



Dates to Remember

Dec 6 - 12N

Food Packing Event

Dec 9—Tennessee

**School for the
Blind Christmas
Party**

Jan 20-22 Lions

Learning Retreat

Feb 16-19, 2023

**TN Lions Learning
Institute**

March 17-18

**District 12N
Convention**

DG RICH'S POST- "Between the Lions"

The countdown is on until the District 12N 3rd Annual Food Packing Event takes place at The Hangar @ Pathways Church. December 6, 2022 is the date, and we need ALL clubs on deck!

Agenda

8:30 AM: Meet n Greet

9:00 AM: Welcome, introductions, prayer, training

First Wave start

11:00 AM: Lunch

Noon: Second Wave Shift start

1:59 PM: Out the door

Our veteran Lions know from previous experience that we need 100% cooperation from ALL our clubs. We will find a job to match your physical requirements. Carpool with another club. Pick up your club's boxes of food to distribute. There will be Zero boxes available after 2:00 PM. Please park in the gravel lot and use the crosswalk to enter the Hangar and sign in. Thank you in advance for all your hard work!

2023 is around the corner and will bring many changes and events to District 12N. It is not too early to be thinking about Club, Zone, and District officer vacancies. Term limits have been placed on many positions making it even more difficult to fill much needed positions. Take time during the holidays to reflect on **YOU** filling a vacancy (there will be more details about Step-Up 2023! In the next News & Views).

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to y'all. I sincerely appreciate everyone's assistance during my first six months! PS: Did I mention signing up for the 3rd Annual Food Packing Event?

DG12N Rich Wilson

Vice Governor Frank's Musings



TAKING CARE OF OURSELVES!

We are at that time of the year where we celebrate a season of thanks. History has reminded us that our forebearers survived a harsh winter and after the fifth harvest moon, sat at the table with the Indian people that taught them how to survive. All this sounds boring, RIGHT? Ok my point is that we eat bountiful meals during the Thanksgiving and Yuletide season, but we need to take care of ourselves. I know the question comes up, are we diabetic? How would we know?

Let us start with statistics. The C.D.C. tells us as of 2022, 34 million Americans have diabetes, that is over 11% of the population. Approximately 7.3 million of those people are undiagnosed. 13.8% of adults in the state of Tennessee have been diagnosed with diabetes. Diabetes does not keep us from doing anything, it can be controlled. Many people can do all their favorite activities if they maintain a healthy lifestyle.

Lions Club International has asked the Lions Clubs to assist in helping all people take part in recognizing if they are diabetic and properly helping with the right education. Doug Haseltine of District 12-N is our district chairperson. We are not asked to administer blood test. We are not doctors. We encourage each club to hand out a questionnaire at events. If the person is already diabetic, then this will be of no help. If the person will only answer the questionnaire truthfully and assign a numbered value after each question, then it is that simple. The agricultural extension service offers classes on eating the right foods. The right information and education can be the essential first step. I challenge all Lions to help our communities.

Happy Holidays to everyone!

1st VDG Frank McCall

DISTRICT CLUBS SERVING FROM THE HEART

HARRIMAN LIONS CLUB GOINGS ON



The Harriman Lions Club celebrates Dr. Julian Ahler's 90th birthday at the November 14th club meeting. Dr. Ahler (front row, 2nd from the left) has been a Lion since 1960. That's 62 years of service! Congratulations Dr. Julian Ahler!

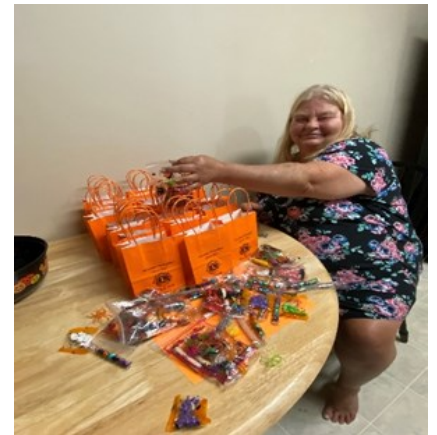
Harriman Lions Club president Carie Gecelosky presents 1st Vice-District Governor Frank McCall with a \$300 check from the club's White Cane event held Oct 21st and 22nd.



DISTRICT CLUBS SERVING FROM THE HEART

KNOXVILLE DIVERSIFIED FALL PROJECT

The Knoxville Diversified Lions Club has had a very busy Fall. We spent the months of August and September raising money for our Fall project by selling candy bars and other items at Community Links Thrift Store. Our project involved the filling and distribution of Halloween gift bags to all children visiting the thrift store during the last two weeks of October. The gift bags were stamped with the name of our club, and a KidSight brochure was included with the candy and Halloween trinkets. A KidSight screening opportunity will be made available in the near future. Approximately 95 gift bags were distributed.



Penny McCord, vice president, stamped and filled over 95 treat bags. Some very happy children receiving their treat bags at Community Links, 1508 N Central Ave, Knoxville. All bags were given out and the joyful smiles made it all worth it!



DISTRICT CLUBS SERVING FROM THE HEART

SEVIER COUNTY HALLOWEEN ACTIVITIES - 6 EVENTS!



October 27th, Lions Terry, Brian and Frank at the Pigeon Forge Safety Spooktacular



October 28th, Lions Kim, Chuck, and Rich at My People Senior Center



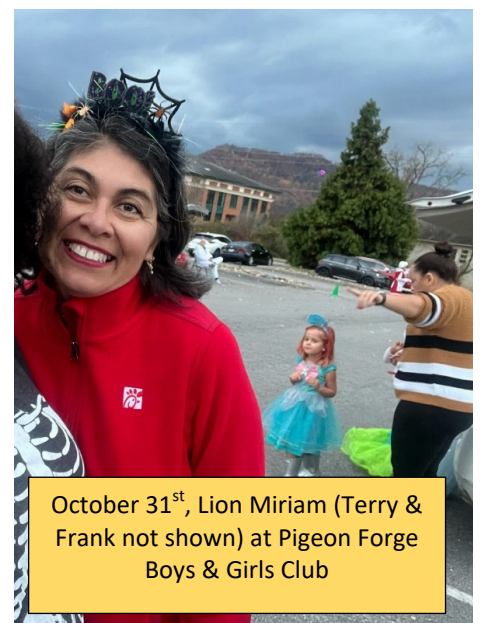
October 31st, Lion Rich at Ripley's Aquarium



October 29th, Lions David and Kristy at A Church Called Home



October 31st, Lion Rich at Quaker Steak



October 31st, Lion Miriam (Terry & Frank not shown) at Pigeon Forge Boys & Girls Club

DISTRICT CLUBS SERVING FROM THE HEART

On behalf of District 12 N's Childhood Cancer Project - Paulette Bailey crocheted and donated another 35 character beanies to East TN Children's Hospital. In addition to these cuties there were several Princess and Jack Sparrow Wigs that were among the mix. She creates beanies in various sizes to accommodate different age children.



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



SAVE THE DATE REMINDER

The next District food packing event– “Operation Inasmuch” is scheduled for:

Tuesday, December 6, 2022
The Hangar at Pathways Church
1210 Airport Blvd.
Sevierville, TN

Opportunity to serve the needs of the hungry in our communities!



OTHER DISTRICT RELATED ITEMS

CONGRATULATIONS

PDG ED GIBBONS INDUCTION TENNESSEE BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS HALL OF FAME



Ed Gibbons has been a tireless advocate and supporter of young people throughout the Tri-Cities region for more than 40 years. He has served the Boys & Girls Club of Johnson City/Washington County for 43 years.

His time as a Director of the Boys & Girls Club is best characterized by his loyalty to the mission and youth he serves daily. He has committed himself to the needs of the club in every facet of the organization from being a T-ball coach to chairing committees for Board Governance, Programming/Impact Assessment, Finance/Facility, and Human Resources and Resource Development.

Ed has led the charge on facility improvements and was the "driving force" to increase and improve the transportation fleet as he spearheaded fund raising. He brought the Lions Club Turtle Derby to the Boys & Girls Club to have a positive impact on the youth. "His diligence and commitment to ensuring the proper guidance and leadership required to maintain the value and uniqueness of the Boys & Girls Club of Johnson City/Washington County has been greatly appreciated".

Ed has been involved with the Johnson City Lions Club for almost 50 years and has served in numerous positions including District Governor. He also serves on a variety of other Foundations such as Hope Foundation, Ties for the Blind, The Johnson City North Camp of Gideons etc.

CONGRATULATIONS ED - a true man of Service to all!

OTHER DISTRICT RELATED ITEMS

JOHNSON CITY 72nd ANNUAL TURTLE DERBY -



A fun time was had by all at the November 5th Johnson City Lions Club Turtle Derby. The mechanical lime green turtles race to the finish line as the kids scream with excitement. They used to race live turtles but switched to mechanical ones in 2010. Prizes are given to the winners of each race.



President Doris w/Lion mascot.



OTHER DISTRICT RELATED ITEMS

Congratulations to Ranee King of the Sevier County Lions Club for being awarded a Melvin Jones Fellowship. Shown (L to R) is Council Chairperson Paulette Bailey presenting the award to Lion Ranee. Congratulations Ranee!!



***"You can't get very far until you start
doing something for somebody else"***
- Melvin Jones

OTHER DISTRICT RELATED ITEMS

SEVIER COUNTY WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS



L to R: President Brian Powell, Piia and Bob Brabson, and District Governor Rich Wilson

Welcome to the two newest members of the Sevier County Lions Club. The Babsons joined at the October meeting and became two of the newest members of Lions Clubs International.

Welcome, Bob and Piia!

OTHER DISTRICT RELATED ITEMS

CALLING ALL DISTRICT 12N LEADERS
Deadline for Candidate Qualification is
FEBRUARY 1, 2023

ARE YOU QUALIFIED TO BECOME 2ND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR NEXT YEAR???

Are you an active member of your club?

Have you been Club President?

Have you been a Board member of your club for two or more years?

Have you been a Zone Chair, Region Chair, District Secretary or District Treasurer?

Are you willing to accept the challenge and become our District Governor in 2025?

For more information and details, please contact PDG Chuck Bailey at 423/371-9737 or email at chuckyegg001@gmail.com

OTHER DISTRICT RELATED ITEMS

FACTS ABOUT YOUR EAST TN LIONS EYEBANK

Many Lions may not be familiar with the workings of the ETLEB, and how the Eye Bank supports the Lions of District 12 N and the citizens of East Tennessee.

The primary mission of the Eye Bank is to collect, process and provide corneas to people in need of corneal transplants. During the last two fiscal years, (even with the challenges of COVID), the Eye Bank provided the gift of sight to 1011 individuals. It is by providing viable corneas to recipients that the Eye Bank generates its revenue to provide this essential service.

356 corneas that were not transplantable were used for research and training purposes. An additional 157 corneas were unable to be used. This still resulted in a cost to the Eye Bank of over \$800,000.00. Work still needed to be done, medical supplies used, and testing performed before it was determined the corneas were not suitable for transplant.

Since 2018, the Eye Bank has donated over \$840,000.00 in reduced fee or gratis tissue to recipients who had no insurance or other means to pay the processing fees for the corneas. ETLEB ensured that residents of East Tennessee in need of corneal transplants were given the gift of sight.

Meanwhile, the Eye Bank has continued to strongly support District 12 N and our East Tennessee neighbors in various ways. Since 2012 ETLEB has donated \$232,135.58 towards construction of the musical section of three all-inclusive playgrounds and has promised \$30,000.00 towards a fourth playground; has given donations to the Vision Van and helped provide needed equipment.

The Eye Bank has provided \$135,000.00 to cover the partnership agreement with Knoxville Area Project Access (KAPA) to provide free eye surgeries to qualified residents in our area.

The Special Services Committee has covered surgical co-pays, purchase of specialized glasses and contacts, repair costs of vision equipment and devices, and the cost of special bioptic lenses at a total expense of \$22,831.06.

The work of the Eye Bank is challenging. It is a 24/7 operation. It has recently purchased a building to enable it to work more efficiently and better serve the East Tennessee community.

Hopefully, this provides some information about the work of your Eye Bank. Your knowledge and support of the role of the Eye Bank and its essential services is necessary for its future success.

MD12 HALL OF FAME & LINDSEY JENNINGS AWARDS



2020 TN Lions Hall of Fame awardees - PCC Nancy Hall of the West Knox Lions Club, PDG John Kelsey of the Clinton Lions Club and PDG Neal Vaughan of the West Knox Lions Club. Flanking all recipients are PID BJ Blankenship and PCC Ron Birdwell of the MD12 TN Lions Charities Board. Not pictured is the **2021** awardee Dr. Paul Wittke of the West Knox Lions Club.

Lindsey Jennings Fellowship Awards

2020 - Not pictured—Ron Welch of the **West Knox Lions Club**

2021—Not pictured - Sue Hilliker of the West Knox Lions Club

2022 - Pictured to the right is PDG Jim McFarland of the West Knox Lions Club flanked by PID BJ Blankenship and PCC Ron Birdwell.





REMINDER Of 12N SCHOLARSHIPS

Your District is offering Scholarships for the following upcoming events:



Lions Learning Retreat January 20-22, 2023

Manchester Coffee County Conference Center
Manchester, Tennessee

DG Rich gets one free registration to distribute but the District has also approved offering 10 registration scholarships for the first individuals to sign-up. The registration form is attached below.



2023 TLLI 2023 Tennessee Lions Learning Institute Thurs. PM - Noon Sunday, Feb 16-19, 2023 Cumberland University, Lebanon, TN



The District has approved 10 scholarships in the amount of \$150 which should cover the cost of the whole weekend. This is on a reimbursement basis and you must complete the entire Institute to be paid. Should you have any questions, contact PDG Chuck Bailey at 423-371-9737 or chuckyegg001@gmail.com. The registration form is attached below.



Lions Learning Retreat

January 20-22, 2023

Manchester Coffee County Conference Center
Manchester, Tennessee

Name #1 _____

Name to be used on name tag _____

District _____ Club _____ Lion ____ Leo ____ Non-Lion ____

Address _____

Phone Number _____ Email address _____

First Time Attendee? _____

Special Meals: Diabetic _____ Low Sodium _____ Vegetarian _____ Other? _____

Name #2 _____

District _____ Club _____ Lion ____ Leo ____ Non-Lion ____

Address _____

Phone Number _____ Email address _____

First Time Attender? _____

Special Meals: Diabetic _____ Low Sodium _____ Vegetarian _____ Other? _____

Early registration - MUST be Postmarked by November 1, 2022 \$120.00 _____ Late registration -- post-marked by January 5, 2023 \$140.00 _____

Includes all seminars. Friday Dinner, Saturday Lunch and Banquet & Sunday Brunch

On-site registration – May NOT receive meals \$150.00 _____ includes all seminars but NO MEALS

Saturday only Registration available until December 20, 2022 \$90.00 _____

Includes seminars, Lunch & Banquet for Saturday

Mark if appropriate -- Will NOT attend --

Friday meal _____ Saturday dinner _____ Sunday brunch _____

Check # _____ enclosed in the amount of \$ _____ made payable to Lions Learning Retreat

Credit Card # _____ Exp. Date _____ Sec. Code _____

I authorize the LLR to charge \$ _____ to my credit card. **Add Convenience Fee of \$5 per Reg.**

Signature _____

Send all registrations and payments to:

Lion Jim McFarland, 8030 Whitestone RD, Knoxville, TN 37938

Lions Learning Retreat (cont)

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 \$114.00 plus taxes

Additional Important Information: **This rate is good till NOVEMBER 16. Reservations made after that date will pay a higher room rate.**

The tradition of a Basket Auction continues. This helps keep the cost of the LLR registration as low as possible. If every club would bring a gift basket to be auctioned on Saturday night much more fun. Can we count on you to bring a gift basket? Yes _____

Another tradition is the first-timer seminar at 5 PM on Friday night. This is valuable time spent if this is your first LLR. Learn what to expect from the LLR and meet other Lions that have not attended an LLR.

I would like to attend! _____ It'll be worth getting there early!

Return on Investment of time and finances by attending the LLR.

Have fun learning to be a better Lion, increase your education on all things Lions, hone your leadership skills and help your club become the club you wished it was. **If it is to be, it is up to me.**

Another NEW TRADITION this year!!!

We will be selling ads in the proceeding's booklet

FULL PAGE	\$100
½ PAGE	\$ 50
¼ PAGE	\$ 25
PATRON	\$ 10 -- one line listing with all the patrons (NAME & CLUB)



2023 TLLI

2023 Tennessee Lions Learning Institute

Thurs. evening - Noon Sunday, Feb 16-19, 2023



A 3-day institute designed for Tennessee Lions with less than 5 years as members in Lions Clubs International. All Lions are welcome.



Cumberland
UNIVERSITY

One Cumberland Square, Lebanon, TN 37087
Lodging at Comfort Suites, 904 Murfreesboro Rd.
Lebanon, TN 37090 (Exit 238 off I-40)

WHAT: Interactive participation with your peers and faculty in a casual environment dealing with what Lions are all about. While all Lions who have not attended a Regional Institute are welcome to register, this Institute is Intended to arm newer Lions with skills and experiences needed to navigate the challenges of modern-day Lions. Issues such as “Diversity” “Working in Teams” “Lions Fundamentals” “Who do I ask?” “How do I break through in a club with outdated ideas?” are addressed. This is your opportunity to get your questions answered by a faculty of LCI Certified Trainers from outside Tennessee.

DRESS: Casual attire, no vests, no name badges, just your Lions pin and an open mind.

COST: 2023 TLLI is subsidized by a grant from LCI and your Multidistrict 12 Council of Governors as an investment in your future as a Tennessee Lion. However, the subsidies don’t cover the full cost. Therefore, the cost to each student is \$150.00 (double occupancy), for 3 nights lodging, Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner on Friday and Saturday and Breakfast on Sunday. If you would rather not share a room, the rate will be slightly higher. See the registration page to contact Chuck Bailey. (If you desire to be a student but find the cost to be beyond your means, contact your District Governor Team, scholarships may be available to you.)

SCHEDULE:

Thurs, Feb. 16 (at Comfort Suites)

3 – 6:00 PM Check-in, room assignments, receive schedules and materials, meet the faculty 6 –
8:00 PM Dinner on your own

<u>Fri, Feb. 17</u>	<u>Sat, Feb. 18</u>	<u>Sun, Feb 19</u>
7:30 AM Breakfast@ Motel	7:30 AM Breakfast @ motel	7:30 AM Breakfast @ mote
8:30 AM Morning Sessions	8:30 AM Morning Sessions	8:30 AM Morning Session
Noon Lunch	Noon Lunch	10:30 AM Closing Session
1:00 PM Afternoon Sessions	1:00 PM Afternoon Sessions	and Graduation
6:00 PM Dinner	6:00 PM Dinner	Noon Completion of TLLI
7:00 PM Group Activity (TBA)	7:00 PM Homework assign-	



2023 TLLI Enrollment Registration



Mail this Registration form along with a check of \$150.00 per registrant made payable to:
2023 TLLI and mail to:

Lions District 12N Charities, Inc.

c/o CA Bailey For more info or questions call

709 Shannondale Way Chuck Bailey at 423.371.9737

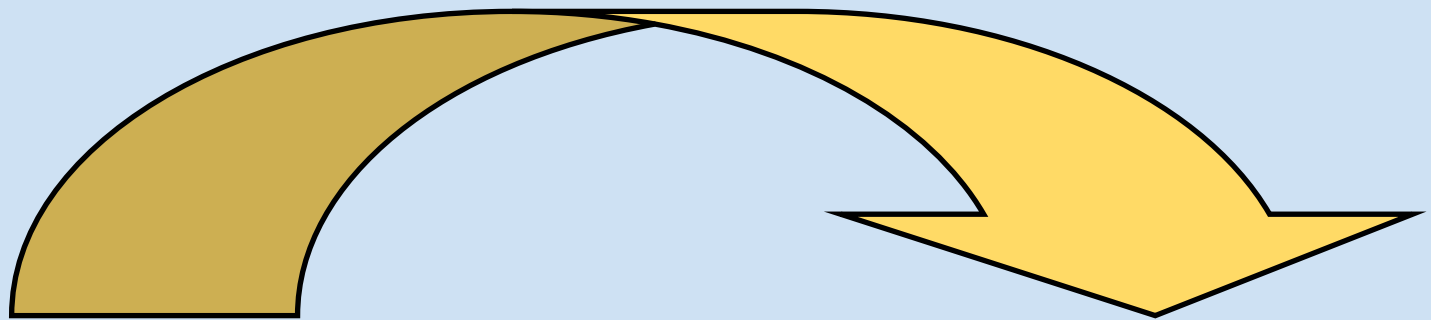
Maryville, TN 37922

First Student:

First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Lions Club
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Street Address	City	State	Zip
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Cell Phone	Home Phone	Email	
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Dietary Restrictions? <hr/>			
Mobility Issues? <hr/>			
Roommate Preference? <hr/>			

Second Student:

First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Lions Club
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Street Address	City	State	Zip
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Cell Phone	Home Phone	Email	
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Dietary Restrictions? <hr/>			
Mobility Issues? <hr/>			
Roommate Preference? <hr/>			



WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

Conner Allen Williams - Bulls Gap
Richard Hann - Johnson City
Vivian Gwinn - Knoxville East
Thomas Kelley, Jr - Tellico Village

*WELCOME NEW
MEMBERS*

IN MEMORY OF

None Reported





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.



For more information about employment opportunities, please contact

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