



## UPCOMING EVENTS:

December 2, 2025  
CLT Power Hour ZOOM  
w/PDG Wendy Cain, 8 PM

December 3, 2025  
DG Nate's ZOOM & IPDG  
Keltie's Disaster ZOOM  
8 PM

December 6, 2025  
12N Charities Budget  
Meeting, 10 AM  
King Family Library

January 6, 2026  
Food Packing Event  
Sevierville, TN

January 10, 2026  
Winter Cabinet Meeting  
ZOOM (Time to be  
determined)

January 16-18, 2026  
Lions Learning Retreat  
Manchester, TN

## The Holiday Season



As we close out the year, I reflect on how God has blessed me through marriage, career, service and the list goes on and on. I experience overwhelming gratitude as I look back. I have been dealt a great hand, and I am excited to look toward the future, while maintaining intentionality and present focus on the goals ahead- one day at a time. The new year, 2026, will provide opportunities for leadership, service and friendships and I look forward to those opportunities.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at our Operation Inasmuch food packing event on January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026 where we will pack 40,000 meals for LCI's week of Hunger focus.

I would like to wish everyone a safe, healthy and happy holiday season.



**In Service...Nathanael Hughes, District Governor**

# VDG's Lionhearted Lessons



## The Joy and Hope of Christmas

Christmas is a season of giving, joy, and hope. As families gather to celebrate, Lions Club members continue spreading light through service. The Tennessee School for the Blind's annual Christmas event reminds us of the power of compassion, bringing music, gifts, and cheer to students who inspire us with resilience (if you haven't been, consider attending). Year-end contributions to the Lions Club International Foundation or Leader Dogs for the Blind extend this spirit beyond the holidays, funding sight-saving initiatives and empowering independence. Your generosity ensures that the gift of vision, mobility, and dignity reaches those who need it most - making Christmas last all year.



**Yours in Lionism....Wayne Garland, 1st Vice District Governor**



## The Spirit of Christmas

As the year draws to a close and twinkling lights begin to brighten our homes and communities, we are reminded once again of the true spirit of Christmas. This season invites us to pause from the busyness of life and reflect on the joy, warmth, and kindness that bring us together. Christmas is a time for giving—not only gifts wrapped in ribbon, but gifts of compassion, service, and love. It is a season that inspires us to lend a hand to those in need, share moments of gratitude with family and friends, and celebrate the hope that new beginnings bring.



Whether you are gathering around a tree, lighting candles, sharing a meal, or simply enjoying the peaceful beauty of winter, may this Christmas fill your heart with peace and your days with joy. Let us carry the spirit of generosity and goodwill into the New Year, continuing to make a positive impact in the lives of those around us.

Wishing you a blessed holiday season and a bright, joyful year ahead! 🎄

**Embracing the Call....Kim Osborne, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor**

# “Leadership Corner” from PDG Wendy Cain



This month I share the fifth of six principles of leadership from *You Don't Need a Title to Be a Leader: How Anyone, Anywhere, Can Make a Positive Difference* by Mark Sanborn.

## The Power of Execution:

- A key trait of leadership is the ability to get things done.
- Leaders follow through, hold themselves accountable, and take initiative.
- They don't wait for permission; they act when action is needed.



“You don't need a title to be someone who makes things happen.”

One of the challenges in leading volunteers is holding others accountable without formal authority. The most effective way to lead in this context is by consistently modeling personal accountability – following through on your commitments, meeting deadlines, and owning your outcomes. Look for the last principle in next month's newsletter.

## Upcoming Events:

- **December 2, 2025:** District 12-N Officer “Power Hour” from 8-9 p.m. via Zoom for Presidents/VPs, Secretaries, Treasurers, Membership Chairs, and Marketing Chairs. Go to <http://tnlions.org/calendar/> for Zoom Link
- **Dec. 31, 2025:** Deadline for Registering for Tennessee Lions Learning Retreat to guarantee meals. Scholarships are available from the District (reimbursement after you attend). Registration form available at: <http://www.tnlions.org/wp-content/uploads/2026-LLR-Registration-Form.pdf>
- **Jan. 16-18, 2026:** Tennessee Lions Learning Retreat in Manchester, TN  
Registration Forms on pages 28-29

# District 12N Treasurer's Update:

## District 12N Treasurer's Report as of 11/21/25



Administrative Account Balance as of 10/01/2025	\$52,253.22
Deposits: (Tail Twister fines, Dues)	+\$284.10
Expenses: (Food at cabinet meeting, News & Views Zoom, Copy & Scan, Badge, MD Directories)	-\$674.78
Withdrawal (Bank correction/error)	-\$100.00
Ending balance as of 10/18/2025	\$51,762.54
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Beginning balance as of 11/21/2025	\$51,762.54
Deposits: (Repayment from Disaster Relief Funds)	+\$ 106.04
Expenses: (MD 12 Rally)	-\$ 267.16
<b>Ending balance as of 11/21/2025</b>	<b>\$51,601.42</b>

Keltie Kerney IPDG, Treasurer; keltiekerney@hotmail.com

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**REMINDER:** District 12N and MD12 dues invoices will be provided to each Club President and/or Treasurer in early January of 2026, and again in early July 2026.

Effective 7/15/2025, Lions International no longer mails paper dues invoices. The invoices are located online in the Lions Portal. Club Treasurers and Presidents should check the Portal regularly for updated Financial Statements.



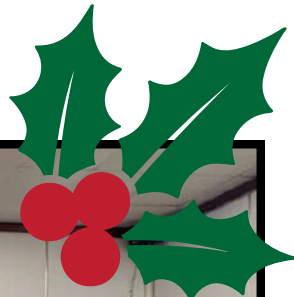


# Clinton Lions Club

## CLINTON LIONS CLUB HONORED

On October 20, 2025 members of the Clinton Lions Club were invited to a meeting of the Anderson County Commission where they were presented with a proclamation recognizing their 85 years of service to Anderson County.

Presenting the proclamation was Anderson County Mayor, Terry Frank.



The Anderson County Mayor and Board of Commissioners proclaimed Nov 5, 2025 as 'Clinton Lions Club Day' in Anderson County.







# Harriman Lions Club

The Harriman Lions Club was instrumental in setting up and taking down the Roane County Field of Honor. Over 200 individual flags were flown from November 11th through November 22nd in Harriman's Riverfront Park. The flags were purchased by individuals and various clubs and businesses in honor of Veterans Day celebration. This is a community event that the Harriman Lions will Co-chair next year with the Harriman Rotary Club.



Lions Joyce Emile and Carie Gecelosky unfold flags along with Chris Mason (Roane County Trustee) and Scott Mason (Harriman City Manager)



Lions pose after completing the Field of Honor



The last "retired flag" along with the Harriman Lions crew.



# Harriman Lions Club (con't)



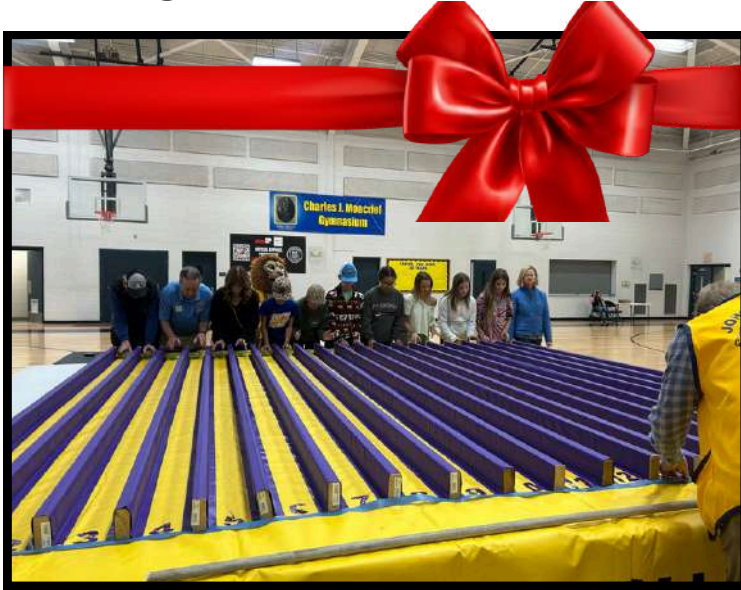
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# Johnson City Lions Club

The Johnson City Lions proudly hosted our 75th Annual Turtle Derby at Carver Park in Johnson City, TN. This long-standing tradition brings joy, laughter, and friendly competition to our community—all for a meaningful cause.



Every dollar raised helps us provide eye exams and glasses for children, seniors, and families in need right here in our community. Our mission is simple: to serve with compassion, restore vision, and make sure no one is left behind.



We are grateful for everyone who came out, supported, volunteered, and celebrated with us. For 75 years, the Lions have stood on the values of service, kindness, and community—and events like the Turtle Derby remind us why we continue this heartfelt work.



Together, we serve.  
Together, we make a  
difference.





# Kingsport Lions Club

On behalf of the Kingsport Lions Club, Lion Keltie Kerney presents a \$5,000 donation to Appalachian Miles for Smiles Executive Director, Michelle Campbell and Frank Waldo, President.



Kingsport Lions Club members assisted with children's vision screening at St. Dominic's School in Kingsport. L to R: Lions Don Abernathy, Larry White, Bill Murdoch, Chris Manley, Weber City Lion, Mike Kerney, and IPDG Keltie Kerney.



Kingsport Lions Club member, Bill Murdoch, assisted with vision screening at Ross Robinson Middle School



On behalf of the Kingsport Lions Club, Lion Keltie Kerney presented a \$2,000 donation to Mountain Region Speech and Hearing Center's executive director, Kathy. They provide speech and hearing services, regardless of the individuals' ability to pay, which aligns with one of the Lions club humanitarian causes.



# Kingsport Lions Club (con't)



1st VDG Wayne Garland

Kingsport Lions Club members packing 200 community meals at Shades of Grace in Kingsport.



Lions Asher Elliott, Neva Ennis, and Lion Val Abernathy



Lion Harry Ennis



PDG Bill Moore



Vision Screening at Kennedy Elem. School



Lion Bill Murdoch



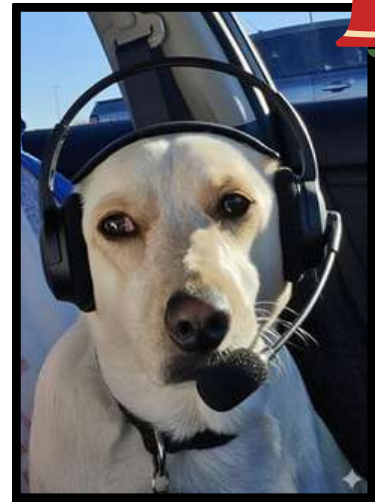
# Maryville Lions Club

## Maryville Lions Host Operation Vet Rescue

On November 18th, Operation Vet Rescue visited the Maryville Lions Club to share their mission and to introduce Cloud, a specially trained dog who plays a vital role in supporting veterans. This visit highlighted how dogs like Cloud can help veterans manage anxiety and improve their quality of life.



Mike Carr, Steve Roche and Cloud from Operation Vet Rescue with Maryville Lions President, Paulette Bailey



Cloud getting ready for Wate 6 telethon!

Many veterans return home carrying invisible wounds such as anxiety, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and depression. These conditions can make daily life difficult affecting relationships, employment and overall well-being.

Operation Vet Rescue is a nonprofit organization dedicated to rescuing dogs and pairing them with veterans who need emotional support. Their approach focuses on the healing power of the human-animal bond. The organization:

- Rescues dogs from shelters and trains them for service roles
- Matches dogs with veterans based on individual needs
- Provides ongoing support and training for veterans and their dogs

The Maryville Lions have worked alongside Operation Vet Rescue at various community events and is following them on social media.

# Maryville Lions Club (con't)

## Maryville Lions Serve the Homeless



The Maryville Lions were able to distribute reading glasses and cases, face masks to help with flu season, and protein bars. The club also schedules eye exam appointments to be handled through the Smoky Mountain Charities Inc. Vision van clinics held monthly in Fountain City, as well as conducts vision screening for children if parents are interested.

On November 8th the Maryville Lions participated in “A Place to Stay” Street Outreach Service (SOS) Day for the Blount County Community.



*A Place To Stay* is committed to ending homelessness in Blount County one individual at a time. Partnering with many other community organizations and businesses, they coordinate services and provide support in an effort to remove the barriers to housing.

The SOS (Street Outreach Service) days are held quarterly with participation by several organizations providing a free hot meal, haircuts, case management, vaccinations, clothing, books, eyeglasses, job services, legal assistance, showers, crafts for the children, snacks, hygiene kits, telemedicine, etc.

The Maryville Lions are proud to be one of the participating organizations during the SOS work days.



# Morristown Hamblen Lions Club

The Morristown-Hamblen Lions Club recently had the pleasure of hosting their annual basketball tournament; an event that truly exemplified community spirit and healthy competition.



The tournament proved to be a fantastic success, drawing a significant number of participants and enthusiastic spectators. It was wonderful to witness the high level of sportsmanship displayed by all the teams involved and the vibrant atmosphere it created for everyone present. We believe this event played a crucial role in fostering local engagement and generating support for our club's various community initiatives.





# Sevier County Lions Club

SCLC member and teacher, Miriam Alvarez's class made "Thank you" cards which were distributed at a Free Veterans Breakfast hosted by SCLC.



L to R: Pres. Rich, Sevierville Elementary Principal Ms. Noelle Sutton, students, Lion Miriam Alvarez.



Veterans Breakfast



Sevier Co Vision Clinic held on Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>. See additional photos on page 15.



L to R: Gloria, Rich, Sue, Wilma, Les, Cecilia, Michael and Ranee at the Veterans Breakfast.





# Sevier Co. Lions Club (con't)

Sevier County Lions sponsored a Vision Clinic & Community Health Fair on October 29, 2025 at First Baptist Church in Sevierville. This is the 3rd vision clinic held this year where approx 70 people received eye exams and eye glasses.



Lion Les Williams screening a patient.



Community Partners



Special Thank you to our Drs. L to R: Dr John Dawson, MD and Dr. Larry Zubel, OD



L to R: Lions Ranee, Kim Williams, Sevier Co. Schools Nurse coordinator, Lions Gloria, Terry and Wilma.



Lion Hudson Williams screening patients





# Sevierville Lions Club



In late October, Sevierville Lions had a 'spooky' good time playing Bingo and delivering treats to the residents of Brookdale Assisted Living Center.



L to R: Lions Erik, Chuck, and Judy were the Bingo 'callers'.



L to R: Lions Stacy, Kathi, Liz, Kim, and Chuck. Not shown: Lions Tom, Erik, Summer, and Trever



In November, Lions members had a fun time providing concessions for the contestants and spectators at the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Miss Winterfest Pageant.





# Sevierville Lions Club



CONGRATULATIONS



At the November meeting of the Sevierville Lions Club, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor Wayne Garland presented Club President Kathi Hofstad with the Club Excellence Award patch for 2024-2025. Sevierville was one of only 4 clubs in the East TN District 12N Lions that earned this patch. This was an extra-special recognition for our Club that only chartered in April of 2025.



Being a “Lion” means having fun...especially at Club meetings. L to R: 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Wayne (Guiding Lion), Erik, Chuck, Kim, Bob, Summer, Stacy, Meredith, and Judy. Not shown, but in attendance; Kathi, Tom, and guest Kelly.



# Tellico Village Lions Club

At the Tellico Village Lions annual picnic, the club donated \$20,000 towards the continuing Hurricane Helene relief efforts. Shown in the photo below is Club President, Harry Rucker, presenting the check to DG Nate Hughes.



Tellico Village inducted a new member at their November meeting.

L to R: Harry Rucker, President; Barry and Brenda Sherman, Sponsors; Michelle Menefee, new member; and Chris Garner, Ceremony Leader.



L to R: Lion Barry Sherman; Callie Hodge, Donations Director; Allison Cates, Camp Director; Lion Mark Williams.

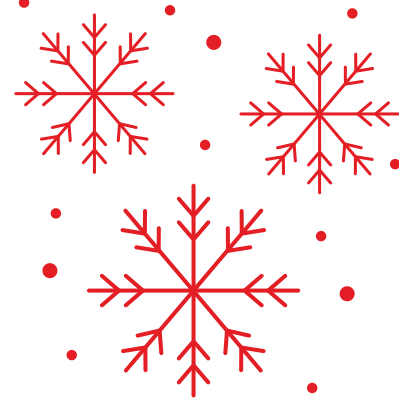
Twelve children are going to ETCH Camp this coming summer, due to the generosity of the Tellico Village residents that supported this year's walking event, which resulted in \$6,000 in donations.



# Tellico Village Lions Club (con't)



King Lion Harry Rucker pins Lion Kathy Dooley with a District 12 N Recognition Pin for Outstanding Work with the Lions and other volunteer efforts in Tellico Village.



*Congratulations!*



L to R: Bruce Johnson sponsoring Patrica Miller; Wayne DeLawter sponsoring Nawga Osman; Chris Garner Officating; Rosie Sylvester sponsoring Brandi Manifold; King Lion Harry Rucker





# Christmas Gifts Trivia Quiz

1. In 1996, what toy with origins in Sesame Street was a sensation at Christmas time?

- a. Tickle Me Elmo    b. Cookie Monster    c. Oscar the Grouch

2. What brand of scooter was a must-have Christmas gift for children in 2000?

- a. Jetson    b. Razor    c. Globber

3. What 1984 toy was one of the biggest all-time sellers?

- a. Barbie    b. Cabbage Patch Kids    c. G.I. Joe

4. In Japan, there's a special way to wrap gifts using scarves. What is it called?

- a. Harakiri    b. Origami    c. Furoshiki

5. Despite different fads, which toy consistently sells the most every Christmas?

- a. Barbie    b. Lego    c. Blocks

6. What year did Monopoly first become a popular present for Christmas?

- a. 1925    b. 1935    c. 1945

7. In the movie "A Christmas Story," what is the ultimate gift Ralphie Parker wants for Christmas?

- a. A BB gun    b. A football    c. A new sled

8. According to Miss Manners, which of the following is not an acceptable way of handling an unwanted Christmas present?

- a. Exchanging it for something else    b. Donating it to charity    c. Asking the giver to take it back and try again

9. In the classic story, what special gift did the Magi bring to the baby Jesus, besides gold and frankincense?

- a. Myrrh    b. Cedar    c. Cinnamon

10. What ancient civilization is credited with starting the tradition of gift-giving during the winter solstice, which later influenced Christmas traditions?

- a. The Romans    b. The Egyptians    c. The Greeks

11. In the classic O. Henry story "The Gift of the Magi," what does Jim sell to buy Della a set of combs?

- a. His watch    b. His coat    c. His prized car

12. What is the most popular Christmas gift item in the United Kingdom, according to recent retail data?

- a. Electronics    b. Clothing    c. Gift cards

13. In the classic story of The Nutcracker, what is the name of the girl who receives the magical nutcracker doll as a Christmas gift?

- a. Clara    b. Maria    c. Anastasia

14. What is the most popular Christmas gift item in Canada, according to recent retail data?

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15. What gift is associated with the historical figure Saint Nicholas, which he is said to have given to three impoverished sisters?

- a. Bags of gold    b. Precious jewels    c. Fine silk garments





# East TN Lions District 12N 2025-2026 CALENDAR



July 2025						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> International Convention in Orlando, FL

19<sup>th</sup> Cabinet Organizational Meeting

January 2026						
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3-11<sup>th</sup> Hunger Week

10<sup>th</sup> Winter Cabinet Meeting via ZOOM

16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> Lions Learning Retreat in Manchester, TN

29<sup>th</sup> - ETLEB Board Mtg

August 2025						
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2<sup>nd</sup> MD 12 Organizational Meeting in Nashville, TN Noon-Central Time

5<sup>th</sup> GLT Zone Chair training via ZOOM 8PM

19<sup>th</sup> GLT Power Hour ZOOM 8PM

27<sup>th</sup> DG Nate's ZOOM 8AM

February 2026						
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3<sup>rd</sup> GLT Power Hour ZOOM 8PM

4<sup>th</sup> IPDG Keltie's ZOOM 8PM

25<sup>th</sup> DG Nate's ZOOM 8AM

September 2025						
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18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> USA/Canada Forum in Atlantic City, NJ

24<sup>th</sup> DG Nate's ZOOM 8PM

March 2026						
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4<sup>th</sup> IPDG Keltie's ZOOM 8PM

27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> District 12N Convention Farragut Community Center

October 2025						
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4<sup>th</sup> Fall Cabinet Meeting 9:00 AM LVBJ

7<sup>th</sup> GLT Power Hour ZOOM 8PM

29<sup>th</sup> DG Nate's ZOOM 8AM

4-12<sup>th</sup> Mental Health Week

April 2026						
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7<sup>th</sup> GLT Power Hour ZOOM 8PM

29<sup>th</sup> DG Nate's ZOOM 8PM

18 - 26<sup>th</sup> Environmental Week

30<sup>th</sup> April - 2<sup>nd</sup> May MD12 TN State Conv.

November 2025						
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1<sup>st</sup> MD12 Rally & TLC Honors Banquet

May 2026						
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Spring Cabinet Meeting Date To Be Determined

27<sup>th</sup> DG Nate's ZOOM 8AM

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3<sup>rd</sup> DG Nate's ZOOM 8PM

3<sup>rd</sup> & IPDG Keltie ZOOM

6<sup>th</sup> 12N Charities meeting 10:00 AM in Sevierville

June 2026						
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24<sup>th</sup> DG Nate's ZOOM 8PM

# Welcome New Members

Patricia Aguiar - Sevier Co Lions - Sponsor Wilma White-Stayton  
Lucas Barton - Campbell County Lions - Sponsor Martha Wells  
Patrick Burton - Kingsport Lions - Sponsor Shannon Southerland  
Mike Childress - Campbell County Lions - Sponsor Nancy Green  
Charles Havener - Norris Lions - Sponsor James Hayes  
Sam Isaac - Elizabethton Lions - Sponsor Yolanda Vestal  
Michelle Menefee - Tellico Village Lions - Sponsor Brenda Sherman  
Patricia Miller - Tellico Village Lions - Sponsor Bruce Johnson  
Nagwa Osman - Tellico Village Lions - Sponsor Wayne Delawter



*In Loving Memory*



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# LIONS VOLUNTEER BLIND INDUSTRIES



Learn more about our mattress lines by Comfort Crafters, available in our retail store, wholesale and soon to be online. More series to come in following editions of News & Views. Call, email, or visit us online for more details.

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[www.comfortcrafters.com](http://www.comfortcrafters.com)

## Spring Duet

### Cadence

The **Cadence** mattress is 2 sided assembled using only top quality components. The **Cadence** uses 1" quilted enviro-friendly **BioFlex™** foam along with ½" foam to give the added comfort and support for a customer looking for an extra firm mattress. This mattress has a 420 coil (based on a queen size) spring made from upcycled steel with a 6-gauge border rod and 13-gauge bonnel coil inner spring with a Power Edge support to ensure a consistent feel and durability. The **Cadence** is designed to be turned and flipped regularly and is covered by a 10 year pro-rated warranty when purchased with a box spring.

### Nocturne Firm

The **Nocturne Firm** mattress is 2 sided assembled using only top quality components. The **Nocturne Firm** uses 1-1/2" quilted enviro-friendly **BioFlex™** along with 2" foam to give extra support and firmness for a customer looking for the ultra-firm mattress. This mattress has a 420 coil (based on a queen size) spring made from upcycled steel with a 6-gauge border rod and 13-gauge bonnel coil inner spring with a Power Edge support to ensure a consistent feel and durability. The **Nocturne Firm** is designed to be turned and flipped regularly and is covered by a 10 year pro-rated warranty when purchased with a box spring.



# Operation Inasmuch Food Packing



## DISTRICT 12N LIONS – 4th Annual FOOD PACKING Event

Tuesday, January 6, 2026: 8:30 AM – 2:00 PM

The Hangar at Pathways Church  
1210 Airport Blvd.  
Sevierville, TN 37862

The **District 12N GST Team** has partnered with “*Operation Inasmuch*” and Pathways Church for the 4th Annual food packing project on Tuesday, January 6, 2026. **ALL DISTRICT 12N CLUBS** can serve their communities this holiday season and address one of the Lions Clubs International focus causes: **HUNGER.**

We will be packaging approx. 40,000 pasta and/or soup meals. “*Operation Inasmuch*” provides all hair nets, gloves, masks, and product. On-site training will take place on how to do each stage of the packing process. **Each club will be eligible to receive approx. 4 boxes containing 36 meal packets that will feed a family of 6.**

To make this project a success, we will need **volunteer help** and **Club Commitment** to have someone pick up the club’s share of boxes on Tuesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, **prior to 1:30 PM** to distribute however the club deems appropriate (individuals, church, community food banks, Domestic Violence Shelters, Meals on Wheels, etc.). LCIF would like to know how we are serving our communities. Please provide details and photos AND report your service hours!!!

**8:30 AM: Meet n Greet; Breakfast, develop teams, training.**

**9:00 AM: Prayer, Pledge, Introductions, recognitions; Shift 1 commence.**

**11:00 AM: Break; lunch; develop teams; training.**

**NOON: Shift 2 commence**

**1:30 PM: Pick-up & dispense boxes of food; clean up.**

**2:00 PM: Kudos and out the door!**

**No outside food or beverage may be brought in. Health Department protocols will be followed.**

Club Name	9AM – 11AM and/or NOON-2:00 PM Shift 1 or 2	# Volunteers	Volunteer Name(s)	Food Only – Pick-up Name(s)

Send registration information to: PDG 12N Rich Wilson e: [richwilson2011@yahoo.com](mailto:richwilson2011@yahoo.com)

(c:865.321.0903). **Registration deadline: Friday, January 2, 2026.** Please provide the name and phone number (above) of the individual that will be picking up the boxes.



Thanks in advance for making this a successful 12N event! See you next year!!!

# Disaster Updates

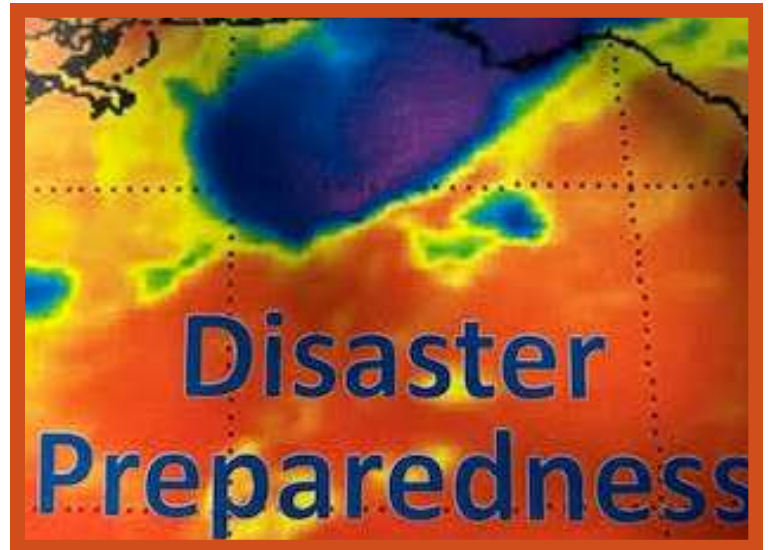
The disaster team continues to meet by Zoom the first Wednesday of each month at 8 PM and addresses requests for assistance for disaster relief. The most significant request received recently was to help a family of 3 adults who have been living in a car for a year. The “camper team” went to work immediately and located a camper and made the purchase on Saturday, November 15th.

Additionally, 2 new mattresses were purchased for the camper. The team is shopping for other items this family will need to help with getting started in their new home. Also, twenty disaster relief bags were provided during the last month for an organization with individuals impacted by the disaster. The camper and supplies were funded through disaster relief donations.

After several meetings discussing the list of items for a disaster preparedness kit, the disaster team approved partnering with CWS (Church World Services), an organization experienced in disaster preparedness. Their “template” of supplies in a drawstring “To-Go bag (kit)” will be utilized to form the foundation of 400 To-Go kits. Additionally, other items will be placed in the To-Go Bags/Kits which will add extras that the team feels are needed. The 400 To-Go Kits will be assembled at the 12N Convention in March of 2026. There is still a need for some shopping for the extra items. Please let me (IPDG Keltie) know if your club or any member wishes to help with the shopping or providing any of the extra items. These kits are being funded by a Disaster Preparedness Grant awarded by LCIF.



Lion Chuck assisting with the purchase of Camper #14





# STOP THE DROP!

## Keep Our Lions Strong – Keep Our Members Engaged



### WHY IT MATTERS:

Every Lion counts. When members leave, we lose passion, hands, and heart for our service. Let's act now to *STOP the DROP!*

### \* 6 SIMPLE ACTIONS EVERY CLUB CAN TAKE!



#### Connect Personally

Reach out to absent members with a call, text, or visit. Show you care beyond the meetings.



#### Ask & Listen

Survey your members: What do they love? What needs improving? Listen and act on their feedback.



#### Make Meetings Meaningful

Keep meetings fun, inspiring, and efficient. Celebrate service, not just business.



#### Engage Everyone

Assign small roles or tasks so every Lion feels needed. Involve members in planning projects they care about.



#### Recognize and Appreciate

Celebrate milestones (years of service, birthday, *achievements*). Say "Thank You" often and sincerely.



#### Have More Fun!

Plan social nights, service celebrations, and lighthearted competitions. Laugh, bond, and make memories together –



**REMEMBER:** Retention isn't just about staying – It's about belonging. Strong Clubs – Strong Service! Together, We Can Stop the Drop!

# Lions Learning Retreat 2026



## Lions Learning Retreat

January 16-18, 2026

Manchester Coffee County Conference Center

Manchester, Tennessee

**DEADLINE TO CONFIRM MEALS IS DECEMBER 31, 2025!!!!**

Attendee 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Printed name on Badge: \_\_\_\_\_

District: \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

First Time Attendee? (Please Circle One): Y N Lion: \_\_\_\_\_ Leo: \_\_\_\_\_ Cub: \_\_\_\_\_ Guest: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Meals: Diabetic: \_\_\_\_\_ Low Sodium: \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian: \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Attendee 2: \_\_\_\_\_ Printed name on Badge: \_\_\_\_\_

District: \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

First Time Attendee? (Please Circle One): Y N Lion: \_\_\_\_\_ Leo: \_\_\_\_\_ Cub: \_\_\_\_\_ Guest: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Meals: Diabetic: \_\_\_\_\_ Low Sodium: \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian: \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Registration	Deadline (postmarked by)	Amount	# to Register
<b>Full registration: Includes all seminars, Friday dinner, Saturday lunch &amp; dinner and Sunday breakfast</b>			
Early	Now - October 31, 2025	\$160.00	
Regular	November 1 - December 31, 2025	\$170.00	
Late/On-Site	January 1 - January 16, 2026	\$180.00	
<b>Saturday only includes seminars with lunch &amp; dinner</b>			
Regular	Now - December 31, 2025	\$80.00	
Late/On-Site ***Meals not guaranteed***	January 1 - January 17, 2026	\$90.00	
<b>Saturday seminars ONLY (NO MEALS INCLUDED)</b>			
Regular	Now - December 15, 2025	\$25.00	
Late/On-Site	January 1 - January 17, 2026	\$35.00	
		<b>TOTAL:</b>	

**Please choose one protein for Saturday night meal: Turkey with cornbread dressing OR Beef Medallions**

**For full registration: mark if NOT ATTENDING one of the meals below:**

Friday dinner: \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday lunch: \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday dinner: \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday breakfast: \_\_\_\_\_

### PAYMENT

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

**Additional Information located on page 29-30**



# Lions Learning Retreat 2026 (con't)

## Lions Learning Retreat (cont)

The Host Hotel is the **Holiday Inn Express**, 111 Hospitality Blvd., in Manchester, TN. **Please call today** for room reservations. **931-728-9383** and ask for the Lions Rate of \$115.00 plus taxes. Additional Important Information: **This rate is good until January 1, 2026. Reservations made after that date will pay a higher room rate.**

### Other hotels near the Conference Center

Laquinta Inn & Suites at 120 Hospitality Dr. - 931-450-4005

The Comfort Inn & Suites at 152 Hospitality Dr. in 931-228-8393

**The tradition of the Basket Auction continues.** This helps keep the cost of the LLR registration as low as possible. Can we count on you to bring a gift basket? Yes \_\_\_\_\_

**Another tradition is the first-timer seminar at 5PM 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 who have not attended an LLR. 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 Lionism hone your leadership skills, and help your club become it can be! **Lead to Serve, Serve to Lead.**

### **Interested in presenting at the Lions Learning Retreat????**

Contact Tawnya Buster - [tawnyabuster@gmail.com](mailto:tawnyabuster@gmail.com) or 615-945-9906.

### **We will be selling ads in this year's Lions Learning Retreat booklet**

FULL PAGE \$100

½ PAGE \$50

¼ PAGE \$25

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

Please email your ad to [tawnyabuster@gmail.com](mailto:tawnyabuster@gmail.com) to be placed in the book by **December 1, 2025.**

**Our Lions International guest this weekend will be Past International Director Robert "Bob" Block and his Partner in Service Brenda Block.**

Looking for the latest Lions Learning Retreat information including schedule, seminar information and more? You can find it on our WEBSITE! <https://tennesseelionsllr.com/>

We will have fun, learn a lot, do a little service, make new friends as we catch up with old ones and I've got a few surprises up my sleeve to ensure we have FUN!!!!  
Hope to see you in Manchester in January 16-18, 2026!

**Additional Information located on page 28 & 30**

# Lions Learning Retreat 2026 (con't)



## Advertise in the Tennessee Lions Learning Retreat 2026 Program

Full Page	\$100.00	_____
1/2 Page	\$50.00	_____
1/4 Page	\$25.00	_____
Patron	\$10.00	_____

*\*\*\* Patrons get a one-line mention with all other Patrons \*\*\**

**TOTAL Enclosed:** \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Company/Club: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_

To pay by check: Make checks payable to LLR

To pay by Credit Card:

CC # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Zip Code : \_\_\_\_\_

I authorize LLR to charge \$\_\_\_\_\_ to my credit card.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Send completed form (with check if paying by check) to:

PDG Jim McFarland  
8030 Whitestone Road  
Knoxville, TN 37938  
Email: [mlionjim@gmail.com](mailto:mlionjim@gmail.com)

Send COPY for the ad to: [tawnyabuster@gmail.com](mailto:tawnyabuster@gmail.com)

Any questions, please contact: PDG Tawnya Buster 615-945-9906 or PDG Jim McFarland 865-556-9091



# Special Weeks of Service

## LIONS & LEOS WEEKS OF SERVICE 2025-2026



The Weeks of Service centers around significant International days, highlighting the impact of Lions through the world. Lions are encouraged to do service that greatly impacts their communities while also finding sustainable ways to increase service impact, and visibility of the Lions brand through consistent periods of service.

### THE 3 FOCUS AREAS FOR THIS FY INCLUDE:



#### MENTAL HEALTH & WELL-BEING

LIONS SERVICE WEEK WILL BE ON  
OCTOBER 4-12, 2025

**COMPLETED**



#### HUNGER

LIONS SERVICE WEEK WILL BE FROM  
JANUARY 3-11, 2026



#### ENVIRONMENT

LIONS SERVICE WEEK WILL BE FROM  
APRIL 18-26, 2026

# Roaring News and Notes:



Smoky Mountain Lions Charities Mobile has two CCTVs available for individuals needing reading assistance. If you know someone who could benefit, contact Lion Jim McFarland at 865-556-9091 or email 865-556-9091.





# Roaring News and Notes:

## GIVING TUESDAY

### How You Can Support LCIF on #GivingTuesday? December 2nd, 2025

It is always the right time to come together and support the greater good with @LCIFLions. We appreciate our renowned Lions community doing just that: to help build mission of SERVICE with your unwavering support. This #GivingTuesday, Dec 2nd, please consider continuing that support with a \$20 gift, or anyway that you can. Every dollar counts! There are many ways you can help make the world a better place: [lionsclubs.org/givingtuesday](https://lionsclubs.org/givingtuesday). Please join us!



# Information on State Convention 2026



There has been a change in the location of the 2026 Tennessee Lions State Convention. It will now be in Clarksville at the **Doubletree by Hilton, Clarksville Riverview**. The room cost is \$139 plus tax which includes a breakfast buffet (at a value of \$21 per person). Reservations can be made at:

<https://group.doubletree.com/hfiu0r> or by phone at 931-919-5044. Hotel reservations must be made by March 30, 2026.

The convention will kickoff on Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup> from 6-9 PM with a reception for our International Guest, **1st International Vice President Mark Lyon**. Light finger foods will be available and are included in the registration package price.

The Full Registration package is all that is available at the present time. This includes Lunch and Dinner on Friday, in addition to Lunch and a Grand Banquet on Saturday evening. The cost is \$150 for four meals and the Thursday reception.

There will be optional seminars on Friday morning, with great speakers scheduled throughout the day on Friday and Saturday.

There will be a **live basket auction on Friday night** with Ed Cope conducting the auction. The baskets will be provided by Lions and Lions Clubs with a value of at least \$50 to make the auction productive. Your support is very much appreciated. Clubs and individuals are encouraged to donate items for this auction.

Special entertainment will be provided by Chris Golden, son of William Lee Golden of the Oak Ridge Boys.

There will be many vendors to share information on service, fund raising and equipment that would be useful to your club.



# Registration for State Convention 2026

## 2026 (107<sup>th</sup>) Tennessee Lions State Convention

April 30-May 2, 2026

Doubletree by Hilton Clarksville Riverview

**Semi quinentennial** of the United States

1<sup>st</sup> International Vice President Mark S. Lyon

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Club \_\_\_\_\_ Current Office/Position \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Club \_\_\_\_\_ Current Office/Position \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Early Full Registration by November 1, 2025 \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$150 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Regular Full Registration by February 1, 2026 \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$180 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Late Full Registration by April 15, 2026 \_\_\_\_\_ @ 200 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

No Registrations will be accepted after April 15. No walk-ins.

***Thursday Night Reception included with paid registration***

Any dietary needs (Be Specific) \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail checks made out to "Lions of Tennessee" (the sooner the better to save you money)

Mail to:

Lion Ed Lantz

5087 Minnis RD

Springfield, TN 37172



# 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 2nd VDG Kim Osborne at [kimosborne607@gmail.com](mailto:kimosborne607@gmail.com) by the 20th day of the month. We look forward to seeing your stories!**

### **WE NEED YOUR HELP:**

*It's come to our attention that some of our fellow Lions may not be aware of the News & Views Newsletter that's delivered to inboxes at the start of each month. This monthly publication is packed with valuable updates, event information, and resources that are important for all of us in District 12N.*

*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! 🦁📧**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Kim Osborne - News & Views Editor and Publisher**