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LET'S ROAR

Dates to Remember

July 29
12N Organizational Mtg
LVBI Morristown

July 29
Officer Training
LVBI following Org Mtg

Sept 21-23 USA/Canada Forum Reno, NV

Oct 7
12N Fall Cabinet Mtg
LVBI Morristown

The Lions are Coming!

It was a warm summer night as the fog was lifting over the harbor in Boston. You could hear the clippity-clop of the horse's hooves as they went through the streets by the hotels. Faint chants could be heard from near and far, "The Lions are Coming, the Lions are Coming." Nahhh, I woke up and it was all a dream. What is going on? Why am I here? Oh, now I get it. It is the 105th Lions International Convention in Boston, MA. So, what did you miss?

Friday night was fun filled as Lions from all over went to the famous Fenway Park to watch the Red Sox play baseball and our international president, Brian Sheehan threw out the ceremonial pitch. Saturday was no different. The energy lit up the entire convention center as "Killer Queen" rocked out on all the classics of the band QUEEN. The remaining seminar of our incoming District Governor elects and District governor banquet gave us positive impact that our leaders are ready to serve as well as are effective in the community. The Parade of Lions went down the streets of Boston and showed a wide array of colors and nationalities as we demonstrated our diversity and commitment to the community and abroad. Everyone listened in a morning session to Tony Hawk, Jimmy Chin, and Eric Weihenmayer. Eric was the blind mountain climber that scaled over Mt. Everest. These men lead a dynamic discussion on overcoming challenges which was very meaningful. The Last day all incoming international cabinet, international president and district governors were sworn in. All the district governors from Tennessee tore off each other's district governor elect ribbons. This is a welcoming tradition in supporting one another and pre-DG Frank paring for a new year.

Vice Governor's Musings



White Cane Days—What's it all About?

It's about projects District 12N supports and funds through contributions, like the Tennessee School for the Blind (TSB).

Did you know? TSB was established in 1844. In addition to academic and professional services for visually impaired students, the school specializes in braille, mobility, technology, career education, and independent living skills. Students also participate in team sports, clubs, and leisure-time activities. The Lions Club contributions fund the Boys and Girls Scout troops at TSB.

MARDI GRAS

at TSB – **Yes**, **students celebrated during their speech/language groups in February**. The therapists came prepared with beads, boas, and masks for the students to wear for the celebration. The band director brought his trombone and gave each student time to actually discover the instrument's features. The celebration concluded with the band director playing "When the Saints go Marching In" while the students marched in a Mardi Gras parade in the room.

Who will play the trombone during the Lions Mardi Gras Celebration at the District 12N convention in February 2024?

Serving with you - 1st VDG Keltie



Last week was "family vacation week" for my family, and instead of going to the beach this year we decided to explore Maine and Massachusetts. This was my first time visiting the northeast coast. We flew into Bangor, Maine, home of Stephen King! We spent some time visiting his town and found ourselves eventually staring through the fence at the author's home. We worked our way down south to areas like Bar Harbor, Salem, Portland, Kennebunkport, and finally arrived in Boston.

Boston has now been named "my favorite city I've ever been to." In Boston we enjoyed great views, food, fellowship, etc. However, the best activity we did as a family was walk the freedom trail. Throughout the brick lines of that 3.1 mile walk we came across 28 different sites that each played an integral part in how America became America. Throughout the many tours

and sites there was a lot of reflection on how thankful I am to be living in such a great country. It truly is a miracle that America was formed; it took many sacrifices, risks, courage, etc to form this great nation, a nation that is free. We have to continue to make the most of the opportunity we have been given, in service, work, church, lions club etc. We have a great opportunity, and WE CAN DO MORE.

2nd VDG Nathanael Hughes

Farragut Lions Cookie Donation

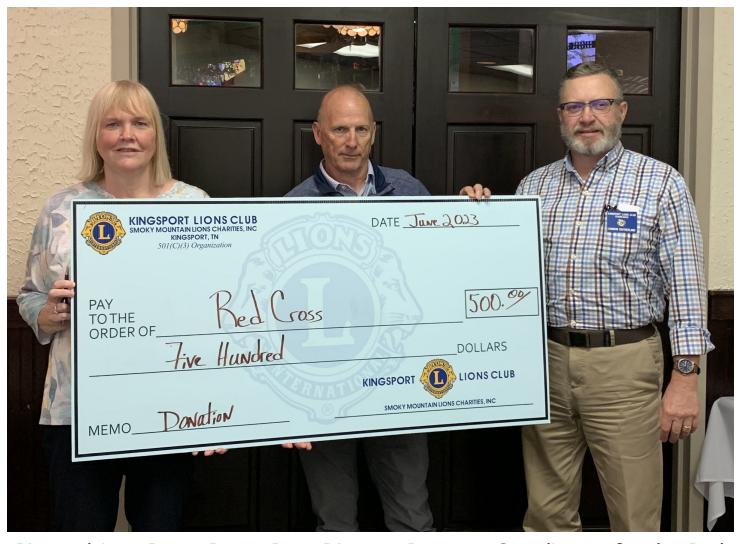


Farragut Lion Norvell Burrow delivers cookies in appreciation for their service as First Responders at Rural Metro in Farragut.





Kingsport Lions Red Cross Donation



Pictured L to R are Dawn Day, Disaster Program Coordinator for the Red Cross, 1st VP Lion David Douthat and President Lion Shannon Southerland.

Dawn presented an informative program about services the Red Cross provides in our 14 counties. Services include education, disaster preparedness and responses including providing food and shelter for individuals affected during a disaster. They also provide and install many smoke detectors. Please contact them if you need a smoke detector which should be replaced every 10 years.

The Kingsport Lions Club made a \$500 donation to the Red Cross.

Kingsport Lions



The Kingsport Lions Club packed lunches for Shades of Grace, a Methodist Congregation service the Least Lost and Lonely. Their ministry services are meeting many needs. The Kingsport Lions provide the food and pack 150 lunches each month.

Pictured L to R are Lions Val Albernathy, Ron Richardson, 1st VDG Keltie Kerney and Wayne Garland. Not pictured is Lion Don Abernathy. Pictured at the right Lions Wayne Garland and Don Abernathy check the lunches.



Morristown Hamblen



The Morristown Hamblen Lions Club refurbished with monies received from their 2021 Spring Carnival, the original Lion fountain that had been placed by the Cherokee Lions Club in the seventies, (Fred), back into his home at Fred Miller Park in Morristown.

A reception and celebration were held on July 7, 2023, to not only honor his makeover and return, but the club's 75th anniversary (which was in 2021 and due to COVID could not be celebrated).

Proclamations were received from the state as well as Morristown and Hamblen County, which made July 7th, Lions Day.



Clinton Lions Club



At their recent meeting, Lion Gwen Cole of the Clinton Lions Club presented a \$500.00 check to Glenn Morris, a resident of Clinton. Glenn was one of the winners of the District 12N Charities Reverse Raffle. Gwen sold him the winning ticket. Congratulations Glenn!

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.

Inskip Awards Night



For her commitment to the Inskip community through Inskip Elementary School, Inskip Lions and her dedication to humanitarian service, Martha Jean Bratton, former principal of Inskip Elementary and member of Inskip Lions for more than three decades, was honored as a Melvin Jones Fellow.

The Melvin Jones Fellowship Program is the backbone of the Lions Clubs International Foundation and recognizes donations of US\$1,000 to Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) in honor of individual Lions for their exemplary humanitarian service.

Upon receiving her surprise award, Martha Jean exclaimed, "I left a part of my heart at the school. I love the kids. I love the teachers. I love the school and the community." No one having seen her in action in her support for the community and leadership in the Lions Club could doubt that.

Two members were recognized for their years of membership and support of Lions service to the community. Frances Walker (10 years) and Johnny Cecil (60 years).



Kingsport Awards Night

The Kingsport Lions Club presented a memorial tribute Leader Dog brick to Debbie Lambert, daughter of deceased Lion Charlie Lambert. Lion Charlie loved serving the Lions Club and will be missed by all. He was always enthusiastic arranging program speakers and a great host for the guest.

Four MJF Awards were presented on June 13th:

Community MJF to Mr. Robert (Robin) Witherspoon Miller, Jr. for service to his country. A graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and Harvard University. He is a leader in redevelopment of historic buildings, a community sponsor, humanitarian and son of Lion Bob Miller who accepted the MJF on his behalf.

Three Club MJF Honorees:



Lion Valeri Abernathy for her dedication to SERVE in the areas of Hunger, Diabetes Awareness, Vision and Fundraising, especially with the Turtle Derby. Val also packs lunches for Shades of Grace and volunteers with Appalachian Miles for Smiles.

Lion Celeste Dickson for her dedication to SERVE in the areas of Hunger, Diabetes Awareness and Environment. Celeste is a regular volunteer with the YMCA packing food for the children's program.



Lion Larry White for his dedication to SERVE in the areas of Vision,

Diabetes Awareness, Fundraising and Club Leadership and Administration.



Farragut Lions 7th Annual Cruise-In

Who: Car enthusiasts, families, fellow Lions, and friends - everyone is welcome! Whether you're a proud owner of a classic beauty, a roaring muscle car, or a sleek modern marvel, this event is tailored just for you. Free to participate, Donations Accepted.

What: Prepare for a mesmerizing display of automotive excellence. Marvel at a stunning showcase of vintage classics, sleek sports cars, and customized masterpieces. Immerse yourself in the vibrant atmosphere as you explore the impeccable craftsmanship, jaw-dropping designs, and the roaring engines that define automotive passion.

When: Don't miss out! Save the date - October 21st, 2023. The excitement kicks off at 8 a.m. and continues until 2 p.m. Prepare yourself for a day filled with automotive marvels, entertainment, delicious food, door prizes, raffles, and the company of fellow enthusiasts.

Where: The JC Penny's Turkey Creek is a proud host, located at 11534 Parkside Dr., Farragut, TN 37934. This exceptional venue provides the perfect backdrop for an unforgettable event, surrounded by breathtaking scenery and a welcoming atmosphere.

Highlights:

- Spectacular car displays showcasing a wide range of automotive excellence.
- Oldies Music, thrilling entertainment, and family-friendly activities.
- Delicious food, we will be offering mouthwatering treats to satisfy your cravings.
- Engaging competitions, raffles, and exciting door prizes that will leave you amazed.

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Don't miss this incredible opportunity to immerse yourself in the world of automotive wonders while supporting a great cause. Mark October 21st, 2023, on your calendar and join us at the Farragut Lions Club Car Show Cruise-In. Together, let's ignite our passion for cars, embrace the spirit of community, and create cherished memories that will last a lifetime!

For more information and updates, visit our website http://
farragut.tnlions.org/ or contact Tom Nitz at tnitz@tds.net or 865-679-4779.
fueled by automotive excellence, camaraderie, and the joy of giving back. See you there!

Kingsport Awards Night (cont.)

Service Chair, Carol Bowling presented Certificates of Appreciations to:

Lions Bill Murdoch, Doug Haseltine and Jim Fischer for their care of Lions Narnia Braille Trail at Warrior's Path State Park.

PDG Bill Moore and Lion Kathy Moore for their fabulous contributions in Fundraising.

Lion Lois Dobyns for her stellar record in obtaining sponsors for the club Turtle Derby (38 this last Derby).

PDG Chuck and Council Chair Paulette Bailey for always being available to help advise on Lions Matters and the Installation of 2023-2024 Officers.

Vicki and Greg Lawson for helping on the field track team at the Annual Turtle Derby every year. Vicki is daughter of the Abernathys.

Weber City Lion Michial Kerney for his kind hospitality at Club Socials. Lion Michial is VDG Keltie's husband.

The 2023 Turtle Derby was another success with 255 sponsors obtained resulting in approximately \$11,000 funds raised.



TELLICO VILLAGE

Tellico Village President, Kathy Dooley welcomes new member transfer, Ken Gandy - a 50 year Lion!



Congratulations to Club of the Year Winners

The following clubs are winners of the Club of the Year contest for sending in monthly reports to the Contest and Awards Chair and reporting their service activities on MyLion.

The categories are broken down by Small, Medium and Large Clubs. There are 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners for each category:



Small Clubs (0-14 members)

1st Place—Knox County North - \$100

2nd Place - Bulls Gap - \$60

3rd Place - Johnson County - \$40





Medium Clubs (15-24 members)

1st Place - Clinton - \$100

2nd Place - Campbell County - \$60

3rd Place - Maryville - \$40





Large Clubs (25+ members)

1st Place - Kingsport - \$100

2nd Place - Tellico Village - \$60

3rd Place - Johnson City - \$40



East Tennessee Lions Eye Bank Updates



The East Tennessee Lions Eye Bank has received its official Notification of Accreditation Status from the Eye Bank of Association of America. Once again ETLEB received the highest 3-year accreditation for eye bank operations. We are extremely proud of the ETLEB staff and the

great work they continue to do.

The ETLEB is initiating a new processing procedure called Preloading DMEK. This new procedure is for the benefit of the surgeon. This procedure helps reduce operating time, allowing the surgeon to perform the surgery more efficiently. Also, this will simplify the procedure for the recipient receiving the new graft.

A new ETLEB Research Program is being developed. In the past, corneas that were not transplantable were used for education and training. The mission is to use all corneas not transplantable in research to develop new methods and find cures for eye diseases. The ETLEB will be partnering with university researchers and other organizations to provide much needed research corneas and whole eyes to the medical research community.

ETLEB will become paperless. This will be a tough job to transition into but will save money for ETLEB in the future. This also will help in remote access to donor records 24/7 and eliminate double work.



The East Tennessee Lions Eye Bank has been funding the \$15,000 that KAPA requires to process our applications for the cataract surgeries the District has been providing to patients in their communities. Due to the expansion of The Eye Bank offices, it is not going to be

able to continue providing these funds.

Beginning this fall, the District will need to pick up Project KAPA if it wishes to continue the project. The Morristown Hamblen Lions Club has already pledged \$1,000.00 toward the KAPA project. The Loudon Lions also pledged \$1,000 in honor of Dr. Paul Wittke's retirement (West Knox Lion). The District would like to challenge the other clubs to pledge monies toward this project as well.

Bear in mind, that if we go over the \$15,000.00, these funds will be held to be used in years to come.

The KAPA project has been a blessing to the people served in our District. Please consider participating in this worthy project.

REMINDER - KAPA stands for Knoxville Area Project Access and is available to the clubs within District 12N. It is a program of the Knoxville Academy of Medicine Foundation and is sponsored by a network of physicians, hospitals and healthcare clinics to help those without insurance obtain the medical services they need. With respect to the Lions, their services pertain to eye-related needs such as cataract surgeries, retinal tears, etc. There is a specific application enrollment process that clients must go through. For further questions, please contact Dave Crawford at 865/403-9096 or email at dave@highlandtel.net.



2023-2024 LIONS INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT DR. PATTI HILL

As a Lion for more than 32 years, International President Dr. Patti Hill has always brought out the very best in others. Her life and career have been defined by her passion for social justice, her dedication to helping others reach their full potential and her devotion to making the world a better place for all people.

Dr. Hill's Theme: "Changing the World"

"There's an old saying – It's the journey, not the destination. Changing the world is a journey. There's no middle and no end. There is, however, a beginning. It's up to each of us to simply begin.

Change doesn't happen all at once. It happens through many small choices. With every act of kindness, we change a life. With every Lions club and Leo club, we change a community. When we change our communities, **WE CHANGE THE WORLD**.

We change the world one life, one relationship, one community at a time. To change the world we must first believe change is possible. Be brave, invest in the future, collaborate and lead the way. **BE THE CHANGE!**"

President Hill's programs and initiatives will focus on four key priorities for Lions International that are critical to our mission of service.

- 1. Creating a greener, cleaner environment.
- 2. Sharing our stories with the world.
- 3. Reaching our full potential as Lions and leaders.
- 4. Supporting our global foundation, LCIF.

International Convention Highlights









The International Parade is always a favorite for Lions attending the convention, along with the Plenary sessions, seminars, entertainment and great fellowship with Lions from around the world.

Convention Highlights (cont.)





PDG Rich having fun with some local statuary. President Sheehan threw out the 1st ball at a Red Sox game at Fenway Park to kick off the International Convention.





Part of the TN delegation attending the convention. Local Tour bus.

Getting ready for the 2024 International Convention in Melbourne, Australia





REMINDER

Time to reorder your new member kits for the 2023-2024 Lions Year

Each new President brings all new Membership Kit signatures

and certificates

Order Membership Applications also (Due to Lions Int'l dues increase they changed)

Membership **Application**

WE ARE GLOBAL

Membership types and fees

New members pay an entrance fee or must submit the proper walver certification form. International dues total US \$46 annually. Dues are billed on a semi-annual basis. Additional district, multiple district and dub dues may accelu.

Family member
The Family Membership Program provides families with the
opportunity to receive a special dues discount when they
join a Lons dub together. The first family member
(head of household) pays thi International dues (ISS46),
and up to four additional family members pay only half the
international dues (ISS43). All family members pay the
one-time entrance fee of US\$83.

The Family Membarship Program is open to family members who are (f) eligible for Lions membership, (2) currently in or joining the same ollub, and (3) living in the same household and related by birth, manage or other legal relationship. Common household termity members include parents, fullder, spouses, aunts and uncles, cousins, grandparents, in-laws and legal dependents. Submit tix MyLC, or include the Family Unit Certification Form with the Monthly Membership Report Form (MMR).

pay no entrance fee and falf international dues. Students over age 30 and joining a Campus Lions club pay a US\$10 entrance fee and full international dues. Submit the Student Member Certification Form (\$TU-5) for each student.



Current or former Leo
Current or former Leos seeking membership through the
age of 35, Mor bevs served as a Leo for at least a year and
a day, pay half international dues and receive an entrance/
charter fee water under the Leo-Lion membership
program. You may select Leo-Lion as the membership type
in MyLCI or submit the Leo to Lion Certification form with
your MMR.

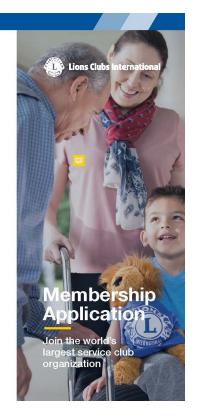
voing adult.

Young adults through the age of 30 receive an entrance fee walver and pay half international dues when joining a Leo-Lions club.

Lions meet the needs of local communities and the world. The 1.4 million members of our volunteer organization in over 200 countries and geographic areas are different in many ways, but share a core belief – community is what we make it.

Lions serve When caring people join together, roll up their sleeves and take action to make their community better, it's a beautiful thing—and an inredible feeling for everyone involved. That's Lions. Being a Lion is about leading by example, building relationships and improving the world through kindness. It's 1.4 million caring men and women serving together so they can make a lasting impact and change more lives.





2022-2023

CLUB EXCELLENCE AWAR	D APPLICATION Date:	
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Name of Lions Club, Leo Club	or Branch:	
2. SERVICE		
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☐ Started a new service project	ect. <i>Consider one of our Glo</i>	bal Causes!
☐ List Three service activities or your regional reporting sys	, , ,	at were reported in MyLion
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3. LEADERSHIP & ORGANI		
☐ Club is in Good Standing: No paid and no unpaid balance w		•
☐ Reported Club Officers to L	.CI	
☐ Key Officers participate in o	club officer training	
4. MARKETING		
☐ The club has publicized its	service activities through lo	cal media or social media.

Club Excellence Award Application (cont.)

2022-2023 District Governor Signature*: _	District:	
Member Number:	Date:	

Due by: August 31, 2023

Send to: clubexcellenceaward@lionsclubs.org

Awards Mailed to: 2023-2024 District Governors

*If sent from district governor's registered email, it qualifies as signature on applications submitted electronically.

Request for review of award eligibility from a disqualified club will be considered only if received at International Headquarters within 12 months after completion of the fiscal year, provided that the original application form is already filed at LCI.



District and Clubs Administration Lions Clubs International 300 W. 22nd St. Oak Brook IL 60523-8842 USA www.lionsclubs.org

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2023 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum

September 21-23, 2023 Reno, Nevada

The largest and best Lions Club Leadership training event in the world. With over 80 seminar training sessions related to developing quality Lions Clubs and thousands of Lions Leaders share their experiences, the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum is for you!



Thurs Evening Speaker – Floyd Smith - Singer/ Songwriter, Entrepreneur, mentor and Philanthropist.

Friday Lunch Speaker – Donna Hartley – Storyteller who inspires, energizes and entertains with a twist of humor and a bit of drama.

Saturday Lunch Speaker – 2023-2024 Lions Clubs International President Dr. Patti Hill will share her vision as the leader of the greatest service organization in the world. Every Lion can have an impact!

Saturday Evening Speaker – Striker Corbin is a motivational speaker, certified hypnotist, and success coach focusing on personal development. He uses humor to stimulate self-improvement.

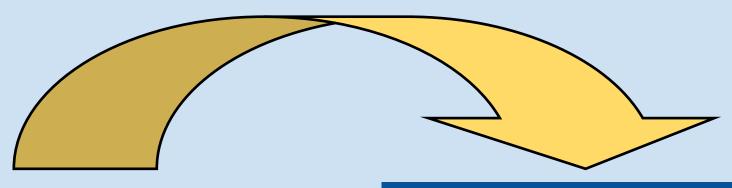
Registration Form: Attached or On line at www.lionsforum.org

47th ANNUAL USA/CANADA LIONS LEADERSHIP FORUM

Reno, Nevada

Thursday, September 21, 2023 - Saturday, September 23, 2023
The Forum begins on Thursday morning and ends after the closing banquet on Saturday evening.
Please book your hotel stay accordingly.

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WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

Shirley Underwood - Inskip Fred Day - Morristown Hamblen

WELCOME NEW
MEMBERS

IN MEMORY OF

James Jones - Bulls Gap











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 physicalfitness pants, helmet covers for the military, and industrial paper towels. The products made by our blind and visuallyimpaired 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

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Bill Martin at 423-586-3922 ext 112, or by email at:

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