



UPCOMING EVENTS

June 4

**Officer Trng
Powell Presby-
terian Church**

June 11

**Officer Trng
LVBI
Johnson City**

June 18

**Day w/Lions
Fountain City
Lions Club-
house**

DG PAULETTE'S POST

Thank You 12N Lions - As we come to the end of another Lions Year I want to thank you for your support and service to your communities. It has truly been my honor and privilege to once again serve as your District Governor.

We still have a month to go and I hope you will continue to serve your communities and report your service on **MyLion**. I also hope you will think seriously about donating to Lions Clubs International Foundation, if you have not already done so. For years, we have been receiving benefits from the Foundation not only for disaster relief but we have built several inclusive playgrounds, we were able to serve the hungry with our Operation Inasmuch food packing project obtaining the Community Impact Grant, we have been able to host a multiple district regional institute and purchase several PlusOptix and Spot vision screening devices for our clubs within the Multiple District.

Please come out on June 18th to support our White Cane efforts at the Day with the Lions Reverse Raffle at the Fountain City Clubhouse beginning at 10:30 AM.

Yours in Lionism, *DG Paulette*

Vice District Governor's Musings



RICH'S REVIEWS

Well, if your summer plans have you in Montreal on Friday, June 24, 2022 @ 10:15 AM and, in particular, at the Lion's Den Stage in the Palais des Congres, drop in and witness the fastest 45-minute presentation in LCIcon history. That's right, LCI has chosen our Dis-

trict 12N annual food packing project as one of the five global Lions causes: taking the steps to eradicate hunger by 2030.

I am honored to represent District 12N in this worthwhile endeavor. It is truly a template for what Lionism is all about: involvement from all sectors of society.

The team effort starts with all the District 12N Lions Club's uniting behind one global cause: hunger. Add the civic involvement of Pathways Church and the donation of their facilities plus the feeding of our Lion volunteers. Also add the foresight and leadership of Operation Inasmuch for providing the training, the product and the equipment needed to smoothly transition of the finished product to be distributed by each autonomous Lions Club back into the community.

I salute all of our International (we will be in Canada) Lion stars whose likeness appears in the pictures and video of our previous two food packing events. See you on the Red Carpet.

Please contact me (c: 865.321.0903) to schedule your DG visits and induction ceremonies PLUS any club events for the new fiscal year.

See you in July!!! DGE Rich Wilson

DISTRICT 12N EYEGLASS RECYCLING EVENT MAY 14TH

Lions and friends from all-across District 12N met at LVBI in Johnson City to deliver, sort, package, and prepare for shipping glasses that have been collected over the past several months. Over 1,300 pounds of glasses were packaged and are awaiting shipment to a recycling center.



Lions from Johnson City, West Knox, Karns, Kingsport, and Sevier County worked to sort the glasses, with Lions from Maryville, Dandridge, Harriman, and Knoxville Tri-County stopping by to drop off additional donations.



Lion Doris from Johnson City is modeling several of her favorite sunglasses that she discovered in the donation boxes.



Lions are busy looking for plastic frames with no metal components to be discarded. Cases (in new condition) were taken by Sevier County Lions to be donated to RAM or other agencies.



Lions Kenneth, Chuck, and Carol are shown placing frames containing any traces of metal into large shipping boxes to be sent to the recycling center.



Lions Adam, Bill, Jim, and Harry are sorting glasses, with frames containing no traces of metal being discarded.

DISTRICT CLUBS SERVING FROM THE HEART

West Knox Lions support Wesley House TableScapes



On April 30, 2022 the West Knox Lions Club participated in Wesley House TableScapes; a local fundraiser to help support the Wesley House W.I.S.E Program. TableScapes took place at the Cokesbury Methodist Church North Campus.

A table was purchased for the West Knox Lions Club to decorate. Lion Nancy Hall was put in charge of putting together a group to decorate. Lions Sheila Wittke, Sue Hilliker and Omega Nicely were members of the group that decorated the table.

The theme chosen for the table was 'We Serve'. Each table had a different theme and was decorated to fit that theme.

Other themes included Happy Birthday, Downton Abbey, Spring and many other creative themes. There was a silent auction that included donated items from different people and organizations. There was also a baked goods auction. Lion Sue Hilliker and Lion Beverly Gilmer donated baked goods to be auctioned. All in attendance got a chance to vote on tables they liked. Votes were cast by putting money into a container with the table's number on it. All money raised by table sales, seat sales, votes and auctions was donated to the WISE Program.

The WISE Program is a program that offers local senior women a chance to do activities and socialize. The program is run by The Wesley House, which also has a children's program and a food pantry for the community. Other Lions in attendance were, Lion Dr. Paul Wittke, Lion Tim Hilliker and Lions Club President Jonathan West.



DISTRICT CLUBS SERVING FROM THE HEART

Maryville Lions host "OTTO" Cruise-in



The Maryville Lions hosted an "Oldies to the Oldies" (OTTO) Cruise-in with vintage cars touring various Assisted Living facilities in Blount county. Many residents came out in walkers, wheelchairs and beds! A great time was had by all!! Prizes were awarded at the end of the day.



OTHER DISTRICT RELATED ITEMS

DANDRIDGE LIONS CLUB PROJECT



Lions Carolyn Rinehart, Mike Johnson and Susie Jarnagan

The Dandridge Lions Club installed a new park bench on the lawn of the Jefferson County Court House in Dandridge, Tennessee.

It is placed where people visiting Dandridge can sit and watch the people stroll thru Dandridge. The town is the second oldest town in Tennessee, named for Martha Dandridge Washington - President George Washington's wife and the only Dandridge in the world.

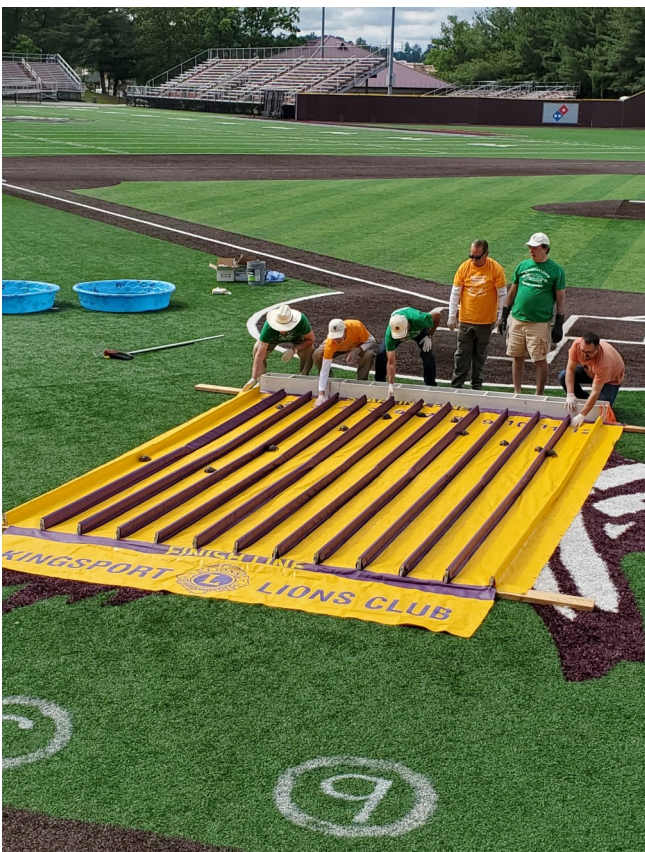
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Fun times at the Hamblen County Carnival



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KINGSPORT ANNUAL TURTLE DERBY



The Kingsport Lions Club held their 76th Annual Turtle Derby in memory of Lion Greg Lubrano who passed away this past year. They held 23 races that were timed as well as having a winner for each race. The 12 fastest turtles competed for the Grand Champion race! Prizes were awarded intermittently for girls, boys and adult ticket holders. The turtles are well cared for at President Keltie's farm. The average turtle is 5-6" in size! Some of them took off like crazy and others would not even budge! A girls and boys bikes were given away at the end. A great day of family fun!

OTHER DISTRICT RELATED ITEMS



Congratulations to the Farragut, Greeneville and Harriman Lions Clubs for winning this prestigious award for their Vision Screenings culminating in 2021. They were recognized by the Lions KidSight USA Foundation as a Top Ten Club Award Winner in TN. This was in recognition of their exemplary dedication to ensuring the children in our area receive the quality vision screening for which the Lions are known.

Approximately 6.8% of children younger than 18 years of age in the United States have a diagnosed eye

and vision condition. The majority of these problems can be corrected by wearing glasses. Vision problems undetected by age seven can become permanent.

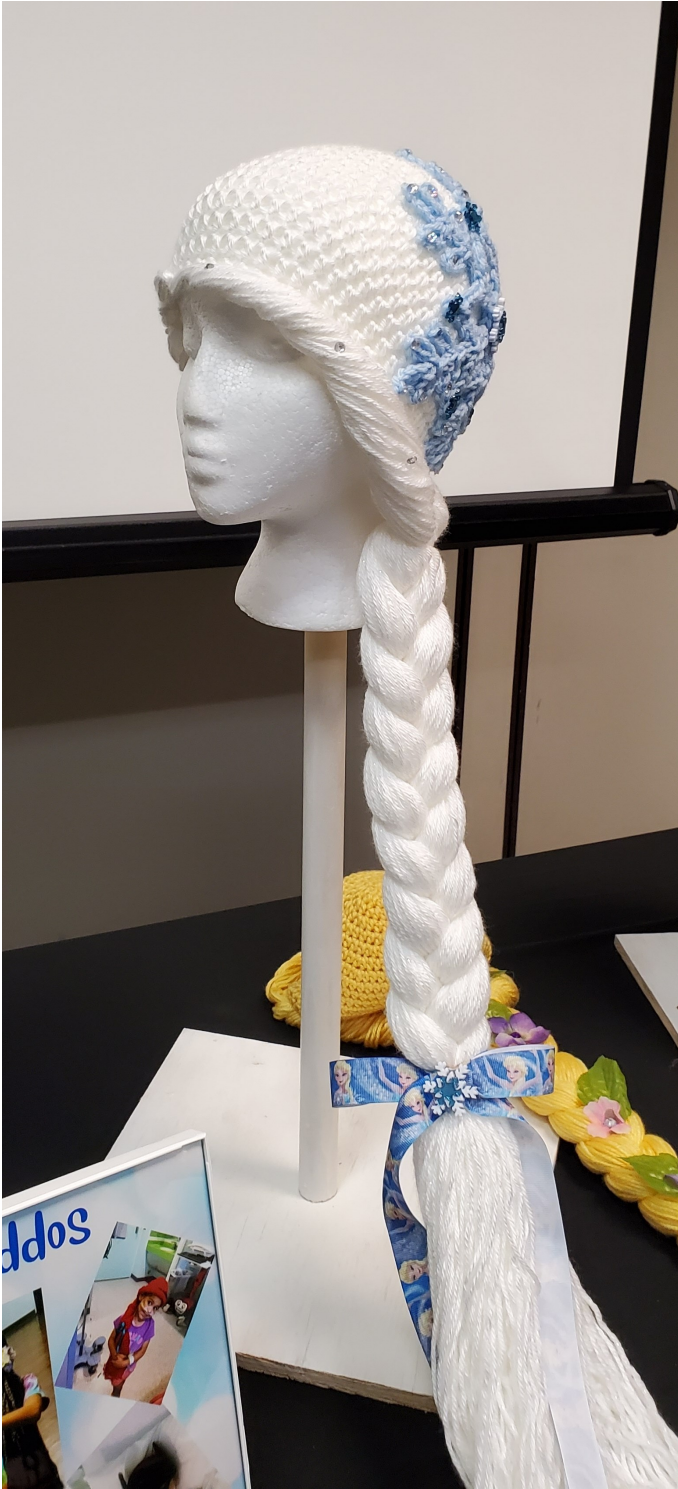
According to educational experts, 80% of learning is visual. If children can't see well, they have more difficulty learning. Close-up vision deficiencies can cause delayed development in reading and language skills, social development, and even physical development because they affect hand-eye coordination.

These clubs and others continue to work to provide for the needs of the children in our communities, to ensure they have the visual tools to achieve their full potential in school and in their future adult lives.

If other clubs not previously mentioned in News & Views articles have won this patch, congratulations for your education to preserving eyesight in your communities through vision screening. Keep up the good work!

OTHER DISTRICT RELATED ITEMS

CHILDHOOD CANCER PROJECT



Princess Elsa from "Frozen"

Calling all crocheter enthusiasts. I am trying to find a group of people who enjoy crocheting to make these amazing beanie wigs for children who experience hair loss. The plan is to donate them to East TN Children's and Niswonger Children's hospitals. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Paulette Bailey ladpee@gmail.com or 423-371-9738. I would be willing to put on a workshop for a group.



Captain Jack Sparrow from "Pirates of the Caribbean"

DISTRICT 12 N

OFFICER & ZONE CHAIR TRAINING

Officer Training

Training for Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers will be offered in two different locations - one in the northeast part of the District and one in the southeast. Details for the specific locations are still being worked out but the dates are:

Saturday, June 4, 2022 - 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Powell Presbyterian Church

Saturday, June 11, 2022 - 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

LVBI - Johnson City

Zone Chair Training

Saturday, June 25, 2022

Lions Volunteer Blind Industries

758 West Morris Blvd.

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

OTHER DISTRICT RELATED ITEMS



REVERSE RAFFLE

\$10 TICKETS

TOP PRIZES

- \$2,000
- \$1,000
- \$500

**SATURDAY
JUNE 18TH
10:30AM - 4:00PM**

LOCATION

**FOUNTAIN CITY
PARK
5345 N BROADWAY ST
KNOXVILLE**

ACTIVITIES

**LIVE MUSIC
FOOD VENDORS
GAMES FOR ALL AGES**



**RAFFLE
TICKETS
\$10**

**Bring the whole
family!!!**

MONEY RAISED WILL BE USED TO SUPPORT THE FOLLOWING LIONS DISTRICT 12N CHARITIES: CHILDHOOD CANCER, DIABETES AWARENESS, EAST TN LIONS EYE BANK, HEARING & SPEECH FOUNDATION, LEADER DOG FOR THE BLIND, LEARNING ALLY, LIONS QUEST, LIONS VOLUNTEER BLIND INDUSTRIES, TN SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND, TN SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND WORLD SERVICES FOR THE BLIND.

[HTTP://TNLIONS.ORG/](http://TNLIONS.ORG/)

DAY WITH THE LIONS
(District 12N Reverse Raffle Event)

VENDOR INFORMATION

Crafters/Gamers - we have a great opportunity for you! You and your friends are invited to sell your crafts or set up games at this event and by doing so you will be supporting the Lions 12N Charities.

Event Date: Saturday, June 18, 2022

Location: Fountain City Park, 5345 N. Broadway Street. Knoxville, TN 37918

Time: 10:00 AM

Details:

- **10 x 10 space can be reserved for \$25** (Lions will **NOT** take a percentage of your sales, but donations are acceptable)
- **Set-up Time** - Check-in at gate by 9:00 AM—Vehicles **MUST BE OUT** of selling area by 10 AM
- **Vendors must provide/bring** - Your own tent, table, chairs, etc.
- **Make Checks Payable to:** District 12N Charities. Payable when you sign up. Send check to Lion Nellie Harshbarger, P.O. Box 282, Norris, TN 37828. Phone 865/494-7599 or 865/705-5950.

This is a District 12N Lions fundraiser supporting all 11 charities that the District supports.



Join us for an evening of food, fun and live music as we raise money to support the Karns Lions Club Community Park and the many Karns Lions Club charitable projects in the community.

Indulge in all you can eat shrimp*, andouille sausage, potatoes, corn on the cob, gumbo, all the fixins', soft drink and dessert.

*Shrimp is cooked separately so plates can be made for those with shellfish allergies.

Bid on a variety of items in our silent auction.

Per person cost: \$30 - Purchase tickets online at <https://karnslionsclub.com/upcoming-events> (processing fee applies). Non-refundable Tickets must be purchased in advance. Limited number available each night. Tickets must be used for date specified on the ticket so there is enough food.

Or purchase with cash or check at one of the following locations:

- Salon Matias, 2548 Byington Solway Rd
- Mike Grimes Insurance, 7715 Oak Ridge Hwy
- Matlock Tire, 10838 Hardin Valley Rd

MEMBERSHIP



In preparation for the end of the Lions Year on June 30th, we highly encourage you to think about hosting a "Membership Drive".

If you remember, Lions Clubs International is currently waiving the \$35 new member application fee. This will be going away as of June 30th, so now is a perfect time to bring in those new Lions and avoid paying that application fee!

NEWS & VIEWS ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS

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. For the time being, submit all articles and photos to Paulette Bailey at ladi-pee@gmail.com by the 20th of the month.

Campaign 100 is ending! 100% of your donation directly supports LCIF's global causes.



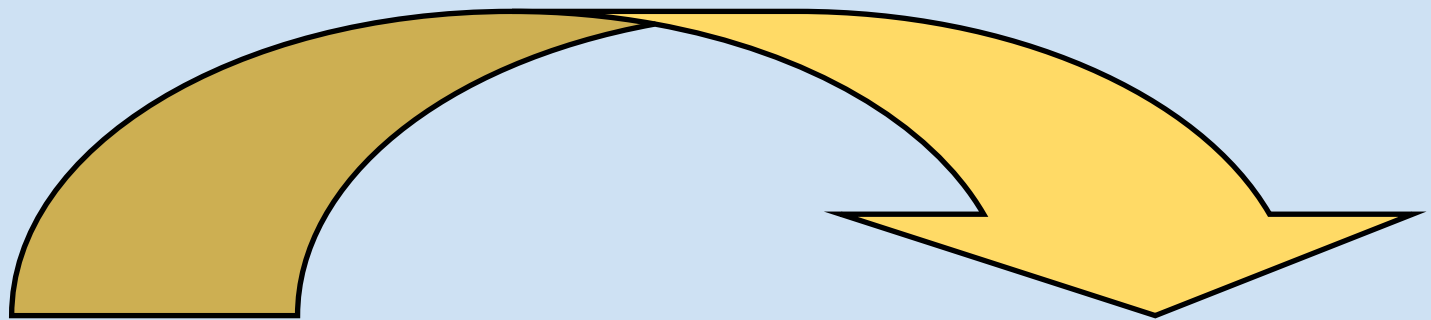
With the help of every Lion doing and giving what they can, *Campaign 100:LCIF Empowering Service* will meet the challenges facing our communities around the globe. LCIF is YOUR foundation and together, we can make a powerful impact.

FAMILIES IN CRISIS NEED YOU!



**Join Operation Inasmuch to pack
250,000 nutritional meals for
Ukrainian refugees in Poland!**

**Saturday, June 11 8AM - 5PM
Knoxville Expo Center
OperationInasmuch.org/Ukraine**



WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

Cynda Hodges - Campbell Cty
Cecelia Crosby - Dandridge
Danielle Gumb - Karns
Victor Umansky - Tellico Village

*WELCOME NEW
MEMBERS*

IN MEMORY OF

Johnny James - Loudon
Terry Harris - Morristown Chero-
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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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