



## Dates to Remember

**Feb 16-19, 2023**  
**TN Lions Learning**  
**Institute**  
**Cumberland Univ**  
**Lebanon**

**March 17-18**  
**District 12N**  
**Convention**  
**Music Road**  
**Pigeon Forge**

**May 5-6, 2023**  
**MD12 State Conv**  
**Downtown Hilton**  
**Knoxville**

## DG RICH'S POST- "Between the Lions"

District 12N was well represented at the Lions Learning Retreat held January 20-22, 2023, at the Manchester-Coffee County Conference Center. Kudos to participants LLR Co-Chair Clare Crawford, Dave Crawford, Paulette Bailey, Presenter Chuck Bailey, Presenter Jim McFarland, Presenter Rich Wilson, Presenter Connie Emmons, first timer Frank McCall, Johnny Cecil and Saturday night MC, Wendy Cain. Circle January 26 -28, 2024, for the next LLR. (See pix elsewhere in this issue).

Remember to send Valentines from your club to the shut-ins at nursing homes in your community. Volunteer to head up this project.

District Convention - March 17-18, 2023 at The Music Road Resort & Convention Center is where you'll find your fellow Lions from District 12N and around the State. The activities start Friday night with the East Tennessee Lions Eye Bank dinner and annual meeting. Saturday will include 12N business, a lunch program, 2023-2024 officer elections, the Charities Board Annual meeting and at the evening banquet, guest speaker LCI International Director Sam Lindsey. Please make sure that all 40 clubs elect delegates and are represented for the 12N officer elections. Workers are needed for the various convention committees to make our convention a great success. Please feel free to contact me: 865.321.0903 to volunteer. Our registration form is attached.

DG12N rcw

# DISTRICT CLUBS SERVING FROM THE HEART

## Campbell County Food Distribution



Left to right: Norma Herbeck, Bill McDonald, Joan Feeney, Carol McDonald, Virgie Selvidge, Pam Phillips, Darryl Williamson and Karen Clear. Kneeling are Jamie Sackett and David Brubaker.

On Tuesday January 17th, members of the Campbell County Lions Club delivered food boxes to the Food Life Services' Pantry located at the former East LaFollette School.

Lion's Martha Wells, Carol McDonald, Cynda Hodges and Virgie Selvidge were involved in packing the boxes at the Food Packing Project: December 6 – District 12-N 3rd Annual Food Packing Project Inasmuch, at The Hangar at Pathways Church, Sevierville, TN.

These boxes will provide 880 meals, according to President Lion Martha Wells.

# Vice Governor Frank's Musings



## Lions Help Students Learn—Learning Ally

Somewhere in East Tennessee, a student is struggling to learn. If you want to succeed anywhere in life, the secret is a good education. But not everybody has the same capability of learning. There has to be a way to give that student a fighting chance. Within District 12-N Charities, the Lions club has such a program. This program is called Learning Ally.

Learning Ally provides educational help to students and communities in areas of Upper East Tennessee. These services have reached 83 new schools which have been introduced to this technology. A new program was introduced this year called Excite Reading. It is an early literacy program that gives support to both educators and students from kindergarten to second grade.

Struggling readers that do have access to Learning Ally can benefit by having access to over 80,000 audiobooks and textbooks, quarterly reading challenges, carefully designed lessons to help build vocabulary and family connections to further learning at home.

The audiobook solution is an added tool that helps teachers transform the students into avid learners. The teachers have the ability to track and analyze the overall learning as the student progresses. This is backed up by giving the teachers the opportunity to get the most out of the Learning Ally services.

If you know of a school that could benefit by this program, please let District 12-N know. Let us do our part and change someone's life for the better.

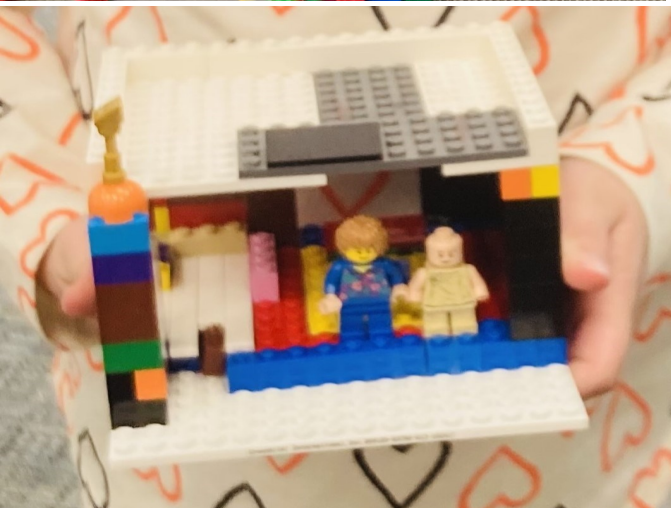
1st VDG Frank McCall



# DISTRICT CLUBS SERVING FROM THE HEART

## Johnson City Lions

In October the Johnson City Lions came up with a program called “**Building with the Lions**” where they get together at the Johnson City Library and work with families on building things out of Legos! So far they have had 76 families participate in the program that is held the second Saturday of each month.





# DISTRICT CLUBS SERVING FROM THE HEART

## Knox County North



Gary and Rick Long ring bells for the Salvation Army. Thanks for serving!



# OTHER DISTRICT RELATED ITEMS

## PREVENT DIABETES - PREVENT BLINDNESS

Type 2 Diabetes is the leading cause of Blindness. The Good News: *PreDiabetes* is **reversible**. That's why the District 12N Project for the Core area of Diabetes focused on expanding *PreDiabetes* screening in Clubs' respective service areas. Starting in October, and peaking around worldwide Diabetes Awareness Day in November, seven clubs conducted screenings. Here are the results:

### Screening for PreDiabetes 12N Diabetes Core Project

7 Clubs screened. Tellico Village continued their monthly glucose testing. Loudon, Sevier County, Maryville, Farragut, Greenville and Kingsport used the one-page ADA risk test, and Lions who had taken the *Lifestyle Change Course* told those "at risk" about the class. For people that left their contact information, the Clubs will let them know when new classes begin.

273 people saw the ADA Risk Test

47 provided contact information

Lions facilitated the start of 2 classes in January 2023, both allowing Virtual connection

Lions contacted those who wanted to know.

PreDiabetes Screening at Lynn View Senior Center, Kingsport



Doug Haseltine  
District Diabetes Chair,  
[haseltin@chartertn.net](mailto:haseltin@chartertn.net)  
423 239-9178.



## OTHER DISTRICT RELATED ITEMS

### KAPA—Knox Area Project Access Program



Lion Dave Crawford presents the partnership agreement check to Danielle Sims, administrator of the Knox Area Project Access program.

Thanks to the generosity of the East Tennessee Lions Eye Bank, District 12-N has been able to offer free eye surgery to residents of East Tennessee and will continue the program until at least October 2023.

## 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](mailto:ladipee@gmail.com) by the 20th of the month.**

## OTHER DISTRICT RELATED ITEMS

### APPOINT YOUR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

It is not too soon to appoint your Nominating Committee to search for Club Officer candidates for the 2023-2024 Lions year. Typically the Nominating Committee will put together a slate of Officers in February, present them to the club in March, vote 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**



**MEMBERSHIP  
CHAIR**



## OTHER DISTRICT RELATED ITEMS



### **DISTRICT 12N CHARITY BOARD ELECTIONS**

Fellow Lions of District 12-N:

If you have a desire to serve your District, here is the chance to do that.

The 12-N Charities Board will have 2023-2024 elections at our March 18th 12N Convention. Four Lions that have served will be coming off the Board and we will need to fill these positions.

If you are interested in serving on this board, please send me your Name and Club information. This position on the board is for a three-year term.

The board meets four time a year at the Cabinet meetings and at the yearly district convention.

Yours in Lions Service

PDG Bill Slover

Chairman Nomination 12-N charities

E-mail [ort0211@hotmail.com](mailto:ort0211@hotmail.com)

Phone Number 865-803-2198

## OTHER DISTRICT RELATED ITEMS

### Proposed 2023-2024 Lions District 12N Charities Budget

Trustees/Directors of Lions District 12N Charities, Inc. met on December 5, 2022 for the purpose of allocating available funds for the Charities Projects to be presented to the membership at the Charities Meeting for consideration in conjunction with the District 12N Convention on March 18, 2023.

PROJECT	Final
Childhood Cancer	\$0.00
Diabetes Awareness	\$1,000.00
ETLEB	\$1,000.00
Hearing & Speech Foundation	\$1,500.00
Leader Dogs	\$2,000.00
Learning Ally	\$500.00
Lions Quest	\$1,000.00
LVBI (Volunteer Blind Ind)	\$20,000.00
TSB (TN School for Blind)	\$1,000.00
TSD (TN School for Deaf)	\$1,000.00
World Services for Blind	\$0.00
Braille Slate	\$0.00
Emergency Fund	\$1,000.00
Discretionary Fund	\$3,000.00
Operating Expense	\$860.00
<b>Total Proposed '23-'24 Charities Budget</b>	<b>\$33,860.00</b>

# OTHER DISTRICT RELATED ITEMS

## Proposed Administrative Changes Charities Projects

At the December 5th meeting of the 12N Charities Board, two administrative changes to the names of Charities Projects were approved for presentation to the membership at the District 12N Convention on March 18, 2023.

Article VIII Charities Projects and Grants - Section 3 Designated Charities and Projects

Subparagraph 5)

Tennessee Lions Charities (Tennessee School for the Blind Fund)

Subparagraph 6)

Parent Teacher Counselor Association of Tennessee School for the Deaf

These changes are made to specify that the funds are designated for the sole benefit of the students.

The Board also approved the addition of KAPA to the list of approved Charities Projects for consideration by the membership at the Charities meeting held in conjunction with the District 12N Convention March 18.

The following change is proposed to add Knoxville Area Project Access (KAPA) to the list of designated charities projects to be supported, and to renumber the remaining paragraphs of this section. This change is being proposed in case changes to funding sources for the KAPA program become necessary.

Article VIII Charities Projects and Grants - Section 3 Designated Charities and Projects

Subparagraph

13) Knoxville Area Project Access (KAPA)

14) District Governor's Emergency Fund (See Section 4)

15) District Discretionary Fund (See Section 5)

16) Proceeds from eyeglass recycling will be given to a 501c(3) organization that Provides free or greatly reduced eye exams or glasses to individuals in need of such Services in Lions District 12N.



## OTHER DISTRICT RELATED ITEMS

### East Tennessee Lions Eye Bank Request

The East Tennessee Lions Eye Bank was begun by the Lions in the Knoxville area and has been a strong partner in service with the Lions to the citizens of East Tennessee. The staff retrieves donated corneas, processes that tissue and provides it to several eye surgeons for transplant.

The Eye Bank has rented space in the University of Tennessee Hospital and has, thanks to growth and success, outgrown the space. As a result, a building has been purchased in the Karns area. Interestingly, the building is an expansion of a home that was owned by PDG Bill Shannon, a long-time member of the Karns Lions Club.

Now the Eye Bank needs help from the Lions of District 12-N to make this facility "state of the art" so that the citizens of East Tennessee can continue to receive the best vision care available. The Eye Bank will keep the lab space at UT Hospital as the majority of donors come from UT and the doctors find the convenience a positive factor.

Following is a "wish list" of items that will have to be purchased for the new location. Any Lion, individual or Lions Club that would like to make a donation to purchase any of these items will have a donation plaque placed on the item identifying the donor(s).

Needs include:

computers -- 9 needed -- \$1,000 each

printers -- 8 needed -- \$300 each

shredder -- 2 needed -- \$400 each

projection screen -- 2 needed -- \$500 each

centrifuge -- 1 needed -- \$200

Slit lamp microscope—1 needed—\$19,000—\$32,000

## OTHER DISTRICT RELATED ITEMS

### **East Tennessee Lions Eye Bank Request cont.**

Needs cont:

incubator -- 1 needed -- \$200

heat gun -- 1 needed -- \$50

icemaker -- 2 needed -- \$600 each

specular microscope -- 1 needed -- \$40,000

Blood refrigerator—2 needed—\$30,000 each

OTC microscope -- 1 needed -- \$40,000

autoclave -- 2 needed -- \$600 each

laminar flow hood -- 1 needed -- \$20,000

MicroKeratome -- 2 needed -- \$22,500 each

operating microscope -- 1 needed -- \$50,000

bioload reader -- 1 needed -- \$200

scanner -- 2 needed -- \$4,000 each

disposable kits -- 450 needed -- \$48 each

DMEK instruments kit -- 10 needed -- \$400 each

DSAEK instrument tray -- 2 needed -- \$15,000 each

excision kit -- 3 needed -- \$400 each

Zebra printer (labels) -- 2 needed -- \$1,800 each

large white board -- 1 needed -- \$300

If you, your friends, your Sunday school class, your Lions Club or anyone else you know would like to assist, please contact PDG Clare Crawford, Eye Bank Board of Directors Secretary, at 865-607-1898 or [LionClare@gmail.com](mailto:LionClare@gmail.com).

# OTHER DISTRICT RELATED ITEMS

## Hearing and Speech Updates



DG Rich Wilson would like to give a big "THANK YOU" to Lion Kim Osborne from the Sevier County Lions Club for agreeing to step up to the role as Chairperson for the District 12N Hearing & Speech program. This position had been held by Lion Nellie Harshbarger of the Norris Lions Club, who was instrumental in getting this program established more than 10 years ago. Lion Nellie has decided that the time has come to turn over the leadership of this District 12N Charities program to someone new. Lion

Nellie will continue to work alongside Lion Kim in a supporting role for the remainder of the 2022-2023 Lions year.

Newly updated Hearing referral application forms will be made available by Chairperson Kim around the beginning of February. At that time, application forms will be distributed via email to all Club Presidents & Secretaries in addition to being made available on the District 12N webpage. Application forms can also be obtained via email directly from Lion Kim at [kimosborne607@gmail.com](mailto:kimosborne607@gmail.com). For questions about how to refer a client who is in need of possible hearing aids, contact Lion Kim via email or by telephone at 865-850-4419.

Lion Kim Osborne, Chairperson  
Lion Nellie Harshbarger, Co-Chairperson  
District 12N Hearing & Speech Program  
607 Dwight Lane, Sevierville, TN 37876  
865-850-4419  
[Kimosborne607@gmail.com](mailto:kimosborne607@gmail.com)



## OTHER DISTRICT RELATED ITEMS

### LVBI (LIONS VOLUNTEER BLIND INDUSTRIES) - FLOOD

During our Christmas shutdown period, we experienced a water pipe burst and sprinkler line leak. It was found on Christmas Day and we were able to get a company in that day to help dry up the water with fans and dehumidifiers, drying process took 4 days. The water leak was on the second story of the old building that is constructed of all wood. There was enough water that it was pouring through the wood subfloor and it looked like it was raining on the first floor. The water was turned off that day and the leaks were fixed later in that week. We did receive damage from the water; mattress raw material, one office area furniture and CVT flooring are some of the current items. The paint on the wood ceiling is now peeling and flaking in many areas.

We have identified \$55K in raw materials that were damaged, and will be getting quotes for repairs on the other items. Servpro came yesterday and used devices to see if there is water trapped in between the subfloor and they identified some areas. They will be back again today to conduct more in-depth testing. Attached on the next page are some of the pictures taken on Christmas Day.

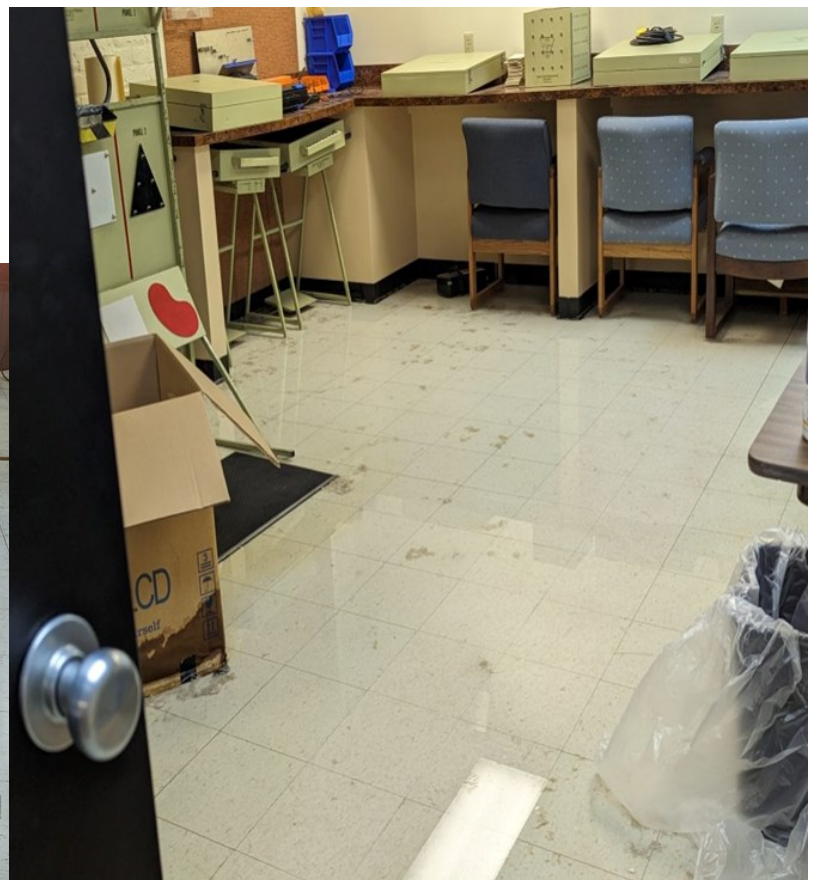
We have a \$10K deductible to meet and have started a go fund me page to help in this effort <https://gofund.me/2aef6057>. Please take a minute to share this (it is on VBI's Facebook page also) on any social media avenues that you may use and with your clubs. Any help will certainly be appreciated.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Trevor Southerland, Exec Director  
423-586-3922. Ext 154

# OTHER DISTRICT RELATED ITEMS

## LVBI (LIONS VOLUNTEER BLIND INDUSTRIES) - FLOOD





## MD12 LIONS LEARNING RETREAT - January 20-22



12N District Governor Rich Wilson and Jim McFarland at the MD12 Lions Learning Retreat in Manchester, TN. Lions from all over TN came together to share in camaraderie and learning through a myriad of seminars that were offered. PID Justin Faber provided a great motivational speech as did Brooklyn Driver-Smith, a KidSightl success story.



PDG Clare Crawford was Co-Chair for the weekend event with help from PDG Dave Crawford. PDG Wendy Cain was Emcee for several parts of the weekend and PDGs Chuck Bailey and Jim McFarland held seminars.



Other attendees from 12N-were Council Chair Paulette Bailey, 1VDG Frank McCall and Lion Johnny Cecil.

A great time was had by all.



# REMINDER - LCI DUES INCREASE

The Lions Clubs International Board of Directors undertook an extensive review of Lions Clubs International's financials, including the implementation of substantial budget reductions. After much consideration, the board proposed to adjust dues \$7 over a three-year period.

Under the proposal, international dues to the clubs would be adjusted according to the following schedule:

- **\$3 increase on July 1, 2023**
- **\$2 increase on July 1, 2024**
- **\$2 increase on July 1, 2025**

We realize the association has been reluctant to adjust dues over the years, and we have not adjusted international dues since 2011. The proposed adjustment will help cover our costs and allow us to suitably serve our members' needs. With that said, the Board of Directors did not take this issue lightly, nor are we minimizing the value of each dollar that our members contribute.

A dues adjustment will allow Lions Clubs International to provide improved support to Lions and to continue to invest in improving programs and digital products such as our website and MyLion. It will also allow us to invest in new programs such as the Learning Management System (LMS), development of new curriculum such as digital literacy, training videos, global advertising, marketing automation, digital and video storytelling and other tools and initiatives that will enhance our impact, our brand, and our membership.

I hope that you will see adjustment as an investment in the future of Lions. Through your support, we can ensure that Lions are positioned for success in the future.

**Douglas X. Alexander**  
**2021-2022 Int'l President**

# LIONS CLUBS OF TENNESSEE MULTIPLE DISTRICT 12 CONVENTION



**May 5-6, 2023**  
Featuring  
**1<sup>st</sup> VICE INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT**  
**PATTI HILL**



Hilton Knoxville  
501 West Church Avenue  
Knoxville, Tennessee 37902  
(865) 523-2300

Room Reservation Deadline — Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup> - \$139.00/Night  
For reservations, please contact Hilton Knoxville directly at (865) 251-8578 and use the Group ID LION23

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      \$35.00 EACH      X \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Choose One: Chicken or Pork)

Saturday Lunch      \$25.00 EACH      X \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Taco Bar)

Saturday Dinner      \$35.00 EACH      X \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Choose One: Chicken or Salmon)

**TOTAL** = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Special Dietary Needs (be specific): \_\_\_\_\_

Mail registration form by April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023 and make checks payable to LIONS CLUBS MD12

Mail to:      Lion Kathy Burrow, Convention Registrar  
700 Sedgley Drive, Knoxville, TN 37922

# District 12N Annual Lions Convention

## Shamrocks, Shillelaghs & Shenanigans



**March 17 & 18, 2023**

*Featuring*

**Past International Director Sam Lindsey**



Music Road Resort  
303 Henderson Chapel Road  
Pigeon Forge, TN 37863  
(865) 286.2243

**Room Reservation Deadline — Friday, March 3, 2023 - \$ 173.00 + tax**  
**Reservations: 800.429.7700; Group Name: Lions Convention; Group ID: 11621**

**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** \_\_\_\_\_ ; **Email** \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Fee: \$10.00/ EACH X \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**(ALL attendees must register)**

Friday Dinner (Complimentary) X \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ N/C

Saturday Lunch: \$25.00/ EA. X \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Dinner: \$45.00/ EA. X \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL** = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

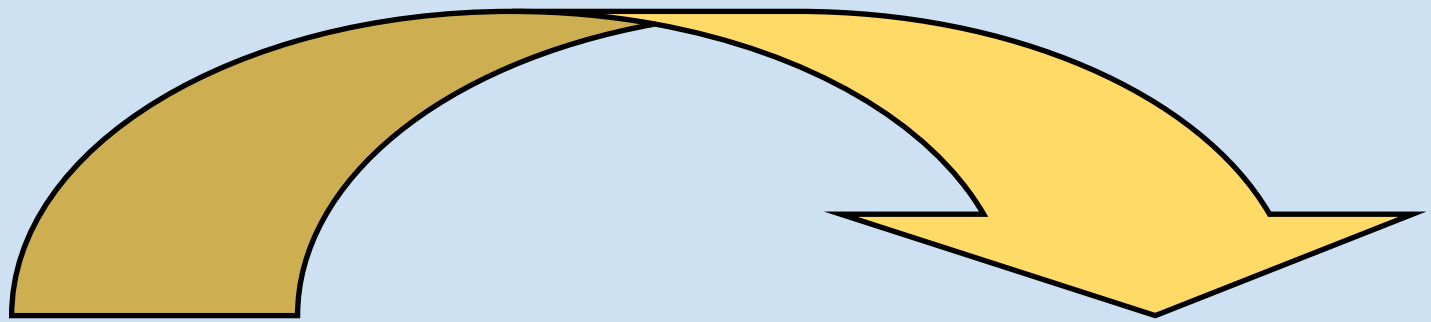
Special Dietary Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail registration form by March 10, 2023. Make checks payable to: District 12N Lions.**



**Mail to: District 12N Lions Convention**  
**P. O. Box 1571**  
**Pigeon Forge, TN 37868-1571**





## **WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS**

Janice Craig - Campbell County  
Tammy Barnes - Elizabethton  
Shonna Weddle - Elizabethton  
Preston Whitehead - Elizabethton  
Jacob Ball - Greeneville  
Debra Cogburn - Greeneville  
Nancy Smith - Inskip  
Anthony Slate - Karns  
Ernest McDuffey - Knoxville East  
Dustin Robbins - Knoxville Tri-County  
Jessica Robbins - Knoxville Tri-County  
Jody Dalton - Morristown Morris Blvd

*WELCOME NEW  
MEMBERS*

## **IN MEMORY OF**

Imogene Gilley - Bulls Gap  
William Marris - Harriman





**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](mailto:Michele.Love@volblind.org).



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