



### Dates to Remember

**June 17, 2023**

**12N Reverse Raffle  
LVBI Morristown**

**July 7-11., 2023**

**LCI Convention  
Boston, MA**

**July 29, 2023**

**12N Org Meeting  
LVBI Morristown**

**July 29, 2023**

**Officer Training  
LVBI Morristown**

**Sept 21-23, 2023**

**USA/Canada Forum  
Reno, NV**

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

As I prepare my final article as 12N DG, the \$64,000 Lions question is 'where did the year go'?

Our club activities are stronger than ever post-COVID, we have added 79 new members to date, we have added a new Leo Club, we completed our 3rd Annual Food Packing event, and more clubs are meeting in person and providing hybrid ZOOM coverage for those unable to attend. Our strengths continue to be the dedication of the men and women Lion volunteers who give unselfishly of their time and their money to make a difference in their respective communities. A mighty 'Lions Roar' to each and every one of you. I know that you will redouble your efforts as we welcome DGE Frank McCall, 1st VDGE Keltie Kerney and 2nd VDGE Nathanael Hughes.

The final month of this Lion's year is a sprint to the finish: ALL CLUBS must complete the proper paperwork, pay district and international dues in a timely manner, update your Constitution and By-Laws to reflect the LCI changes, specifically the dues increase, attend the necessary training, update directory info, increase membership, embrace technology changes, involve community businesses and schools and, finally, post photos of your events.

The biggest 'Thank You' to CC Paulette Bailey and Treasurer, PDG Chuck Bailey for their work on the Monthly News & Views PLUS their regular Lions duties; Secretary Extraordinaire Kim Osborne (and the behind the scenes work of Jim McFarland, Terry Aparicio, Chuck Osborne, Connie Emmons, Clare & Dave Crawford) were invaluable.

To my fellow DG comrades John Hughey, Patrick Scott, Fred Mundt and Linda Maggart: Our forecasts may not have been 100% but our hearts and efforts were 110%. Thank you for your part in my journey.

Things end but memories last forever.  
12N DG Rich Wilson

# Vice Governor Frank's Musings



## Expectations

I would like to thank each Lion that Voted me in as District Governor Elect of 12N. This position comes with expectations and goals that must be realistic. This year my plans are to focus on club health. What makes up club health? Let us face facts. We are coming off a pandemic and the economy could be better. This is where we fit in as Lions. Our motto is WE SERVE and there are five causes that Lions International is supporting.

Club Health starts by making sure our budget is in order. Paying both international and club dues. Balancing our books and getting our 1099 tax forms in time. Meeting with our club members and preparing for fundraising. This is the time now if something is not working to go down a different avenue. Try a different approach. HELP is not a bad word. It means you want to be better. Why not?

Please start reporting service projects, changes in cabinet or meeting times and fundraising. Lions International is launching a new website to help our clubs solve this very problem. I will admit that the website is hard to navigate sometimes, but we are finally getting some assistance.

The goal of reporting is to get noticed. You can receive awards for your club. This is another advantage. Your club can reap the rewards. New members and fresh faces are what we thrive on. So let us work together. We are a team.

Leadership is another factor that can be helpful. We will be offering leadership training this year. It is time to step up. District 12-N needs innovative ideas and innovative approaches.

The right leader is out there. It is you.

DGE Frank McCall



# DISTRICT CLUBS SERVING FROM THE HEART

## Campbell County Carnival



May 9<sup>th</sup> through 13<sup>th</sup> the Campbell County Lions held their annual Carnival for the community. It was held in a new location. Games, carnival food, and rides made up the fun. As shown in a few of the pictures taken by Charlie Hudson, the photographer for WLAJ, and some of the Club members.





# DISTRICT CLUBS SERVING FROM THE HEART

## Elizabethton Lions Visit LVBI Operation



Left to right - DG Rich Wilson, 2nd VDGE Nathanael Hughes, VP David Lacy, Betsy Loveday-COO, Tammy Barnes, Jim Barnes-Treasurer, Denise and Mike Simerly. The Elizabethton Lions enjoyed touring the facility in Gray and having the ability to have lunch with some of the employees.





## DISTRICT CLUBS SERVING FROM THE HEART

### ETSU delivers food to Bucky's Food Pantry

Left to right - ETSU President Hayden Tolley, Bucky's Mgr. Brant Newcomb, PDG Ed Gibbons.



# DISTRICT CLUBS SERVING FROM THE HEART

## Harriman Lions Club



Club President Carie Gecelosky and 1<sup>st</sup> VP Andy Gecelosky present a \$1000 scholarship check to Harriman High School senior Austin Wright at the school awards ceremony held May 11<sup>th</sup>. He will attend the Tennessee College of Applied Technology (TCAT) this fall. The Harriman Lions Club presents this scholarship award each year.



The Harriman Lions Club held a Yard Sale Fun(d) raiser on May 13<sup>th</sup> in downtown Harriman. The yard sale was a huge success and a great time was had by all. Pictured are club members Brenda and Jeff Cate.



The Harriman Lions Club will host their annual pancake breakfast on Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Roane Street Grill in downtown Harriman. Come join us!



# DISTRICT CLUBS SERVING FROM THE HEART

## Johnson City - Building with the Lions

The 2nd Saturday of each month, the Johnson City Lions host a Lego building day at their local library called "Building with the Lions".





# **DISTRICT CLUBS SERVING FROM THE HEART**

## **Johnson City Vision Screening**



## **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.**



## DISTRICT CLUBS SERVING FROM THE HEART

### Maryville Lions OTTO (Oldies to the Oldies) Car Cruise-in



The Maryville Lions club parades a myriad of vintage cars to various Assisted Living Centers in Blount County in the Spring and Fall. The residents are thrilled to reminisce about the days when they drove some of the cars. The cars are on display for about 45 minutes before moving on to the next facility. The day ends at Hops Drive-In for prize drawings.





## OTHER DISTRICT RELATED ITEMS

### tt Eyeglass Recycling held at LVBI May 13th



Several Lions sorted and crated eyeglasses for the District 12N Eyeglass Recycling day on Saturday, May 13th! Great job - around 20,000 glasses will be sent to CA for recycling! Thanks to all the clubs who collected and donated eyeglasses. The proceeds will go towards the District eye preservation programs.



Doris Kaifa having fun trying on all the crazy glasses and cute cases!





## OTHER DISTRICT RELATED ITEMS

### Sevier County Vision Clinic



Doctors on site included David Mills, OD; Daniel Horton, OD; Paul Wittke, MD; and John Chapman, MD.

Lions Ranee, Jen, Kim, Janet, Chuck, Bryce, Jim, and Jonathan after loading the truck at the end of the day.



Sevier County Lions Club, in cooperation with Smoky Mountain Lions Charities, held a Vision Clinic on Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, at the My People Senior Activity Center in Sevierville. A total of 195 patients checked in, with 190 receiving eye exams. Glasses were picked up on May 20<sup>th</sup> at Eye Designs Optical in Sevierville. Six patients will be referred for additional vision services. Volunteers from the West Knox, Knoxville East, Kingston, Norris, Karns, and Loudon Lions Clubs assisted with this clinic, while additional support vendors included the Sevier Co. Health Dept., St. Mary's Legacy Clinic, Mtn. Hope Good Shepherd Clinic and Second Harvest. Food for volunteers was provided by Krispy Kreme, Chik-A-Fil, Buddy's Bar-b-q, Burger King and Smart Bank with lodging



arranged by Landmark Inn. The Sevier Lions wish to thank all of the volunteers, translators, vendors and staff that helped make this day a success!



Volunteer Mary and Lion Jen in the Visual Acuity area.



# OTHER DISTRICT RELATED ITEMS

## West Knox Awards Night



Lion Ron Riehn presents a Melvin Jones Fellowship plaque to Club President Jonathan West.



Pres. Jonathan West presents Club Presidential Certificate to Laura and Terry Horn.



Left to right—Lion Beverly Gilmer presents Wesley House thank you certificates to PDG Jim McFarland and PCC Nancy Hall.



Pres. Jonathan West leading awards ceremony.



## OTHER DISTRICT RELATED ITEMS

### 2023-2024 Trading Pins for the International Convention



The 2023-2024 MD-12 state trading pins are available for sale. Makes a great memento of this year! PRICE is \$5 per pin. There is only one pin this year since the price has been increased radically.

This is our Tennessee "cat" (Mr. Lion) dressed as Paul Revere in celebration of the 2023 international convention in Boston.

Two pins are pictured -- Mr. Lion on the GREEN base is the official Tennessee pin this year. This pin should be available from your district pin chairman.

The pin on the RED base is a coordinating pin with a SWINGING lantern produced by PDGs Clare & Dave Crawford. It is available directly from them ([LionClare@gmail.com](mailto:LionClare@gmail.com)) or 865-607-1898.



# 2023 Annual Shrimp Boil Benefiting the Karns Lions Club



Friday June 9th  
Saturday June 10th  
6:30pm

**\$35 per person**

Karns Lions Club Pavilion  
6618 Beaver Ridge Rd

[KarnsLionsClub.com](http://KarnsLionsClub.com)  
[Facebook.com/KarnsLionsClub](https://www.facebook.com/KarnsLionsClub)

Join us for an evening of food, fun and live music 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.

Bid on a variety of items in our silent auction.

Tickets must be purchased in advance.

Limited number available for each evening.

Ticket only valid for evening/date noted on ticket. Non-refundable.

Purchase online at **[KarnsLionsClub.com](http://KarnsLionsClub.com)** or at:

Salon Matias, 2548 Byington Solway Rd

Mike Grimes Insurance, 7715 Oak Ridge Hwy

Matlock Tire, 10838 Hardin Valley Rd

\*Shrimp prepared separately. Shrimp-free plates available for those with shellfish allergies.



# SPAGHETTI DINNER

**FRIDAY, JUNE 23rd 5:30 - 7:30 PM**

**at My People Senior Activity Center**

**1220 West Main Street, Sevierville, TN 37862**

Enjoy a delicious meal of  
spaghetti, salad, bread, drink,  
and dessert.

Tickets available at the door

**\$10**

\$8 for children 10 and  
under



**Proceeds benefit the programs of  
the Sevier County Lions Club**

**SILENT AUCTION JUNE 16-JUNE 23**

## OTHER DISTRICT RELATED ITEMS

### District 12N Charities 2023 Reverse Raffle

**The location for the June 17, 2023 Reverse Raffle drawing has been changed to**  
**Lions Volunteer Blind Industries 758 W Morris Blvd, Morristown, TN,**

The Ticket price is \$10.00 each. The Prizes are last ticket drawn is \$2,000, next to the last \$1000 and second from the last \$500. The tickets may be sold until June 17, 2023.

Your club will be eligible for-profit sharing of ticket sales as listed below, **so this can be a fundraiser for you as well!!!** In order to be eligible, your club must sell 25 tickets or more 1-24 tickets \$0; 25-49 \$1.25; 50-99 \$1.50 ; 100-199 \$1.75; 200-299 \$2.00; 300-399 \$2.25 ; 400-499 \$2.50; over 500 \$2.75.

**These incentives will be on all tickets sold,** so if you sell 49 tickets your Club will earn \$1.25 per ticket, but if you sell 50 tickets you earn \$1.50 for each.

**Clubs collected \$2,146.50 from the 2022 Reverse Raffle!!!**

Additionally, the three clubs who sell the most tickets will have a donation made to LCIF for their Club which can go toward a Melvin Jones Fellow. 1<sup>st</sup> Prize is \$300, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize is \$200 and 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize is \$100.

Tickets may be sold to anyone except to a member or officer of the board of directors of District 12N Lions Charities, Inc and their immediate family members residing in the same household of the board of directors or an officer of the organization.

**Lastly in the 2021-2022 fiscal year total White Cane funds collected were \$24,860 excluding the 2022 Raffle funds of \$9,000.**

**Now, if ever Member in District 12N sold 5 tickets we would generate approximately \$32,500 for White Cane.**

continued



## OTHER DISTRICT RELATED ITEMS

### District 12N Charities 2023 Reverse Raffle (cont.)

Wow, we would have \$57,360 to distribute from the White Cane Funds (assuming the club amount remained the same) and **the clubs would make more than \$6,000. SO, SELL – SELL – SELL - SELL.**

#### Lions District 12N Charities

Reverse Raffle

June 17, 2023 Fountain City Lions Club Knoxville, TN

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

No. 



\$10

All funds need to be **in to PDG Jim McFarland, 8030 Whitestone Rd., Knoxville by June 10.**

For tickets, or further information, call or email PDG Jim McFarland, [tnlion-jim@gmail.com](mailto:tnlion-jim@gmail.com) ph. 865-556-9091

**PDG Jim McFarland – Chair**



# OTHER DISTRICT RELATED ITEMS

## Misc. 12N photos from State Convention



Lion of the Decade - DG Rich Wilson & PCC Brandon Johnson. Lion of the Year recipient PDG Mike Vudragovich was not present.

Lion Kim and Chuck Osborne with DG Rich Wilson receiving 100% attendance pins. Lion Kim also received a Int'l President's Certificate



CC Paulette & PCC Brandon Johnson with a Membership Certificate for his 1st in the nation Leo-Lion Club.



Council Chair Paulette presenting Lion Johnny Cecil with her "Heart of a Lion" Medal for his continual club and District support.



# OTHER DISTRICT RELATED ITEMS

## Misc. 12N photos from State Convention



PDG Wendy & Barry Cain. VP Dr. Patti Hill pinning Johnny Cecil with the President's pin.



DGE Frank McCall and Lion Connie Emmons. DG Rich Wilson and Rovano Lollino. PDG Chuck and Council Chair Paulette Bailey.



# CLUB EXCELLENCE AWARD

Is your club eligible for the 2022-2023 Club Excellence Award?

## **MEMBERSHIP**

Maintained club membership count (closed the year with the same number of members as the start of the 2022 Lions year, or have a positive membership growth), **OR**  
Chartered a new Lions Club, Leo Club, or Club Branch.

## **SERVICE**

Contributed to LCIF, **AND**

Started a new service project. *Consider one of our Global Cause, AND*

List THREE service activities your club participated in that were reported in MyLION.

## **LEADERSHIP & ORGANIZATIONAL EXCELLENCE**

Club is in Good Standing: Not in Status Quo or Financial Suspension. District dues paid and no unpaid balance with LCI greater than US\$50, **AND**

Reported Club Officers to LCI, **AND**

Key Officers participated in club officer training.

## **MARKETING**

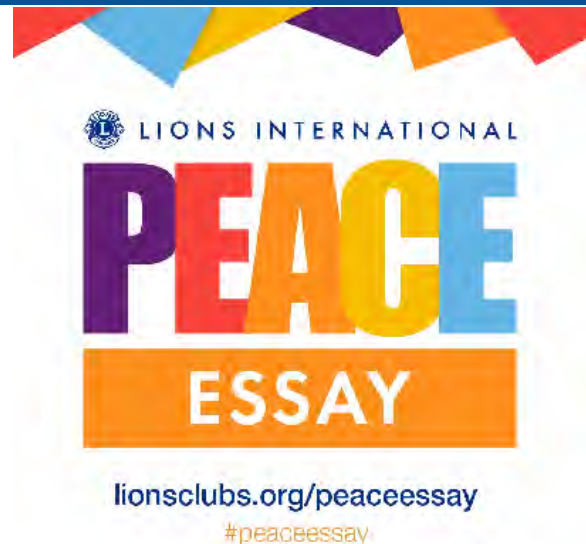
The club has publicized its service activities through local media or social media.

If your club meets all of the above criteria, complete the online application found at <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/club-excellence-awards> and send to clubexcellenceaward@lionsclubs.org.

**Deadline for submitting application for the 2022-2023 Lions year is August 31, 2023.**



## OTHER DISTRICT RELATED ITEMS



### **To ALL Clubs in District 12N:**

You have an opportunity to have the children in your community involved in two great projects, our Peace contest "DARE TO DREAM," and our Essay Contest "DARE TO DREAM". This year, Lions International invites young people to express and to show how they'll turn their dream of a peaceful world into a reality.

Now more than ever our world needs to learn the true meaning of "dream of peace," in order for us to evolve as individuals and countries, and to create a better future together.

To Host a Peace Poster or and Peace Essay Contest in your community, order your kit at <https://lionsclubinternational.myshopify.com/collections/peace-poster-kits>. ; The instructions are clear, and they include all the Rules and Regulations, as well as the deadlines. The kit contains all information, details, rules, regulations, etc., for both Contests, as well as the sticker that must be placed on the winning entry to submit to our District Governor.

# OTHER DISTRICT RELATED ITEMS

## Peace Poster and Essay Info (cont.)

Attached is a blank copy of a Peace Poster Participant Application and the Essay Contest Participant Application. We encourage you to have every participant fill in that form, to have legal permission from the parents to allow the children to participate in the Contests, as well as for you to have their written authorization to publicize their work.

The deadline for the District 12N Governor to receive the winning Posters and Essays from your Club is **November 15th, 2023.**

When you contact the teachers in your schools, encourage them to look at the winning entries from last year on the Lions Clubs International Website, as well as the regulations and guidelines, in order for them to see the kind of work children all over the world are doing.

We hope that all of you will take the information of these two great contests to your local schools and encourage them to participate.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need additional information.

Thank you for your kind consideration.

Terry Aparicio  
Poster Contest Chair

Cell #865-654-7685  
E-mail: [ftinthesmokies@aol.com](mailto:ftinthesmokies@aol.com)







# **YOUR CLUB'S NAME HERE**

## **Peace Poster Contest**

### **"DARE TO DREAM"**

## **Participant Application**

The **YOUR CLUB'S NAME HERE** is sponsoring a Poster Contest, which is open to all **YOUR COUNTY** students ages 11, 12 and 13 (by November 15, 2023) and involves the creating of a Poster with the theme "DARE TO DREAM". This contest presents a wonderful opportunity for your child to research, understand and display in art a way to show how they'll turn their dream of a peaceful world into reality.

A panel of judges from the **YOUR CLUB'S NAME HERE** will review all entries and will select the First, Second and Third Place winning Posters. The winning students will be notified prior to November 5<sup>th</sup>. Prizes will be: **YOUR CLUB DECIDES WHAT YOU WANT TO AWARD – GIFTS OR MONEY.**

By signing this form, I hereby grant permission to my son/daughter to participate in the contest. I also give permission to the **YOUR CLUB'S NAME HERE** to take photos of my son/daughter with his/her award-winning Poster and to publish the picture with his/her name in local media (i.e., local newspaper, social media).

## **LET YOUR TALENT SHINE FOR YOUR DREAMS!!!!**

**Please return this form with the Essay**

**Contest Deadline: October 20<sup>ND</sup>, 2023**

(Please print)

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_



# 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**





## 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](http://www.lionsforum.org)**

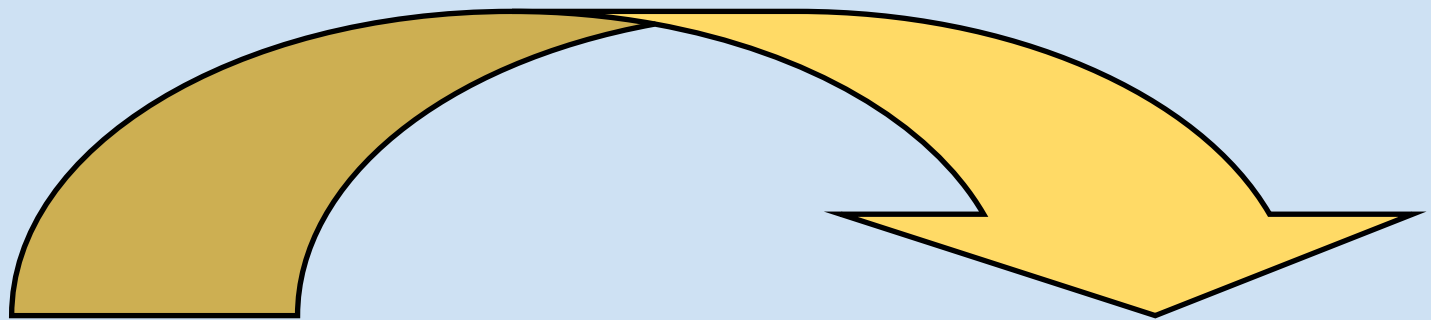
**47th ANNUAL USA/CANADA LIONS LEADERSHIP FORUM****Reno, Nevada****Thursday, September 21, 2023 - Saturday, September 23, 2023****The Forum begins on Thursday morning and ends after the closing banquet on Saturday evening.  
Please book your hotel stay accordingly.****Registrant A**

<input type="text"/>	SUB-DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> LION	<input type="checkbox"/> LEO	<input type="checkbox"/> NON-MEMBER
Name _____				
First	Last	Initial	Nickname (Titles will not be included)	
Mailing Address _____				
Street Number/PO Box		City	State/Prov	Zip/PC
Phone ( ) _____		( ) _____	E-Mail _____	
Primary Phone		Alternative Phone	Please print clearly	
<input type="checkbox"/> 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 _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Past	<input type="checkbox"/> Present
<b>Please check all that apply:</b>				
Special Meals: <input type="checkbox"/> Diabetic <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian <input type="checkbox"/> Hindu Vegetarian <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ (Please specify needs and include any allergies. It may not be possible to accommodate all special meal requests)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Hearing Challenged <input type="checkbox"/> Visually Challenged <input type="checkbox"/> Physically Challenged Specific needs _____ (Please let us know how we can help with your specific challenge, i.e.: hearing device, Braille, wheelchair access...?)				
<input type="checkbox"/> I am a Pin Trader <input type="checkbox"/> I will need a table for pin trading _____ Number of tables needed _____ (Pin trading tables will be available at \$60 each)				
<input type="checkbox"/> I would like to participate in the Strides walk on Thursday afternoon, September 21, 2023. (Cost is \$25 per person)				
T-shirt size _____				

**Registrant B**

<input type="text"/>	SUB-DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> LION	<input type="checkbox"/> LEO	<input type="checkbox"/> NON-MEMBER
Name _____				
First	Last	Initial	Nickname (Titles will not be included)	
Mailing Address _____				
Street Number/PO Box		City	State/Prov	Zip/PC
Phone ( ) _____		( ) _____	E-Mail _____	
Primary Phone		Alternative Phone	Please print clearly	
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## **WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS**

Tom Patel - Bulls Gap  
Mary Lou Bible - Dandridge  
Betty Guyton - Harriman  
Michael Winn - Johnson City  
Michael Riedel - Karns  
April Shepherd - Kingston  
Edward Borst - Tellico Village  
Janice Knob - Tellico Village  
Linda Tripp - Tellico Village

*WELCOME NEW  
MEMBERS*

## **IN MEMORY OF**

Mary Lou Longmire - Inskip





**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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