

**DG Frank's Message**

We learn through Lions Club that our year goes from July to June. We do not celebrate with songs like Auld Lang Syne, party favors or even dropping the ball. Our biggest tribute is electing new cabinet members. This brings about change. Not everybody is going to like change, but on the other

change is not always bad. Lions International thrives on new leaders. New leaders bring on new ideas and new innovations. But we must ask ourselves, what should we as Lions expect out of our new leadership?

When a leader takes command of a room or meeting, a positive flow comes to mind. A new leader should generate a positive vibe throughout the room. This should be like a flow of electricity. One that lights every bulb or every human being. Everybody should feel like they belong and be encouraged to participate. A negative flow is one that shows nothing is being accomplished. This quality starts with the incoming president and flows down the rest of the cabinet.

Communication comes next. Everybody must get talking. Lions International promotes teamwork. A team that works effectively is one that communicates with one another and listens to all ideas. Every Lions Club member has a say or vote in the matter.

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Dates to Remember**July 7-11****LCI International Conv
Boston, MA****July 29****12N Organizational Mtg
LVBI Morristown****July 29****Officer Training
LVBI following Org Mtg****Sept 21-23****USA/Canada Forum
Reno, NV****Oct 7****12N Fall Cabinet Mtg
LVBI Morristown**

A prime example is when we do a service project or fundraiser. A committee is formed so that every aspect of the project is covered by a member. All members report when their task is done. Then a report is made at the club meeting to inform the rest of the club of the progress being made.

Problem solving can come easy or hard to some extent. We all have problems or disagreements from time to time. It is how we work these problems out that makes us unique. From time to time, we use the old cliché, "if it is not broken, don't fix it". This does not always solve that problem. We must be open to traveling down a different road. There is always more than one answer.

Where does all this lead? TRAINING. I am asking every club to consider club officer training. As an answer to Lions International's Global Approach, I have asked IPDG Rich Wilson to be the district 12-N Global Leadership Team coordinator. We are having club officer training at our organizational meeting July, 29 2023. We need, as a district, to encourage training that supports our clubs and our leaders. Please join me!

DG Frank McCall



1st VDG Keltie Kerney—Welcome to a New Lions' Year

July is a transition time where change begins – whether you're serving in a different role in your club, moving into a leadership position, or serving in a District role – change exists. This begins an exciting new year with a new District Governor who will lead the direction for the year.

During the pandemic, significant changes occurred, especially when members were unable to meet in person.

Zoom meetings developed. This change enabled Lions to continue some of the business of the clubs. Lions' creativity prevailed.

Sometimes change gets a negative perception; however, change may be helpful to "think outside the box", whether it's a new administration, a new policy, an amendment to the By-laws, new colors for uniforms, a new meeting space, etc. Change is all around and may open the discussion for expanded possibilities to SERVE.

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Vice Governor's Musings



1st VDG Keltie

Something that has not changed is the **Mission of the Lions Club** – To empower Lions clubs, volunteers, and partners to improve health and well-being, strengthen communities, and support those

in need through humanitarian services and grants that impact lives globally, and encourage peace and international understanding. Lions Club members have continued this strong mission and foundation of SERVICE even in the midst of changing times.

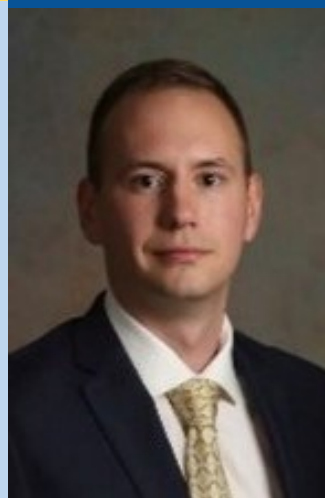
In future months, I look forward to sharing about White Cane projects and the impact you make in communities WE SERVE.

I look forward to SERVING with each of you.

1st VDG Keltie

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2nd VDG Nathanael

This past weekend, I had the opportunity to visit with West Knox Lions Club at Egwani Farms Golf Course in Knoxville for their Lions club

annual golf tournament. It was great to see many familiar faces and get to spend time with a great group of people outside of a normal meeting. I was very impressed with Jim McFarland's ability to hand out muffins, raffle tickets, and take money up all at the same time! (Someone get this man some help)!

At the conclusion of the tournament my team was lucky enough to finish second place in the tournament and earned a free round to Dead Horse Golf Course. The thing I am most excited about in this new lions leadership role as 2nd VDG is getting to visit new clubs, build new relationships and participate in their fundraisers and activities!

2nd VDG Nathanael

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DISTRICT CLUBS SERVING FROM THE HEART

GREENEVILLE LIONS CLUB

The Greenville Lions Club partnered recently with the Greenville Flyboys Appalachian League baseball team to produce hand fans for spectators.



Lions Chuck Bowlin and Carolyn Broyles.



Lions Susan Price and Carolyn Broyles

On one side of the fan is our club name, symbols for Lions' causes, and a code for donations and club information. The opposite side shows the Flyboys' logo.



Club members handed out fans at the June 11th game. The hand fans were greatly appreciated since it was a warm and humid evening.



DISTRICT CLUBS SERVING FROM THE HEART

KINGSPORT DONATIONS FOR CHILDHOOD CANCER & HUNGER



Lion Carol Bowling presenting a wagon of games, puzzles, toys and goodies to Niswonger Children's Hospital team member, Ashlee Simerly.

The Kingsport Lions Club also donated \$150 in gift cards on another occasion.

Lion Eileen Hillmuth begins chair of this focus area in July.

Kingsport Lions Val and Don Abernathy are pictured with Pastor Will Shewey (solid blue shirt).

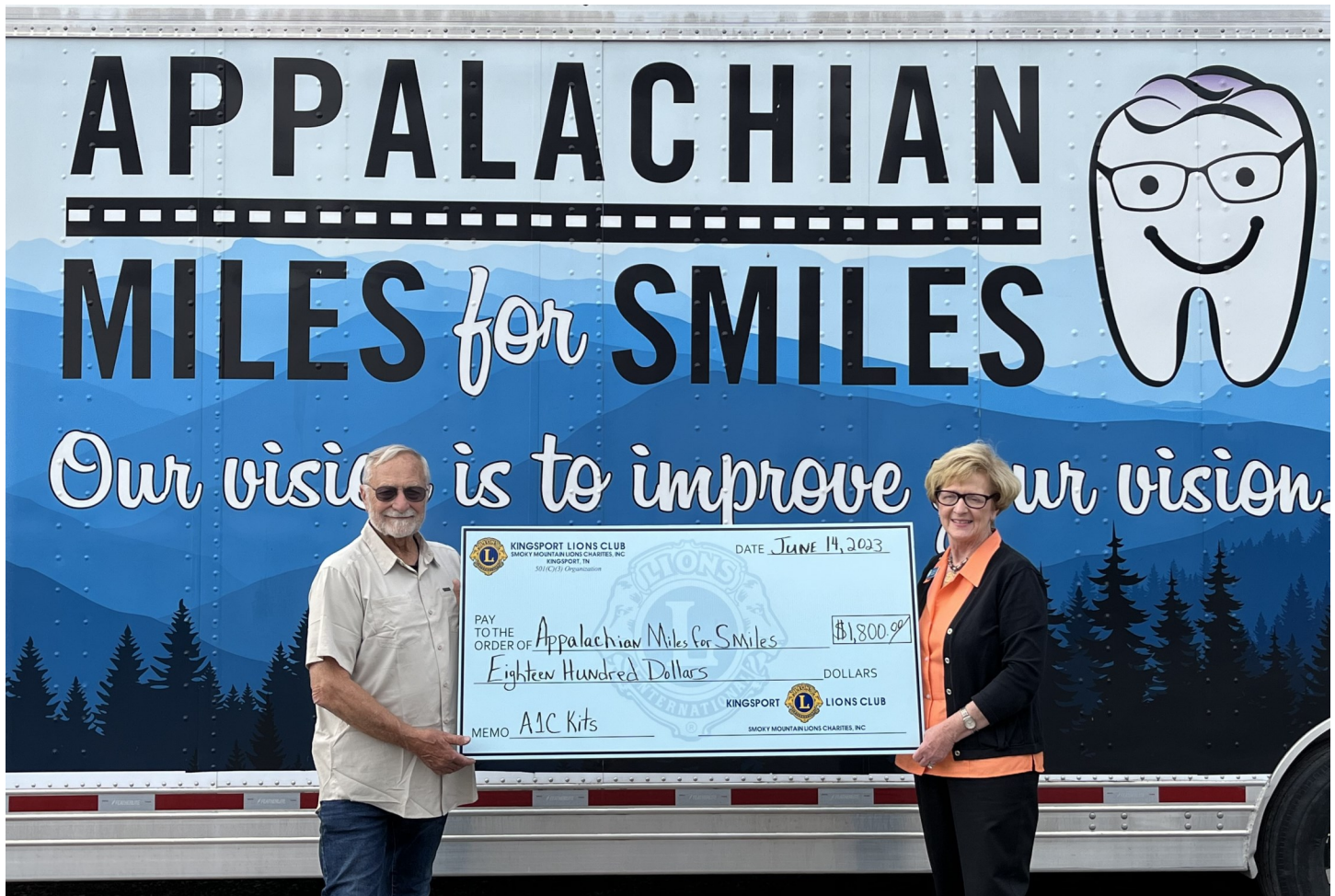
Shades of Grace is a United Methodist Congregation providing numerous services for the Last, Least, Lonely and Lost.

The Kingsport Lions Club has purchased food and packed 150 lunches monthly for the last 4 months. Shades of Grace distributes 75 meals on average per day, Monday thru Friday. Nine other Lions assisted in the Hunger Service Project June 20.



DISTRICT CLUBS SERVING FROM THE HEART

Kingsport Diabetes Donation to Appalachian Miles for Smiles



Kingsport Lions Club President, Keltie Kerney presents a \$1,800 donation from the Lions Club to Frank Waldo, CEO of Appalachian Miles for Smiles (AMFS). Funds are designated to purchase A1C kits for testing blood glucose levels, which helps identify individuals who may be at risk of developing diabetes. AMFS provides dental and vision services at no cost for uninsured or underinsured individuals. AMFS is a non profit 501C3 organization which provides services thru their 5 mobile units in Northeast TN and Southwest VA.

OTHER DISTRICT RELATED ITEMS

Congratulations 2022-2023

Lion of the Year Lion of the Decade

PDG Mike Vudragovich
Clinton Lions Club



Presented at Clinton Lions Club meeting

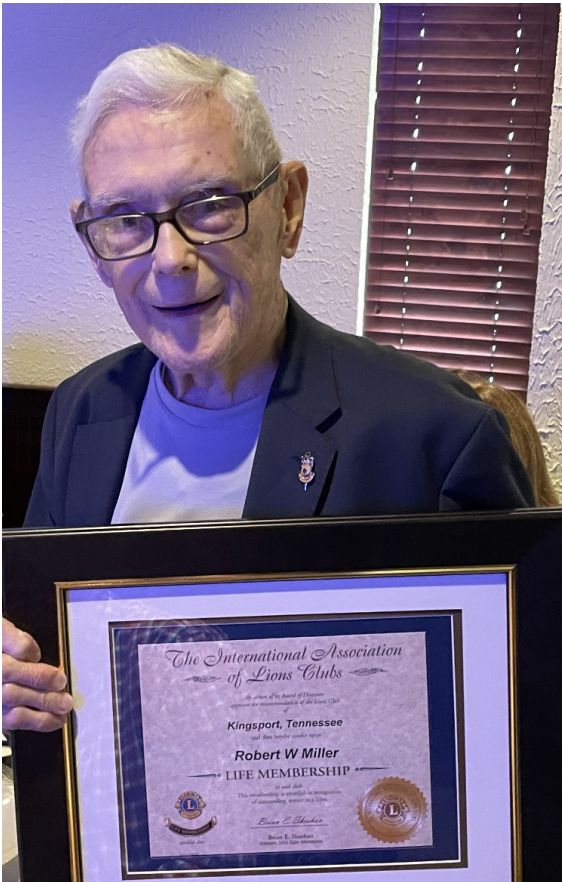
PCC Brandon Johnson
Caryville Cares Lions Club



Presented at MD12 Tennessee State Convention on May 6th.

OTHER DISTRICT RELATED ITEMS

PDG BOB MILLER – LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP AWARD



On behalf of the Kingsport Lions Club on June 13, 2023, President Keltie Kerney presented the distinguished Life Membership Award to Past District Governor (PDG) Bob Miller.

Bob is an EXTRAORDINARY and AMAZING individual. He celebrated 104 years “young” on October 29, 2022, and continues to VOLUNTEER and inspire others. He has served in most all areas of service in our communities – civic groups, Church, and professional organizations, often serving as President of the Club and or Chairman of many projects. PDG Bob served his country during World War II and is a Navy Veteran. He retired from his “day job” as a chemist with the Eastman Chemical Company.

He participates in the club’s fundraising activities and is instrumental in obtaining sponsors for the club’s annual Turtle Derby.

Lion Bob has hiked the 135 miles of the Appalachian Trail, many times, and he previously was a committed trail maintainer.

He is a proponent and advocate for education and activities for healthy living. In an interview with WJHL TV, he explained the importance of pre-diabetes screening and A1C testing, stating “many people do not know that they have diabetes which could lead to blindness”.

He remains adventurous and usually zip lines on BIG BIRTHDAYS like his 100th and 101st.

PDG Bob has stated several times “as people grow older, they can elect to exist, or they can elect to live. I choose to live.”

OTHER DISTRICT RELATED ITEMS

DISTRICT 12N REVERSE RAFFLE



On Saturday, June 17th, 19 Lions representing 12 clubs attended the District 12N Reverse Raffle held at Lions Volunteer Industries. Congratulations to the three winning tickets:



\$ WINNERS \$

\$500—Glen Morris
sold by Clinton Lions
\$1000 - Jerry Lett
sold by Union County Lions
\$2,000 - Billy Ward
Sold by Knox North Lions

\$ WINNERS \$

OTHER DISTRICT RELATED ITEMS

2023-2024 Officer Installations



DG Rich Wilson installed the 2023-2024 Club Officers for the Clinton Lions Club.

CC Paulette Bailey installed the 2023-2024 Club Officers for the Kingsport Lions Club.



OTHER DISTRICT RELATED ITEMS

KINGSPORT TURTLE DERBY



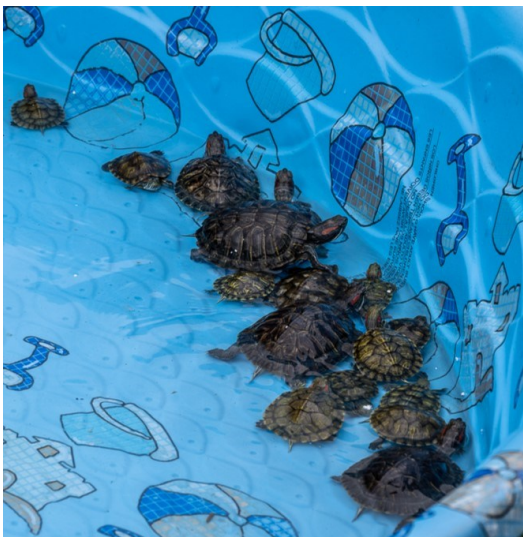
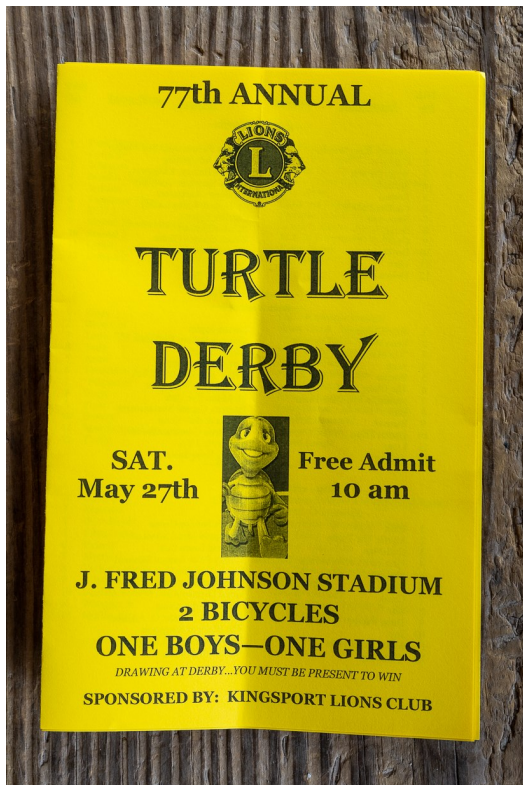
The Kingsport Lions Club held its 77th Annual Turtle Derby May 27 at J. Fred Johnson Stadium in Kingsport. The family friendly free event always attracts new and returning attendees. Over 225 participants were observed cheering for "their turtles". Individuals and businesses sponsored 264 turtles this year, raising approximately \$11,000.

The Collette family won the bicycle - they have participated for many years.



OTHER DISTRICT RELATED ITEMS

KINGSPORT TURTLE DERBY (cont.)



The Cox family above ctr is represented by 3 generations! Some fans even get into the games wearing turtle hats! A fun time is had by all - hope you can join us next year.



OTHER DISTRICT RELATED ITEMS



Alan Levine, CEO, President and Chairman of the Board for Ballad Health is pictured with Lions Lois Dobyns and Wayne Garland.

Mr. Levine was the guest speaker at the May 9th Lions club meeting. He shared how changes in healthcare are impacting the Appalachian Highlands and Ballads strategy to maintain services. He stressed the nursing shortage is a challenge locally and nationally.

OTHER DISTRICT RELATED ITEMS



The following message was recently received at the Maryville Hearing & Speech Foundation from a client that received hearing aids after being referred by a 12N Lions Club. This is one of the reasons why we offer hearing services:

"I cannot adequately describe the positive impact it has been on my life and my family's life. I have had the opportunity to return to work and no longer avoid social situations.

I had isolated myself due to the extreme tinnitus and hearing loss. I feel like I am beginning to live again rather than having the feeling I was no longer of use to others. If not for the assistance from The Hearing & Speech Foundation, I am confident I would still be hiding inside of my home and avoiding volunteer work at my children's school and likely not returning to work. The work of the foundation is an absolute blessing! I am so thankful.

I was chosen to receive the assistance for hearing aids! I thank anyone who contributes to the foundation and I thank The Hearing & Speech Foundation daily! I appreciated all you have done for me greatly!

With loving thanks. May God continue to bless this Institution!"

Lisa



Lady Lions with



STRIDES FIGHT DIABETES



3 Laps on “Jim Lilley” Trail

Sat, Sept 9th, 8:30-11:30 @ Wellness Center

Pre-register Free on TellicoLife

Day of Event Registration - \$20 Cash Donation

Your Gifts and Pledges Support The



Prize 1 - 6 month Wellness Center Membership - Largest Individual Pledge Package

Prize 2 - 8 tickets to Lions Oktoberfest - Largest Team Pledge Package

Other Prizes – Gift Certificates by Random Drawing

E-mail tvllions1@gmail.com with questions.



STRIDES FIGHT DIABETES

Support The American Diabetes Association

Saturday September 9th, 2023, 8:30-11:30

Lions Club Matches 1st \$1,000

Facts to Know:

Free pre-registration on TellicoLife POA Calendar Event: **STRIDES FIGHT DIABETES – JIM LILLEY TRAIL**

Day of the event registration - \$20 cash donation, the event takes place Rain or Shine!

Team up, register, and all walkers should rideshare due to limited parking

How Walkers Can Help:

Your goal is complete a minimum of 3 laps (1.5 miles) on the **outdoor “Jim Lilley” Trail**.

Solicit pledges per Lap or a Flat Rate, **try to reach or exceed \$30 for your walk**.

On the day of the event, check in for a wristband, and deliver your Pledges in Cash or Check.

Checks Payable To: **Tellico Village Lions Club**

Memo: **Strides ADA Contribution**

Cross the Strides Finish Line, grab a bottle of Water, Snacks, and **STRIDES** button.

Earn A Prize!

Largest Individual Pledge Package – 6 month Wellness Center Membership

Largest Team Pledge Package – 8 tickets to Lions Oktoberfest Event

Gift Certificates by random drawing of registered walkers

Walker and Team Name: _____ Phone _____

Pledge Name	Phone or E-Mail	Pledge per Lap	Flat Pledge	Payment Type	Date Paid

Your participation is vital in defeating diabetes, because it is the leading cause of blindness in the USA for those aged 20 to 75. Your STRIDES pledges multiplied by the ADA efforts makes a big difference in people's lives. If you cannot join us, make a STRIDES contribution. Send your check to the Tellico Village Lions Club, an IRS qualified 501(c)3 organization, EIN 42-1564429.

Payable to: **Tellico Village Lions Club**

Memo: **Strides ADA Contribution**

Mail To: **Tellico Village Lions Club, P.O. Box 872, Loudon, TN, 37774**

If you have a question or need more information, send an e-mail to TVLIONS1@GMAIL.COM

OTHER DISTRICT RELATED ITEMS



REMINDER

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

Each new President brings all new Membership Kit signatures and certificates

NEWS & VIEWS ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS

We NEED your stories and photos. We know you are serving your communities. Whether it is a service project, a fundraiser, Officer Installations, New Member Inductions or thanking a member for a job well done - let us know what you are doing. We can all learn off each other!

Articles for the News & Views should be in WORD or JPEG formats and NOT PDF formats. Font size should be at least 16 and 200 words is the maximum limit for articles. If photos are submitted (encouraged) the articles should be no longer than 110 words and please name the people in the photo(s) if possible.

Submit all articles and photos to Paulette Bailey at ladipee@gmail.com by the 20th of the month.

OTHER DISTRICT RELATED ITEMS

Tellico Village Press Release



Lions Club New President and New Service Project Council Chair Paulette Bailey, a former Tellico Village Lion, recently installed the new officers and directors for the 2023-2024 Lions' year. CC Paulette sits on multiple District 12-N and MD-12 boards supporting Lions Clubs operations.

Outgoing President Bruce Johnson commented, "Our new President, Kathy Dooley, is a former Army Nurse, who served in Japan and San Francisco, caring for active and retired military patients. She moved to Tellico Village, and joined our club over four years ago. Her passion for service work is clear to those that work by her side. She is also the Treasurer of the Tennessee Bluebird Society, and a Tellico Village library volunteer. Harry Rucker, who moves up to 1st VP, is a former Naval officer, and currently active with the HOA Board. Dennis Kelly, our long-standing Treasurer, and Diane Anderson, Secretary, both return for another year."

New President Kathy Dooley said "Lions Clubs International, the world's largest community service organization, is known for its vision protection programs. It raises diabetes awareness, and its threat to a person's vision, through a national program called **STRIDES**. This program complements others, like KidSight USA (digital eye scanning over 1,000,000 young children each year), combating diseases like River Blindness, and providing life changing medical treatment through licensed professionals."

"We are teaming up with the Tellico Village Parks and Recreation to host a community health and diabetes awareness event, STRIDES FIGHT DIABETES. It is a pledge driven, walking event scheduled at the Tellico Village Wellness Center on Saturday, September 9th. The Tellico Village Lions Club is matching the first \$1,000 of walker contributions. We ask all Tellico Village walkers to register, and come 'Walk with the Lions on the Jim Lilley Trail' for the benefit of the American Diabetes Association."

Our Club meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays every month. To attend a meeting, contact us @ TellicoVillage.TnLions.Org

BECOME A LION AND SHARE OUR PRIDE!

75TH *Celebration* *& "FRED"* ANNIVERSARY *Homecoming*

Friday, July 7, 2023 • 6:00 - 8:00 P.M.
FRED MILLER PARK



Come Out & Help
The Morristown-Hamblen
Lions Club Celebrate
Their 75th Anniversary
& To Welcome "Fred"
The Lion Fountain
Back Home!





2023 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum

**September 21-23, 2023
Reno, Nevada**

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



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

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

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

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

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

47th ANNUAL USA/CANADA LIONS LEADERSHIP FORUM*Reno, Nevada*

Thursday, September 21, 2023 - Saturday, September 23, 2023

The Forum begins on Thursday morning and ends after the closing banquet on Saturday evening.
Please book your hotel stay accordingly.

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☐ This is my First Time Attending a Forum I was invited to the Forum by _____
(name of mentor must be listed to receive credit for your attendance)

_____ Forums attended Highest Office Held _____ ☐ Past ☐ Present

Please check all that apply:
Special Meals: ☐ Diabetic ☐ Vegetarian ☐ Hindu Vegetarian ☐ Other _____
(Please specify needs and include any allergies. It may not be possible to accommodate all special meal requests)

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(Please let us know how we can help with your specific challenge, i.e.: hearing device, Braille, wheelchair access...?)

☐ I am a Pin Trader ☐ I will need a table for pin trading _____ Number of tables needed
(Pin trading tables will be available at \$60 each)

☐ I would like to participate in the Strides walk on Thursday afternoon, September 21, 2023. (Cost is \$25 per person)

T-shirt size _____

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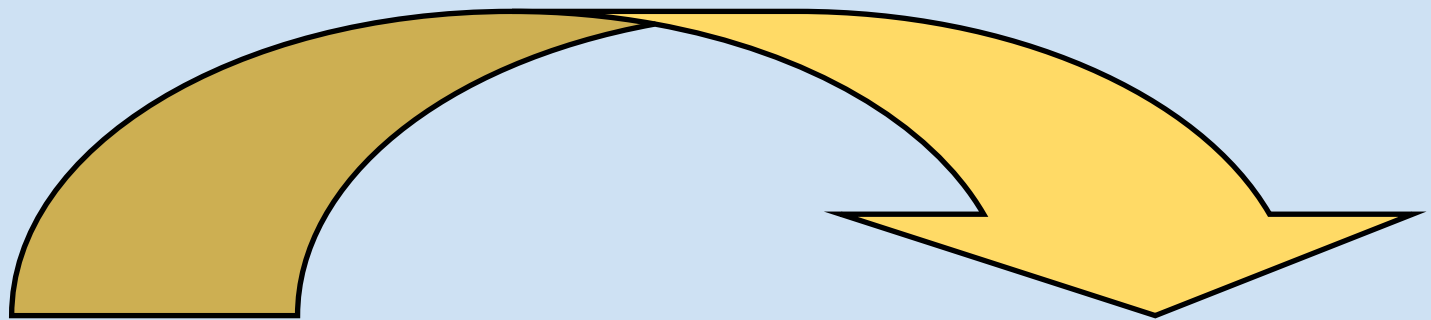
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WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

David Morrow - Dandridge
Vivian Morrow - Dandridge
John Whitson - Dandridge
Jerry Lynn Minks - Johnson County
Phillip Brian Johnson - Loudon
Shebretia Gail Johnson - Loudon
John Roberts - Norris
Wilma Stayton - Sevier County
Janice Knob - Tellico Village

*WELCOME NEW
MEMBERS*

IN MEMORY OF

None reported





Did you know that Lions Volunteer Blind Industries in Morristown and Johnson City employs over 100 disabled individuals, some of whom have been with us over 30 years?

This team of highly-skilled employees produce mattresses, foundations, mattress pads, army and navy physical-fitness pants, helmet covers for the military, and industrial paper towels. The products made by our blind and visually-impaired employees can be found in homes, colleges and universities, hotels and resorts, and on military bases both at home and abroad.

Begun in 1951 by the combined efforts of Lions Club Members, the National Industries for the Blind, the State of Tennessee, and other interested individuals, **Lions Volunteer Blind Industries** began our mission of providing blind people with **"The dignity of independence through employment."** Our goal is to help people who are blind to help themselves by achieving personal and economic independence.

We are always hiring blind and visually-impaired people, and offer a very competitive compensation and benefit package. We can use your help to recruit visually-impaired applicants! How? Get the word out in your community and refer interested applicants to us by sharing this link: <https://www.facebook.com/ComfortCraftersMorristown/videos/186130468965042/>

How can we help YOU? Please consider us for a fundraiser with our Comfort Crafters® mattresses!



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