellico Village**
- Rosemary Koziara - Tellico Village**
- Sharon Krischer - Tellico Village**
- Mary & Bob Lanning - Tellico Village**
- Bonnie Weaver - Tellico Village**

*WELCOME NEW
MEMBERS*

IN MEMORY OF

- David Davenport - Dandridge**
- Robert Carroll, Jr. - Maryille**





Did you know that Lions Volunteer Blind Industries in Morristown and Johnson City employs over 100 disabled individuals, some of whom have been with us over 30 years?

This team of highly-skilled employees produce mattresses, foundations, mattress pads, army and navy physical-fitness pants, helmet covers for the military, and industrial paper towels. The products made by our blind and visually-impaired employees can be found in homes, colleges and universities, hotels and resorts, and on military bases both at home and abroad.

Begun in 1951 by the combined efforts of Lions Club Members, the National Industries for the Blind, the State of Tennessee, and other interested individuals, **Lions Volunteer Blind Industries** began our mission of providing blind people with **"The dignity of independence through employment."** Our goal is to help people who are blind to help themselves by achieving personal and economic independence.

We are always hiring blind and visually-impaired people, and offer a very competitive compensation and benefit package. We can use your help to recruit visually-impaired applicants! How? Get the word out in your community and refer interested applicants to us by sharing this link: <https://www.facebook.com/ComfortCraftersMorristown/videos/186130468965042/>

How can we help YOU? Please consider us for a fundraiser with our Comfort Crafters® mattresses!



For more information about employment opportunities, please contact

Michele Love at 423-586-3922 ext 123, or by email at: Michele.Love@volblind.org.



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