

**Who Do You Choose?**

I briefly touched base last month on elections. February is the month all clubs should turn in nominations for their upcoming officers. A nomination committee should do this. The nominating committee should take into consideration the best possible leader to fill that position.

Dates to Remember**Feb 16-18, 2024****District 12N Convention
Meadow View Resort****April 11-14, 2024****TLLI - TN Lions Learning
Institute
Cumberland University
Lebanon****May 3-4, 2024****MD12 State Convention
Manchester****June 21-25, 2024****Lions Int'l Convention
Melbourne, Australia**

They start by asking people in the club to be willing to serve each position. You do not just put somebody in a position, but make sure that they agree to serve. If a candidate does not understand the role, then explain the position in detail. These are our future leaders, so let us all make good on our recommendations to the club.

We all have a promising idea what our club officers should consist of. Let us make it simple. The club should have a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. This is based on the size of the club. It is better to have a governing body in place. A Board of Directors is there to help govern the everyday operations of the club and guide the members on a direct path that will be successful.

Another club officer to consider can be an LCIF chair. This officer will serve as a liaison between the club and the District LCIF chair, while at the same time promoting LCIF.

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DG Frank—Who do You Choose (continued)

A Marketing chair can also be a big addition to the club when doing fundraisers, service projects or membership drives by letting the community know how their club serves their needs.

The Vision chair plays one of the most important parts of the organization by involving the community in the club's non-stop efforts of supporting needs like free eye exams, glasses or even cataract surgery. This chair would be informing visually impaired or blind persons about Leader Dog for The Blind and how they offer assistance and training.

Our club is only good as the strength of the team. With the right leaders in place, we continue each year to serve our community and extend our own horizons. We accept the challenge to be the better Lions.

Yours in Lionism,

DG Frank McCall

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.

Vice Governor's Musings



Hearts of Service

February is designated by the American Heart Association as a time to encourage all people to focus on cardiovascular health by listening to their hearts, seek medical care and speak up for your health.

The Hard Truth is heart disease is the leading cause of death in the United States. Each person can take small actions like adding more movement to your day or choosing healthier foods which can have a big impact on protecting your heart.

These changes may also benefit those who are at risk for diabetes. Just yesterday, PDG Dr. Robert Miller, who celebrated his 105th birthday in October, shared how he recently led a group of "young seniors" on a one-mile hike around his senior living center.

Lions are known to have "Hearts of Service" as they "Love to Serve" so let's promote steps to protect our Hearts and enable us to keep Serving our communities!

Serving with you, 1st VDG Keltie



This month we celebrate Valentines Day on February 14th. A few facts: We've all heard the term "wear your heart on your sleeve." During the middle ages men would draw the names of women who they would be coupled with for the upcoming year while attending a Roman festival honoring Juno. After choosing, the men wore the names on their sleeves to show their bond during the festivities; hence "heart on your sleeve."

Let's not forget about cupid, a chubby baby with wings and a bow who can make us fall in love. Cupid was known to the

ancient Greeks as "Eros" the god of love. Eros, the son of Greek goddess Aphrodite, would use two sets of arrows, one for love the other for hate to play with the emotions of his mortal targets. Because of his mischievous ways, the Romans adopted a childlike appearance of cupid that we recognize today. This month how will you show your love as a lion? Let's use our arrows of love and not our arrows of hate. 1 Corinthians 16:14

WE SERVE, 2nd VDG Nathanael

DISTRICT CLUBS SERVING FROM THE HEART

Campbell County Activities



LaFollette Police Department

In honor of Law Enforcement Appreciation Day, delicious homemade cookies and a commemorative key ring all in a keepsake pouch were delivered to all 160 law enforcement personnel around Campbell County on Tuesday afternoon, January 9th.

Participating Lions: Larry Elam, Virgie Selvidge, Birdine Dixon, Carol McDonald, Cyn-da Hodges, Nancy Green, Janice Craig, and Cordell Petz.

The Campbell County Lions Club showed its support and appreciation to all 160 Campbell County law enforcement personnel on Tuesday afternoon, January 9th, by expressing gratitude to police officers in our county for their service to our communities.

Participating Lions: Carol McDonald, Cordell Petz, Janice Craig, Birdine Dixon, Virgie Selvidge, and Larry Elam



Campbell County Sheriff's Office

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

DISTRICT CLUBS SERVING FROM THE HEART

Campbell County Activities Cont.



Jacksboro Police Department

The Club recognizes the risk and difficulty of their profession and wishes to thank law enforcement personnel for their hard work and tireless hours they work every day. Participating Lions: Lions Janice Craig, Carol McDonald, Cordell Petz, Virgie Selvidge, and Larry Elam.

Again, the club appreciates the personnel for the tireless work in protecting our communities every day.

Participating Lions: Larry Elam, Carol McDonald, Virgie Selvidge, Cordell Petz, and Janice Craig.

Unfortunately, we were unable to get pictures at the Jellico Police Department.



Caryville Police Department

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

DISTRICT CLUBS SERVING FROM THE HEART

Farragut Activities



The Farragut Lions invited all Law Enforcement officers to enjoy a meal at Mimi's Cafe on Law Enforcement Appreciation Day. Luckily, we were able to include a new member and two visiting Lions from Ontario, Canada, at our meeting and in our picture.



Capt Brad Hall (second from left) of the Farragut Sheriff's office, Lion Tyler Hunsaker, King Lion Jerry Griffin, and Lion Dave Crawford talked via zoom to Chesney Roark, police officer in Bristol, TN, who is our King Lion's daughter. Chesney was a guest at the meeting.

DISTRICT CLUBS SERVING FROM THE HEART

Johnson City Lego Building



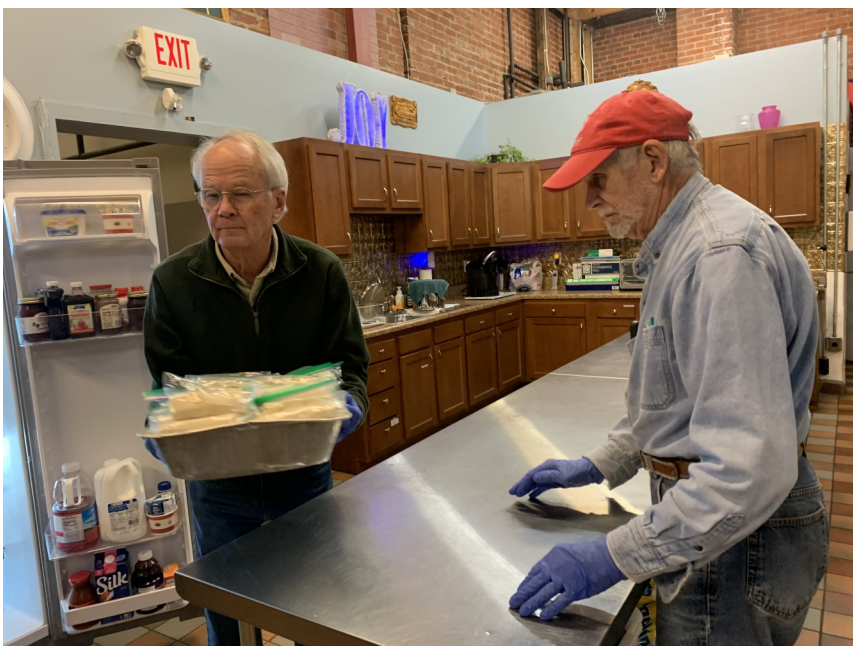
One Saturday a month members of the Johnson City Lions Club go to the library and help children building Lego projects and sometimes they get to wear funny glasses!



DISTRICT CLUBS SERVING FROM THE HEART

Kingsport Activities

Kingsport Club members at Shades of Grace Church. The club purchases the food and packs 200 lunches monthly.



DISTRICT CLUBS SERVING FROM THE HEART

Knoxville Tri-County Activities



Tri-County Lions honored law enforcement personnel today -- Law Enforcement Appreciation Day -- by providing breakfast and lunch. Thanks to Roberson Family Restaurant and The Filling Station for partnering with Lions.



DISTRICT CLUBS SERVING FROM THE HEART

Maryville Activities

As part of District 12N Law Enforcement Appreciation Day initiative, the Maryville Lions Club delivered baskets of thank you cards and food for the Maryville Police and Fire Departments thanking them for their service to the Blount County Community. Participating Lions: Chuck and Paulette Bailey, KL Jamie Holland and Catherine Raspberry.



DISTRICT CLUBS SERVING FROM THE HEART

Rogersville Activities



During the recent Law Enforcement Appreciation Day on Jan. 9th, the Rogersville Lions Club and the Rogersville United Way came together to deliver Doughnuts, Cookies, and Loaf cakes to our County and City officers. This involved our Sheriffs Dept, the Rogersville City Police, the Surgoinsville, Church Hill, and Mt. Carmel depts. It was a special time for our members as well as the officers we were privileged to meet. Those pictured from left to right are: Theresa Buttry, United Way Executive Director; Pam Mayo, President of Lions Club, Lorrie Stratton, Lions Club member; and Sheriff Ronnie Lawson.

DISTRICT CLUBS SERVING FROM THE HEART

Sevier County – Law Enforcement Appreciation

Sevier County Lions Club Members, in partnership with Citizen's bank, Knoxville TVA Credit Union, TN State Bank, Buddy's Bar-b-q, Collier Foods, the Gem Mine, Three Bears Gifts, and Cash 1, prepared and donated grab-and-go goodie bags and baskets to six Law Enforcement Agencies in the Sevier County area.



Lion members Terry, Chuck, Kathi, and Wilma prepare goodie bags for the Officers



Lions Kim, Chuck, Deanna, Kathi, and Rich are loading up the car and heading out to make deliveries.



Location #1 – TN Department of Homeland Safety and Security in Sevierville



Location #2 – Pigeon Forge Police Department

DISTRICT CLUBS SERVING FROM THE HEART

Sevier County Law Enforcement Apprec. Cont.

To show our appreciation to 500+ local Law Enforcement officials, donated items included 200 individually packed Grab-and-Go 'goodie bags' that contained free food cards, Gatorade, bottled water, crackers, beef jerky, notepads, ink pens, balloons, mints, candy, hand sanitizer, tissues, ChapStick, and granola bars. Larger baskets included similar snack items. The Sevier County Lions are proud to show our support, and hope to make this an annual event for our local Officers.



Location #3 – Gatlinburg Police Department



Location #4 – Pittman Center Police Department



Location #5 – Sevier County Sheriff's Department



Location #6 – Sevierville City Police Department

OTHER DISTRICT RELATED ITEMS

Clinton Lions Welcome New Member

The Clinton Lions Club recently welcomed its newest member to its Club, Lion Gene LeToile, Sr. Welcome!



Pictured with Lion Gene are PDG Wendy Cain (who inducted Lion Gene into the club), as well as sponsors Lions Robert and Kathy Jones, and Service Dog Sophie.

Tellico Village Lions

The Tellico Village Lions Club recently welcomed its newest member Bill Spencer. Pictured with Bill left to right are Lions Chris Garner, Mark Williams, Bill Spencer and President Kathleen Dooley.



OTHER DISTRICT RELATED ITEMS

Farragut 50th Anniversary Invitation



50th Anniversary Celebration

Farragut Lions Club

Proudly held at

*Fox Den Country Club
12284 North Fox Den Dr
Farragut, Tennessee*

*Friday, February 23, 2024
at 6:30 in the evening*

*RSVP to Kathy Burrow by 2/12/24
burrow@bellsouth.net 865-771-4221*

*Please select between
Poached Atlantic Salmon
or
Fox Den Beef Tenderloin*

\$50.00 a plate

*Please make checks to Farragut Lions Club
Mail to Kathy Burrow
700 Sedgley Dr
Knoxville TN 37922*

OTHER DISTRICT RELATED ITEMS

Kingsport Lions Club



Kingsport Lions Club members visited PDG Bob Miller to present him with a Leader Dog certificate and Miniature Brick for a donation the club made honoring PDG Bob's many years of dedication and support of Lion's initiatives. Pictured left to right are Lions Neil Smith, Wayne Garland, Bob Kerns, PDG Robert "Bob" Miller, Bill Murdoch and Larry White.

OTHER DISTRICT RELATED ITEMS



***Tellico Village
Lions Club***



CHILI / SOUP DINNER

Monday, March 4th

Tellico Village Yacht Club

Come Celebrate with Your Friends!

***Menu: Chili and/or Chicken Soup, Antipasto Salad,
Ice Cream Dessert and Choice of Beverages***

CASH BAR: BEER AND WINE

Advance Tickets \$15 or \$20 at the Door

Doors Open At 3:45pm, Dinner Served 4:00 to 7:00pm

Carry Out Dinner is limited to a choice of Chili or Soup

**Tickets available through Lions Club Members, or
United Community Bank, Village Salon, Sloan's Village Home Store**

OTHER DISTRICT RELATED ITEMS

Tellico Village Lions Club (cont.)

A MESSAGE FROM THE LIONS TO YOU!

Our Club loves hosting this fundraising event every year, and we are grateful for the widespread participation by our neighbors. The net proceeds from this, and other Lions events help support our local service programs and various charities for the benefit of our community.

Vision Protection is 1 of 5 Global Objectives of Lions Clubs International. Our club manages the following local programs in support of this objective.



Lions KidSight USA is a nationwide program to safeguard the vision of children, by using non-intrusive, digital technology to assess their eyes for six types of vision issues. Our club screens over 8,000 Loudon County children each year, and 10% to 15% are referred to visit an eye care professional.



Lions Recycle for Sight has refurbished and recycled glasses for many, many years. The glasses may be refurbished for re-use by humanitarian missions, or recycled into primary materials with proceeds used to support charitable services. Our local drop locations are behind the Welcome Center, in the United Community Bank, and the Tellico Village Library.

TYPE 2 DIABETES AND EYE SCREENINGS

Type 2 diabetes is the leading cause of vision loss in working age adults. Our club operates monthly screenings in Loudon, Lenoir City, or Madisonville. Depending on financial need, we provide vision correction assistance, through licensed, professional partners.

IN MEMORY OF

For many years, this event was managed by a Lion, who passed away, after 20 years of Service to Tellico Village.

Lawrence W. Stickler 1941 - 2023

A True Lion, Whose ROAR was heard by All Around Him!

We Thank You for Helping Us, Help Others!
Become a Lion and Share Our Pride!
TVLions1@gmail.com

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 2024-2025 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



NOTICE OF ELECTIONS EAST TN LIONS EYEBANK

The East TN Lions Eyebank will be holding its Annual Meeting the evening of February 16, 2024, at the Lions 12N District Convention in Kingsport, TN. During the meeting, the election of incoming board members will be held. Each year 5 members of the board rotate off the current board as directed per the board's By-Laws. It is necessary that the Nominating Committee receive a written response from each of the vacating members who would like to be considered as an incumbent to fill their own vacancy. Each respondent will be asked to give a short oral presentation as to why they would like to continue on the Board during the nominating portion of the business meeting. A general call is going out to all District 12N members in good standing for anyone who would like to run for one of the vacant positions on the ETLEB Board. All General Members are requested to contact a member of the Nominating Committee listed below, no later than February 6, 2024, with your desire.

Lion Neil Smith, neilcurry13@outlook.com, 757-652-5162

PDG Clare Crawford, lionclare1987@gmail.com, 865-607-1898

PDG Mike Vudragovich, mvudragovich@gmail.com, 412-304-5863

OTHER DISTRICT RELATED ITEMS

12N Charities Nominating Committee

Each year the Lions of our District elect four Lions to serve on the Charities Board to serve for a three-year term. During last year's convention a Lion suggested that we need term limits on the different committees in the District to ensure that new ideas and eyes help the District move forward into the future. I agree wholeheartedly with this idea. However, I can only speak for the Charities Board. But for this to happen, we must have Lions throughout the District accept leadership roles and be willing to serve on the different committees within our District.

I am asking **YOU**, members of the District, to be willing to commit to serve on this Board. We need new Lions to step up and serve. As we all know, if a Lion is now serving on this Board, they have the option to serve another three-year term if they chose to do so and are elected by the membership. However, sometimes they will serve again only because we do not have any new Lions step up and serve. We **MUST** start having new Lions willing to **STEP UP AND SERVE!**

ALL District 12N Lions are encouraged to consider helping the District and serving on this Board.

Thank you.

PDG Bill Slover

Nominating Committee Chairman

District 12N Charities Board



OTHER DISTRICT RELATED ITEMS

Proposed 2024-2025 Lions District 12N Charities Budget

Trustees/Directors of Lions District 12N Charities, Inc. met on December 10, 2023 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 February 16-17, 2024.

| PROJECT | Final |
|--|--------------------|
| Childhood Cancer | \$0.00 |
| Diabetes Awareness | \$2,000.00 |
| ETLEB | \$1,000.00 |
| Hearing & Speech Foundation | \$2,000.00 |
| Leader Dogs for the Blind | \$3,000.00 |
| Learning Ally | \$500.00 |
| Lions Quest | \$0.00 |
| LVBI (Volunteer Blind Ind) | \$20,256.00 |
| TSB (TN School for the Blind) | \$1,000.00 |
| TSD (TN School for the Deaf) | \$0.00 |
| World Services for the Blind | \$0.00 |
| Braille Slate | \$0.00 |
| KAPA | \$0.00 |
| District Emergency Fund | \$1,000.00 |
| District Discretionary Fund | \$500.00 |
| District Operating Expense | \$2,000.00 |
| Total Proposed 2024-2025 Charities Budget | \$33,256.00 |

**PROPOSED CHANGES TO DISTRICT 12N CHARITIES BYLAWS
TO BE VOTED ON AT THE CHARITIES ANNUAL MEETING
FEBRUARY 17, 2024**

Article V Section 3:

Line four: Insert "without voting rights," after "The 2nd Vice District Governor will serve as an Ex-officio Director,"

Article V Section 4:

Line two: Delete "ex-officio" and insert "a". This will read as: "There shall be a Registered Agent of the Corporation appointed by the Charities Board of Directors who shall be a non-voting member...."

Article V Section 5(c):

Line two delete "who might be interested...." To the end of the paragraph. Insert:

"a candidate willing to serve as Vice President of the Corporation for the next fiscal year. To solicit from the membership of the Corporation candidates willing to serve in the offices of Secretary and Treasurer for the next fiscal year. To place the names of the candidates for Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer into nomination at the first regular Board meeting (Organization Meeting) of the Corporation."

Article VI Section 1:

Line three delete "shall" and insert "may". This will then read as "The Treasurer of District 12-N may serve as the Treasurer of the Corporation."

Article VII Section 2:

Line ten delete "audited" and insert "reviewed". This will read as "These funds will be reviewed by the District Audit Committee..."

Article VIII Section 5:

Line one, delete "individual". This will then read "To provide for prompt response to humanitarian needs within District 12-N..."

Article VIII Section 9:

Add a final paragraph to read:

Any acceptance of or application for a grant or gift requires the annual approval of the Charities Board of Directors. Such approval is valid for only the current Lions year.

Summary of Changes to District Constitution and By-Laws Enacted at LCI 2023 International Convention

Amendments were made to the District Constitution and By-Laws at the LCI International Convention held in Boston in July 2023. Based on the Supremacy Clause these are mandatory changes to the District 12N Constitution and By-Laws and will be presented at District Convention to be held on February 16-17, 2024.

References: Constitution:

Article V Supremacy Clause

Article IX, Section 2. Automatic Updates

By-Laws:

Article XI Amendments, Section 2. Automatic Updates

CHANGES:

Constitution:

Article VI Section 2. Inserted "district" before global membership coordinator, global leadership team coordinator, and global service team coordinator. Added the positions of global extension team coordinator and district marketing chairperson.

By-Laws:

Article III. Duties of District Officers/Cabinet. Sections 1,2,3,6,7,8,11,13,14. Deleted the possessive pronouns/adjectives "his/her" in these sections and inserted "their". Updated the duties and responsibilities of these sections. (District Governor, First Vice District Governor, Second Vice District Governor, Global Service Team District Coordinator, Global Membership Team District Coordinator, Global Leadership Team District Coordinator, LCIF District Coordinator, Region Chairperson, Zone Chairperson.) Added positions of Global Extension Team Coordinator and District Marketing Chairperson.

Article III. Sections 9 and 10. Added positions of Global Extension Team Coordinator and District Marketing chairperson.

Article V Section 4. Revised to change the composition of regions and zones in a district.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO DISTRICT 12N BYLAWS TO BE VOTED ON AT THE DISTRICT CONVENTION ON FEBRUARY 17, 2024

Article III Section 5(d) Insert the word "May" so the section reads:

May serve as Treasurer of District 12-N Charities, Inc. during his/her term as Cabinet Treasurer.

VOTING AT DISTRICT 12N CONVENTION



Below are a couple of items to be aware of prior to attending and expecting to vote at the upcoming District 12N Convention in Feb 2024.

Dues Payment – For club delegates to be able to vote, your club dues **MUST BE PAID** up by 12/31/23 – this includes International dues and District dues.

Discounted Members – Per the recent 2023 International Convention, a new category was created called “Discounted Member”. This incorporates Family members, Leo-Lion members, student members and young adult members. They are **NOT** considered part of your club’s delegate entitlement; i.e., if your club has 16 members and two of those are “discounted members” then your entitlement count is 14 members. So rather than 2 delegates you are only entitled to 1. The **delegate formula is**: One delegate/alternate for every 10 members or major fraction thereof i.e., over 5. The “discounted member” could be your club voting delegate if they are attending the convention and your club selects them as the delegate. The point is, you may have less members available to vote this year due to the new LCI ruling. However, ALL PDGs are allowed to vote regardless of their club standing.

If you have any questions about these two items, please reach out to your District Constitution & By-Laws Chair, Mike Vudragovich at mvudragovich@gmail.com or Treasurer, Chuck Bailey at chuck-yegg001@gmail.com.

MULTIPLE DISTRICT 12 TENNESSEE LIONS
“LION OF THE YEAR CONTEST – 2023-2024”

CONTEST PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023

NOTE: Club must be “In Good Standing” with District and International dues paid up to date for candidate to be considered. (See MD-12 Constitution By Laws Article III, Section 1 and Lions International Constitution and By-Laws Article XI, Section 1(a).)

Use the following format to submit your Club’s “LION OF THE YEAR” for competition in the District and Multiple District contests.

Complete your club’s entry form in detail and mail it to your District Contest and Awards Chairman **POST-MARKED NO LATER THAN February 28, 2024**. Include a small picture of your candidate (color print is acceptable) if at all possible.

Attach additional pages (**no more than 6**) with the information specified in items 1-3 below. No additional pictures or letters or recommendation will be considered.

NAME OF YOUR LIONS CLUB _____ DISTRICT _____

NAME OF YOUR “LION OF THE YEAR” _____

HOME ADDRESS OF YOU “LION OF THE YEAR” _____

AGE _____ OCCUPATION _____ SPOUSE’S NAME _____

How many years has this Lion been a member of your club? _____.

NO 1. SERVICE RENDERED TO YOUR LOCAL LIONS CLUB BY YOUR CANDIDATE DURING THE PAST YEAR. Include offices held and other responsibilities assumed by your candidate during the past twelve (12) months: projects chaired, accomplishments, awards received, meetings attended, perfect attendance, members sponsored, etc. **(Counts as 50 points.)**

NO 2. SERVICE RENDERED TO YOUR COMMUNITY BY YOUR CANDIDATE DURING THE PAST YEAR. Include local community service outside Lionism; such as Church, youth recreation, volunteer health drives and various other humanitarian services. **(Counts as 40 Points.)**

NO 3. WHY, IN THE OPINION OF YOUR CLUB, SHOULD YOUR CANDIDATE BE CONSIDERED AN OUTSTANDING LION BY OUR DISTRICT? A good detailed recommendation from the Club’s Lion of the Year Chairman or Secretary will be quite helpful. **(Counts as 10 Points.)**

Respectfully submitted by: _____

Name of Secretary or Lion of the Year Chairman _____

Address _____

Phone: Home _____ Work _____

Rules and regulations governing the “Lion of the Year” contest in the District and Multiple District.

1. The committee selecting the “Lion of the Year” shall consider the following points with regard to the importance of the three items in the contest.

Item No. 1 = 50 Points Item No. 2 = 40 Points Item No.3 = 10 Points

2. Only one (1) nominee from a club may be entered each year in the District Contest, only one (1) nominee from a District may be entered each year in the Multiple District Contest and only one (1) Multiple District “Lion of the Year” shall be selected each year.

3. The candidate shall have been “In Good Standing” in his/her local club during the entire contest period. (See MD-12 Constitution and By Laws Article III, Section 1 and Lions International Constitution and By-Laws Article XI, Section 1(a).)

4. Contest begins **January 1, 2023** and ends **December 31, 2023**

5. The District Contest & Awards Chairman **must** receive the local club’s completed entry form **postmarked or emailed no later than February 28, 2024** for the entry to be considered.

6. The District selection committee shall be chaired by the District Contest & Awards Chairman and shall be composed of Lions appointed by the District Governor.

7. Those ineligible to be entered in the **District** competition are: District Governor, Vice District Governors, District Contest & Awards Chairmen.

8. The District winner will be announced at the State Convention, with appropriate awards and publicity being given.

9. The District Contest & Awards Chairman will submit the District winner to the Multiple District 12 Tennessee Lions Contest & Awards Chairman on or before a date specified by the MD-12 Contest & Awards Chairman. **Only one (1) nominee shall be submitted to the Multiple District.**

10. The State Contest & Awards Committee shall review the District entries sufficiently in advance of the State Convention in order to select a winner and have a suitable award prepared for presentation before the close of the State Convention.

11. Once a Lion has won the District or MD level award of Lion of the Year, he/she must not be nominated again for the same award for a period of 5 years.

12. Please include a copy of the application with your entry.

NOTE: A club nominating a candidate for “Lion of the Year” must be “In Good Standing” with the District and International dues paid up to date.

MULTIPLE DISTRICT 12 TENNESSEE LIONS

“LION OF THE DECADE CONTEST – 2023”

CONTEST PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2014 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023

NOTE: Club must be “In Good Standing” with District and International dues paid up to date for candidate to be considered. (See MD-12 Constitution By Laws Article III, Section 1 and Lions International Constitution and By-Laws Article XI, Section 1(a).)

Use the following format to submit your Club’s “LION OF THE DECADE” for competition in the District and Multiple District contests.

Complete your club’s entry form in detail and mail it to your District Contest and Awards Chairman **POST-MARKED OR EMAILED NO LATER THAN February 28, 2024**. Include a small picture of your candidate (color print is acceptable) if at all possible.

Attach additional pages (**no more than 8**) with the information specified in items 1-4 below. No additional pictures or letters or recommendation will be considered.

NAME OF YOUR LIONS CLUB _____ DISTRICT _____

NAME OF YOUR “LION OF THE DECADE” _____

HOME ADDRESS OF YOU “LION OF THE DECADE” _____

AGE _____ OCCUPATION _____ SPOUSE’S NAME _____

NO 1. SERVICE RENDERED TO YOUR LOCAL LIONS CLUB BY YOUR CANDIDATE DURING THE PAST TEN-YEAR PERIOD. Include offices held and other responsibilities assumed by your candidate during the past ten (10) years: projects chaired, awards received, accomplishments, meetings attended, perfect attendance, members sponsored, etc. **(Counts as 40 Points.)**

NO. 2. SERVICE RENDERED TO LIONISM BEYOND THE LOCAL CLUB LEVEL BY YOUR CANDIDATE DURING THE PAST TEN-YEAR PERIOD. List all offices, committees served on, committees chaired, etc., in the District and beyond. List dates served in these capacities. List all awards received for service to Lionism. **(Counts as 25 Points.)**

NO 3. SERVICE RENDERED TO YOUR COMMUNITY BY YOUR CANDIDATE DURING THE PAST TEN-YEAR PERIOD. Include local community service outside Lionism; such as Church, youth recreation, volunteer health drives and various other humanitarian services. **(Counts as 25 Points.)**

NO 4. WHY, IN THE OPINION OF YOUR CLUB, SHOULD YOUR CANDIDATE BE CONSIDERED AN OUTSTANDING LION BY OUR DISTRICT? A good detailed recommendation from the Club’s Lion of the Year Chairman or Secretary will be quite helpful. **(Counts as 10 Points.)**

Respectfully submitted by: _____

Name of Secretary or Lion of the Decade Chairman _____

Address _____

Phone: Home _____ Work _____

Rules and regulations governing the “Lion of the Decade” contest in the District and Multiple District.

1. The committee selecting the “Lion of the Decade” shall consider the following points with regard to the importance of the three items in the contest.

No. 1 = 40 Points No. 2 = 25 Points No.3 = 25 Points No. 4 = 10 Points

2. Only one (1) nominee from a club may be entered each year in the District Contest, only one (1) nominee from a District may be entered each year in the Multiple District Contest and only one (1) Multiple District “Lion of the Decade” shall be selected each year.

3. The candidate shall have been “In Good Standing” in his/her local club during the entire contest period. (See MD-12 Constitution and By Laws Article III, Section 1 and Lions International Constitution and By-Laws Article XI, Section 1(a).)

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10. The State Contest & Awards Committee shall review the District entries sufficiently in advance of the State Convention in order to select a winner and have a suitable award prepared for presentation before the close of the State Convention.

11. A Lion who has been nominated for the award of Lion of the Decade and wins at the district level may not be nominated again for the same award for a period of 5 years and cannot use nominating activity information previously used for the prior 5 years.

12. Please include a copy of the application with your entry.

NOTE: A club nominating a candidate for “Lion of the Year” must be “In Good Standing” with the District and International dues paid up to date.

LIONS DISTRICT 12N CONVENTION ACTIVITIES:

RESERVATIONS for Hotel with guaranteed rates can be made until February 9, 2024.

FRIDAY – February 16th

- 12:00 PM – Tour of Lions Volunteer Blind Industries, 108 Kwickway Lane, Johnson City, TN, 37615
- 3:00 – 6:00 PM – Registration at MeadowView Convention Center, Kingsport, TN
- 6:00 PM – Welcome and Introductions
- 6:30 PM – Dinner and ETLEB Annual Meeting
- 8:00 PM – Special Guest Storyteller

SATURDAY – February 17th

- 7:00 AM – Quick bites in the Hospitality Room.
- 8:00 AM – Registration opens. Council of Governors Meeting. Choose from one of two seminars offered: 1) Diabetes Awareness, or 2) Social Promotions for Lions
- 9:00 AM – District 12N Cabinet Meeting begins. Necrology Service.
- 11:30 AM – Lunch
- 12:30 PM – Choose from one of two seminars offered: 3) LCIF Grants Do's and Don'ts, or 4) LCIF Q & A with PIP Doug Alexander.
- 2:00 PM – 12N Charities Meeting
- 3:00 PM – Awards and Election of 2024-2025 Officers. Silent Auction closes.
- 4:30 PM – New Officer reception
- 6:30 PM – **Dinner with special guest speaker, Past International President, Lions International, Douglas X. Alexander**
- 8:00 PM – Special Musical Tribute
- 8:30 PM – Convention Adjourned

THINGS TO KNOW

- Silent Auction opens on Friday afternoon and will remain open until 3:00 PM on Saturday. Clubs are encouraged to bring items to place into the Silent Auction.
- Individuals or Clubs who wish to have a table to use for Vendor spaces need to make their requests known to DG Frank McCall or to PDG Adam Bowling prior to February 16th. Limited numbers of tables may be available.
- Dress code for Friday is Casual/Mardi Gras attire, for Saturday is Casual/Business Casual, and for Dinner on Saturday evening is Dressy/Business Formal.

DISTRICT 12N CONVENTION SILENT AUCTION ITEMS

Please bring a Silent
Auction donation
to the District
Convention



**Lions are ready
whenever & however
our communitites
need us.**

Join a Lions Club, help make a difference.



2024 TLLI

2024 Tennessee Lions Learning Institute Thurs. evening - Sun noon, April 11-14, 2024



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: 2024 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, Apr. 11 (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

8 - 9:30 PM Opening Session

Fri, Apr. 12

7:30 AM Breakfast @ Motel

8:30 AM Morning Sessions

Noon Lunch

1:00 PM Afternoon Sessions

6:00 PM Dinner

7:00 PM Group Activity (TBA)

Sat, Apr. 13

7:30 AM Breakfast @ motel

8:30 AM Morning Sessions

Noon Lunch

1:00 PM Afternoon Sessions

6:00 PM Dinner

7:00 PM Homework assignment

Sun, Apr. 14

7:30 AM Breakfast @ motel

8:30 AM Morning Session

10:30 AM Closing Session
and Graduation

Noon Completion of TLLI



2024 TLLI
Enrollment Registration



Mail this Registration form along with a check of \$150.00 per registrant made payable to: 2024 TLLI and mail to:

Lions District 12N Charities, Inc.
c/o CA Bailey
709 Shannondale Way
Maryville, TN 37922

For more info or questions call
Chuck Bailey at 423.371.9737

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| Mobility Issues? _____ | | | |
| Roommate Preference? _____ | | | |

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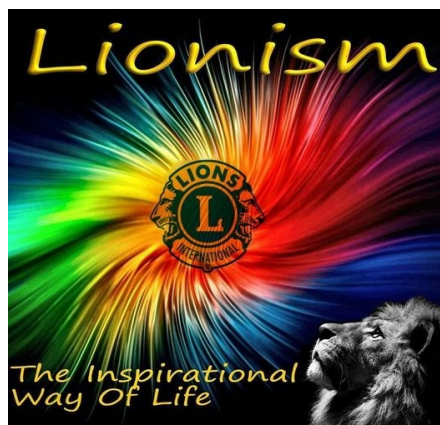
REMINDER Of 12N SCHOLARSHIPS

Your District is offering reimbursement Scholarships for the following upcoming event:

TLLI—Tennessee Lions Learning Institute
April 11-14, 2024
Cumberland University in Lebanon TN

The District has also approved offering 10 registration scholarships for the first individuals to sign-up.

The TLLI information package and registration form are included in this Newsletter. Remember TLLI is available to ALL Lions as long as you have not attended a previous regional institute but it is structured towards Lions of less than 5 years. Should you have any questions regarding TLLI please reach out to Chuck Bailey at chuckyegg001@gmail.com



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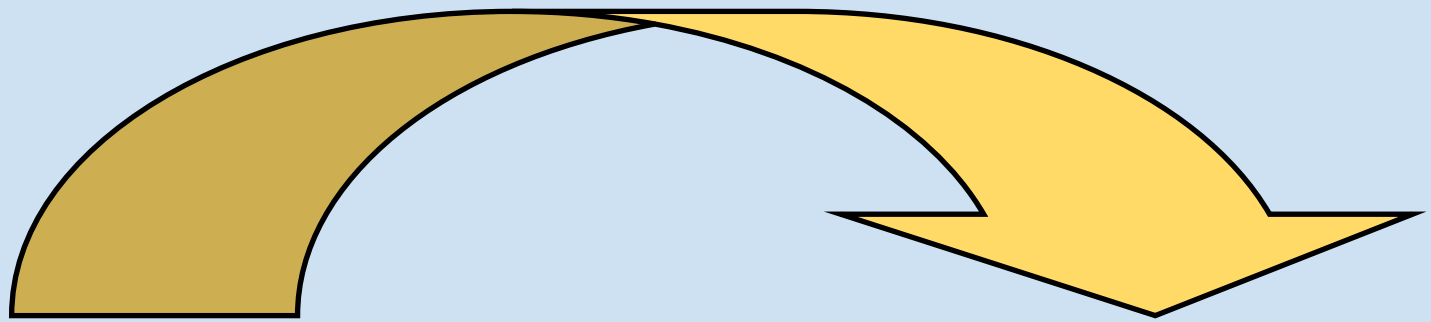
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WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

Gene Letoile - Clinton
Mike Nicholson - Dandridge
Deborah Wengert - Dandridge
Laura Santana - Farragut
Emily Butcher - Sevier County
Bill Spencer - Tellico Village

***WELCOME NEW
MEMBERS***

IN MEMORY OF

Richard Kyker - Farragut





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

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