



There is a Time, a Place and a Season for everything!

Transition time is near. Our next DG Team - Nate, Wayne and Kim –are Awesome! They are prepared, capable and ready to hit the ground running. Thanks to each for stepping up and being willing to serve in leadership roles.

Thank you for the opportunity to SERVE as District Governor for East Tennessee Lions, District 12N.

The year started off with a planned smooth flight, beginning with a pre-organizational meeting where Lions worked thru a SWOT discussion – Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats to the District. Then Hurricane Helene tore through Northeast TN, changing our flight path. Lions immediately engaged in disaster relief activities, which are ongoing, and which seem to be a new normal for Lions. Members primarily served the heavily affected counties of Cocke, Carter, Unicoi, Johnson, Washington, and Greene.

We are most thankful for the significant donations from West Tennessee Lions. Sergeant TX Lions, Wisconsin Lions and several other clubs provided generous donations. Thank you to the members of all Clubs across the District who continued to SERVE and meet your unique community needs.

What's Next? I offer a few thoughts.....

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Upcoming Events:

June 16,
Sevierville
Charter Night

June 28,
Reverse Raffle

June 30,
ETLEB
Retirement

July 19, 2025
Organizational
Meeting
LVBI
Morristown

District Governor News (con't)

- Take more Action photos (PIP Brian endorses)
- Don't sweat the small stuff
- Recruit more members, so we may serve more
- Capture the important moments
- Extend an Olive Branch, Kindness Matters
- Continue to Serve Abundantly
- Support LCIF – 12N has received several grants already and two grant applications are in their office now from 12N
- Report Service Hours, I repeat, Report Service Hours

Whether it's "Together We Can", "Changing the World", "Make Your Mark" or "Taking Flight" - we are all in this together. Let's Lighten Up! Enjoy the journey "To Serve". We never know where the next need may be; however, where there is a need, there is a Lion. There's still much work to accomplish up until June 30, including club visits.

Serving with You, DG Keltie
Keltiekerney@hotmail.com
423-416-7407



Vice District Governor's Musings



Thank You for a Great Year

As I wrap up my final month of 1st VDG; I want to thank the leadership team for their mentorship, support, and communication in a challenging year. Helene's devastation in September put us to the test and there is still work that must be done to help recover our communities. I'm proud of the love and outpouring of support shown by Lions across the country. I am most

proud of our continued resilience and outpouring acts of service that each of our local clubs and members continue to show. I'm excited and humbled to serve as District Governor in July with several familiar and new faces in the year to come. Let's continue to find ways to serve and impact others.

Nathanael Hughes, District Governor Elect

2025



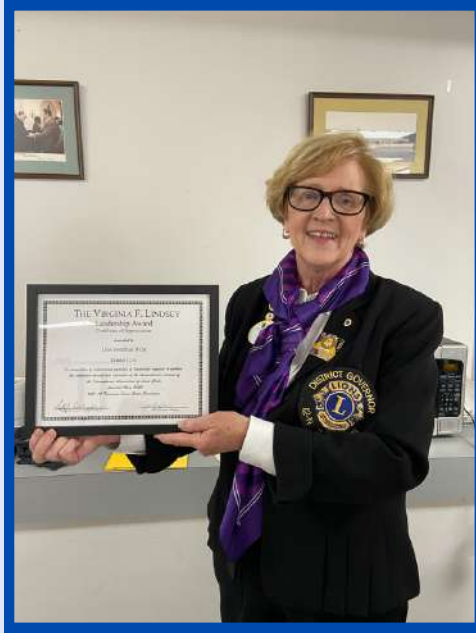
2025 June - The End of a Great Year in Lions District 12N

As District 12N wraps up an outstanding year, Lions Club members can reflect on their achievements with pride. From impactful community service projects to meaningful fellowship, the district has embodied the Lions' mission of service. Volunteers have strengthened local programs, provided aid where needed (vision, disaster relief, hunger and many other needs), and fostered lasting connections. Leadership, dedication,

and teamwork have been at the heart of every success. As we look ahead, we can carry forward the spirit of service with renewed enthusiasm. The past year's accomplishments inspire new goals and greater impact in the future. Here's to another year of making a difference in District 12N! 🦁

Yours in Lionism, Wayne Garland, 1st Vice District Governor Elect

Spring Cabinet Meeting 05.17.25



CLINTON LIONS 85th CELEBRATION

85th

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

85th

Clinton Lions Club is celebrating their 85th Anniversary
(Chartered July 2, 1940)

August 9, 2025 at the Museum of Appalachia,
5:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Call to order at 5:00 PM

Dinner served from 5:30 to 6:30 PM
Dress is casual, nice

Tickets are \$35.00 each and children 12 and under are free

Cutoff date for tickets is August 1, 2025
as we need to let the caterer know how many will attend

Cost of the ticket includes access to all of the Museum areas,
so come early and take advantage of it.

There will be entertainment, speakers and door prizes
Seating limited to 150 people

Contact PDG Neal Vaughan for tickets and/or information
E-mail: neallion@comcast.net

Museum of Appalachia
2819 Andersonville Hwy. (Hwy 61)
Clinton, TN, 37716
Exit 122 on I-75 and approximately 1 mile east

Harriman Lions Club

Harriman Lions Club 1st Vice President Andy Gecelosky presented a scholarship check for \$1000 to Harriman High School Senior Lillie Hacker at the High School Awards Ceremony on May 15th. Lillie will attend Roane State Community College in the Fall. The scholarship is presented annually to a high school senior for academic achievement and community service. The Harriman Lions Club Scholarship Fund is made possible through a trust established by the late Walter Branum, who was a charter member of the Club.



Kingsport Lions Club

Fun picture of Kingsport Lions Club members after they packed 200 community lunches, May 13 at Shades of Grace. Left to right, Lions Val Abernathy, Eileen Hillmuth, Lion Harry Ennis' wife Neva, Bill Moore, Jim Fischer, Kathy Moore, Neil Smith, Bill Murdoch, Don Abernathy and Doug Hillmuth. The Kingsport Lions have faithfully purchased food and packed 200 community lunches monthly for 2 years and plan to continue as the needs are immense and increasing.



Knoxville Tri-County Lions Club

Plastic Recycling Project

Knoxville Tri-County Lions has been taking care of our recycling program for a few months now. They have collected over 1356 pounds of plastic from resources like fellow Lions Clubs and other businesses and individuals. The first bench for Children's Hospital is here and will be scheduling an installation date soon. We are waiting on the Lions plaque before setting a date. The second bench will be going to Sunset Gap as Niswongers Children's Hospital is still under construction issues at this time. Karns Lions Club has asked to be placed on the list as well. Please let me know if you have an interest in obtaining one and where it will be going. It takes 1,000 pounds of plastic per bench!

Plastic grocery bags, ice bags, shrink wrap, plastic wrap, Ziploc bags, dry cleaning bags, news paper sleeves, air pillows, bubble wrap, plastic shipping envelopes, overwrap from cases of food, paper towels, water etc., plastic must be clean and no food debris. Try to please put them into a clear garbage bag so that the store can see that it is not trash. If your plastic won't fit in their receptacle, please notify an employee that you just dropped off a large bag(s) so that they can get it to the back where they store it until the company they use picks it up or they deliver it to the next drop off point for them.

The company for the benches are working with us to get around the only 1 bench per year, so we can do as many as possible. Reach out to your neighbors, church etc. This keeps the plastic out of the landfills.

We need your photo of your bag(s), weight, store and city. We do not need the street address. Please send them to either Connie Emmons conniemay2017@outlook.com or text 865-456-0127, or Peggy Russell, russell.peggy24@gmail.com

Stores in Tennessee are:

Cash Savers Food City Food Lion Kohl's Ingles
Kroger Piggly Wiggly Ruler Foods Save-A-Lot
Sprouts Farmers Market Richardson Waste Solutions* (Grassroots
movement account)

If you need a list of stores for North Carolina or Virginia please reach out to Connie.

Maryville Lions Club

Maryville Lions Host OTTO

On Saturday, May 17th the Maryville Lions hosted OTTO (Oldies to the Oldies) car show where several vintage cars toured 4 Assisted Living Centers in Blount County. The weather was perfect with a beautiful breeze that made it pleasant for both the drivers and individuals walking around touring the cars. One Center even had a live band and handed out popsicles.



Morristown Hamblen Lions Club

On May 13, 2025, DG Keltie and 2nd VDG Wayne visited with the Morristown Hamblen Lions Club members at their regular monthly meeting.



L to R: DG Keltie recognized Lion Lisa Herndon and President Ann Holbrooks for sponsoring new members as they contribute toward the Mission 1.5 membership efforts. New members will increase service projects and impact more individuals.

Morristown Clubs

On May 14th, DG Keltie presented a letter of recognition and a Monarch Chevron from past International Lions President Dr. Patti Hill to Lion Tony Nead, President of the Morristown Morris Boulevard Club for his 15 years of service.

DG Keltie attended a combined meeting of the Morristown Morris Boulevard and the Morristown Cherokee Lions Clubs.



Monarch Chevron Award

This award is given to any Lion who has served for 10 years, continuing every five years until their 95th year of service.

Norris Lions Club



Norris President, Randy Kurth, presiding over the May 15th meeting.



Sevierville Lions Club



L to R: Chuck Osborne, PDG
Millie Burke, 2nd VDGE Kim
Osborne, Club President Kathi
Hofstad, and DG Keltie Kerney.

At the Spring Cabinet meeting, DG Keltie presented Sevierville Lions Club officers and members with their new Lions Club Charter.



Congratulations!

Celebrating Sevierville Lion Kyler Kerney-Elliott's graduation from ETSU. Kyler is now off to graduate school to work toward his MBA. Sevierville Lion Sarah Collins joined in the celebration with Kyler.

YOU ARE INVITED!!



SEVIERVILLE LIONS CLUB
Charter Night Celebration

MONDAY JUNE 16TH
6:00PM

PLEASE JOIN US FOR DINNER, RAFFLES, AND FUN!
GUEST SPEAKER: PAST DISTRICT GOVERNOR, ED
GIBBONS, JOHNSON CITY LIONS CLUB

\$35 PER PERSON
CASH OR CREDIT CARD PAY AT DOOR.
(20% GRATUITY NOT INCLUDED)
CHARTER GIFTS ARE WELCOMED.

THE CHOP HOUSE

3609 OUTDOOR SPORTSMAN PLACE
KODAK, TN 37764

RSVP BY JUNE 7TH. TO
KATHI HOFSTAD AT KATHIHOFSTAD@GMAIL.COM OR
BY TEXT/PHONE AT 865-924-8300

Tellico Village Lions Club

At the Tellico Village meeting on May 6, 2025, two new members, Colleen Beers and Mick Nicholls, were initiated. Performing the ceremony was Chris Garner, a Melvin Jones Fellow, assisted by new members sponsor Kathy Dooley.



L to R: Colleen Beers, Chris Garner, Mick Nicholls, and President Kathy Dooley.



Tellico Village Lions Club (con't)

Tellico Village Lions held a Golf for Sight Tournament on May 17th in Tellico Village. The Golf For Sight Tournament is the major fundraiser for the Tellico Vision program where they scan over 3,000 school children a year for eye defects, and give over 150 pairs of glasses to financially qualified adults.



Larry Elder and Bruce Johnson selling mulligans



Marica & Howard Higby directing the golfers



Pat Gosik and Rosie Sylvester checking in the golfers



Mark Johnson, Perry Sylvester, and Denny Van Wormer lead the Lions golfers



SUMMER Trivia



What is the longest day of the year called?

- A. Winter Solstice
- B. Autumn Equinox
- C. Summer Solstice
- D. Spring Equinox

Which fruit is often eaten at summer picnics and is mostly water?

- A. Apple
- B. Watermelon
- C. Banana
- D. Pineapple

What type of cloud often brings thunderstorms in the summer?

- A. Cumulus
- B. Stratus
- C. Cirrus
- D. Cumulonimbus

Which insect is known for lighting up at night during summer?

- A. Bee
- B. Butterfly
- C. Firefly
- D. Ladybug

What is a popular beach activity involving a net and ball?

- A. Soccer
- B. Volleyball
- C. Tennis
- D. Basketball

Which ocean is the largest in the world and a popular summer vacation destination?

- A. Atlantic Ocean
- B. Indian Ocean
- C. Arctic Ocean
- D. Pacific Ocean

What do you call a frozen treat on a stick?

- A. Popsicle
- B. Ice Cream Cone
- C. Snow Cone
- D. Gelato

What kind of tree is known for its big leaves and is often found in tropical climates?

- A. Pine Tree
- B. Oak Tree
- C. Palm Tree
- D. Maple Tree

Which month is typically the hottest in the Northern Hemisphere?

- A. December
- B. April
- C. July
- D. October

What sea creature has eight arms and is often found in tide pools?

- A. Crab
- B. Octopus
- C. Starfish
- D. Sea Urchin

East TN Lions Eye Bank Update

On behalf of the East Tennessee Lions Eye Bank (ETLEB) Board of Directors, I want to thank the Lions of District 12-N for your support through Lions District 12-N Charities. In our request for funds for the 2025-2026 Lions Year, we provided the Lions District 12-N Charities Board of Directors proposed use and impact for the funds for their consideration in making a recommendation to the delegates at the convention for \$1,000.

A summary follows for all Lions' awareness:

- The ETLEB Board proposed to designate the funds to be applied to the Eye Bank's Special Services account, which supports Lions Clubs throughout District 12-N by filling a gap in providing funds for eye procedures and services that individual Lions Clubs cannot afford and are not covered by other programs such as Knoxville Area Project Access (KAPA).
- To fund the Special Services account, the ETLEB Board has dedicated the annual interest earned from a Certificate of Deposit (CD) valued at approximately \$100,000. Future funds are largely dependent upon the market rate for CDs when it is reinvested after maturing each year, and the Lions District 12-N Charities support of this program can help sustain the service the Eye Bank makes available.
- The actual number of people served through the ETLEB Special Services Committee is dependent upon requests that come from District 12-N Lions Clubs. In the last few years, the Committee has approved requests/referrals from District 12-N Lions Clubs that amount to several thousand dollars. These include assistance with or full payment of: deductibles and/or co-pays for eye services (i.e. cataract surgery) with insurance coverage, prosthetic eyes, retina repair surgery, eye exercise low vision services, and specialty hard contact lenses.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tell-A-Thon Event June 1, 2025

Real People. Real Service. Real Change.

Join VP A P Singh & Friends For Tell-A-Thon 5



VP A P Singh is inviting you & your friends to join him for the premier or watch Tell-A-Thon 5 at your leisure. You will walk away with inspiring insights on how Lions & Leos can grow stronger together & rise to meet the evolving needs of our communities.

Global Premiere Event: June 1st, reaching audiences across time zones with a powerful showcase of service & inspiration.

Mark your calendar: Sunday, June 1st

Register to receive all the latest Tell-A-Thon info, including how to watch & share!

<https://bit.ly/TellAThon5>

#tellathon #LCIF #inspiration #good #realchange



DON'T FORGET!

Remember to update membership lists in the Portal BEFORE June 30th. Drop members who have transferred, moved, are inactive, etc. so that clubs will not be billed International, MD, and District dues for these persons.

For KAPA Referrals:

For clients wishing to make a referral to Knoxville Area Project Access (KAPA), use the new simplified online form:

Family Health Administration System - Electronic Services (fhases.com)

Or call the Knoxville office at (865) 531-2766 and they will fill out the form for you.

This will get the process started and a KAPA representative will respond quickly.

KAPA works with Appalachian Mountain Project Access (AMPA) in Johnson City and will refer patients there as appropriate, depending on patient location and services needed. You can also call AMPA directly, if needed, at (423) 232-6700.

Reach out to 1st VDGE Wayne Garland for questions concerning the KAPA referral process.

REVERSE RAFFLE NEWS

District 12N Charities 2025 Reverse Raffle

- Event Date: June 28, 2025
- Ticket Price: \$10.00 each
- Prizes:
- Last ticket drawn: \$2,000
- Next to the last ticket: \$1,000
- Second from the last ticket: \$500

Ticket Sales Deadline: June 28, 2025

Drawing Location and Time: Fountain City Lions Club House, starting at Noon

Profit Sharing for Clubs:

1-24 tickets: \$0 per ticket

25-49 tickets: \$1.25 per ticket

50-99 tickets: \$1.50 per ticket

100-199 tickets: \$1.75 per ticket

200-299 tickets: \$2.00 per ticket

300-399 tickets: \$2.25 per ticket

400-499 tickets: \$2.50 per ticket

Over 500 tickets: \$2.75 per ticket

2024 Raffle Earnings: Clubs collected \$1,615

Top Ticket Selling Clubs Prizes:

1st Prize: \$300 donation to LCIF for the club

2nd Prize: \$200 donation to LCIF for the club

3rd Prize: \$100 donation to LCIF for the club

Eligibility: Tickets can be sold to anyone except members or officers of the District 12N Lions Charities, Inc. board of directors and their immediate family members residing in the same household.

Fund Submission Deadline: June 23, 2025

Contact for Tickets or Information: PDG Jim McFarland (Email: tnlionjim@gmail.com, Phone: 865-556-9091)

Fundraising Potential: If every member in District 12N sold 5 tickets, more than \$30,000 could be generated for White Cane.



Second Harvest Donations

On May 15th, DG Keltie presented a \$670 donation to Bailyn Brink with the Maryville Second Harvest Food Bank. The donation funds were generated from the district Hunger Bowl initiative coordinated by Lion Carl Bowling. A previous donation of \$1,964.51 was given to the Northeast TN Second Harvest Food Bank.



Thank You



KENTUCKY Disaster Relief Efforts

As many of you are aware, strong storms and tornadoes tore through counties of Laurel and Pulaski, KY on May 16th and 17th, resulting in numerous loss of lives and extreme devastation to homes and businesses.

As a response to this tragedy, District Governor Keltie has approved a donation of \$1,000 to be sent from East TN District 12N to the Laurel Community Lions Club as a show of support to our neighboring Lions. The money will be designated for tornado disaster relief.

We in District 12N understand all too well how devastating environmental disasters can be. Our thoughts and prayers are with the residents of the affected towns in Kentucky. As urgent needs will persist for some time, DG Keltie encourages all 12N Clubs to consider how they might offer support during this critical period.

**If you wish to reach out to the Laurel Community Lions, their address is P.O. Box 1892, London, KY 40743.
Attn: Eugene Callebs, Club Treasurer**

An additional contact is Doris Callebs, (wife of Eugene), Past President. Her email is DGcallebsfam7@gmail.com and her phone number is 1-606-312-8844

Continued Disaster Relief Stories

On Wednesday, May 21st, several East TN District 12N Lions, along with Wisconsin Lions Bill & Gwinn Taubman, visited some of the individuals and locations that have previously been served through our Hurricane Disaster Relief efforts.

Lions visited Director Lisa at Empower Cocke Co in Newport before checking in on RV recipients #1, #2, and #3, Ms. Linda, Brad & Raquel, and Jimmy in Del Rio. Next stop was a visit with 'B' in the Hartford area of Cocke Co. ('B' was the recipient of RV #8), followed by a trip to Bumpus Cove in Washington Co.



Shown is the current shoreline at Fox Fire Campground in Hartford. What used to be grassy areas are now a sandy beach littered with boulders from the river. L to R: 'B' and Lion Bill.



'B' explained how the changes in the river (new channels, debris, faster currents, etc.) will affect the rafting conditions this summer. 'B' works as a rafting guide in the Hartford area.



Lion Trevor successfully delivered RV #12 to a resident in the Bumpus Cove area, with RV#13 scheduled to be delivered in a few days.



L to R: Lion Ann, DG Keltie, and Lion Gwinn (from Wisconsin) checking out the interior of RV#12.

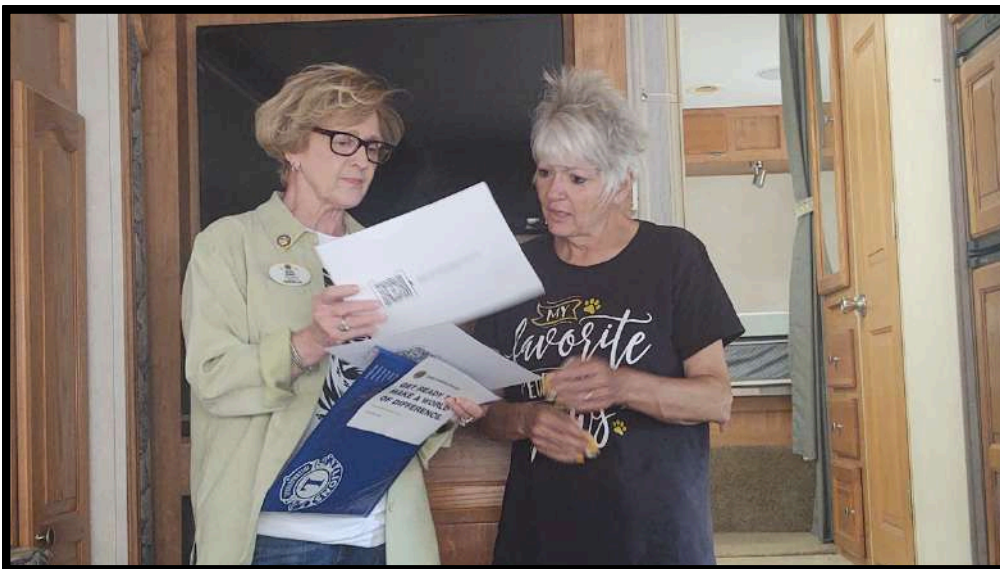
Continued Disaster Relief Stories



L to R: Lion Bill, DG Keltie, Lion Kathi, and Lion Trevor

While in Bumpus Cove, a special presentation of a handmade wall hanging was presented to Wisconsin Lion Bill. This item was made by Lion Kathi using a piece of driftwood that was salvaged from some of the destroyed timber from the hurricane debris. A limited number of these wall hangings have been produced, with Lion Bill receiving the 2nd of these items (DG Keltie having previously receiving the 1st of the handmade wall hangings).

Also while in Bumpus Cove, DG Keltie surprised Lion Leah by officially inducting her into the Sevierville Lions Club. Leah runs the Bumpus Community Center and is doing amazing work to restore lives and property in the Washington County communities that were devastated by Hurricane Helene. We are excited to welcome Lion Leah to the East TN District 12N Lions Family.



LVBI Matching Grant with LCIF



Dear District 12N Lions,

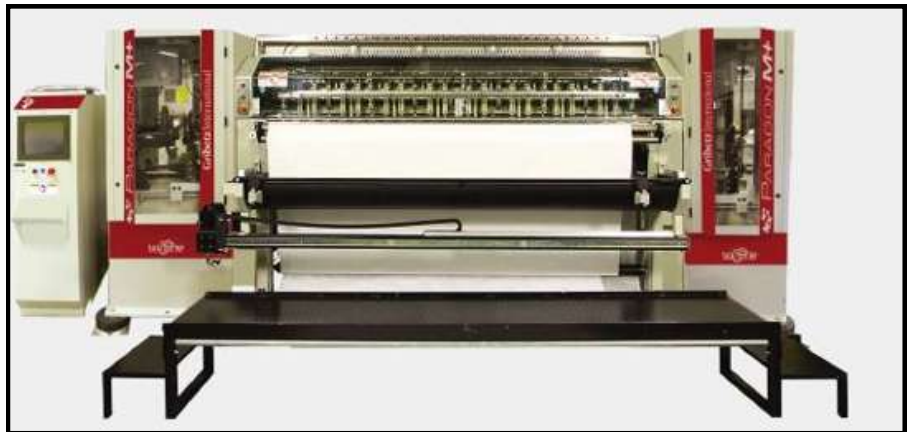
We are pleased to share that on May 12, 2025 we received the following confirmation (in bold font below) from LCIF regarding the Matching Vision Grant request for \$150,00.00 for the LVBI Mattress Quilting Machine. We do need to continue to fundraise for this project.

Dear District Governor Keltie Kerney,

Congratulations! Your Vision grant VIS25842/12 N was approved by the Board of Trustees last week. You will be receiving an official approval letter within the next two weeks together with the grant agreement and other documents. My colleague Chelsea and I plan to have a brief Zoom meeting with all the Lions whose projects were approved to go over the next steps and to answer any questions that the Lions may have. We will be sending a link with the approval letter. We hope you can attend, however if you can't we will make sure to send you a recording.

We will share information as it becomes available to us. Thank you for your continued support of this worthy project.

**Please contact LCIF
Matching Grant Co-
Project Managers PDG
Millie Burke
gebgem@snet.net 860-
912-4171 or Trevor
Southerland
trevor@volblind.org
423-586-4459 for more
information or to have
one of us visit your Club.**



Commercial Mattress
Quilting Machine

Respectfully Submitted, PDG Millie Burke

2025 LIONS DISTRICT 12N CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Important dates:

JUNE 16 – SEVIERVILLE LIONS CHARTER NIGHT – CHOP HOUSE, KODAK	JULY 19, ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING LVBI in MORRISTOWN
JUNE 28 – REVERSE RAFFLE, FTN. CITY LIONS BUILDING	AUGUST 2, MD12 ORGANIZATIONAL MTG, NASHVILLE, TN
JUNE 30 – RETIREMENT PARTY FOR ETELB'S VALERIE STEWART	SEPTEMBER 18-20, USA/CANADA FORUM, ATLANTIC CITY, NJ
JULY 13-17, LIONS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION IN ORLANDO, FL	OCTOBER 4, FALL CABINET MEETING Location to be Determined

Welcome New Members

Colleen Beers - Tellico Village Lions - Sponsor Kathleen Dooley
Ashley Blizzard - Knox Tri County - Sponsor Connie Emmons
Rebecca Booker - Knoxville East Lions - Sponsor Sandy Mitchell
Dakota Keller - Morristown Hamblen Lions
Michael Nicholls - Tellico Village Lions - Sponsor Kathleen Dooley
Chloe Rasberry - Maryville Lions - Sponsor Catherine Rasberry

In Loving Memory

Leave footprints
of **love** and **kindness**
wherever you go.



Lion Bill Adams - Johnson County Lions
Former 2nd VDG Mike Walker - West Knox Lions

Communications Received

Meeting Location Changed:

The Knox County North Lions Club would like to announce that they have changed their meeting location. They are now meeting at the Pizza Inn, 5420 Clinton Highway, Knoxville

SAVE THE DATE

The East Tennessee Lions Eye Bank is celebrating the retirement of Valerie Stewart, after 27 years as its Executive Director. There will be a drop-in retirement celebration for Valerie on Monday, June 30 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the Karns facility, 7515 Beaver Ridge Road, Knoxville, TN 37931. All Lions are invited to stop by and thank Valerie for her service!

LIONS VOLUNTEER BLIND INDUSTRIES



History of Lions Volunteer Blind Industries

In 1990 VBI corporate name is changed to Lions Volunteer Blind Industries. Manufacturing begins on sweat pants for the military.

LVBI celebrates its 40th anniversary in 1991. A 12,000 square foot expansion for textiles was made possible by a grant for \$437,000 funded by LVBI and Tennessee department of Rehabilitation Services.

In 1992 sales reached a record high of \$10.7 million dollars.

1993 sees Roy Proffitt retire as Executive Director after 15 years with LVBI in various capacities. Fred Overbay assumes leadership of the organization. LVBI's Rehabilitation center expands again with 5,000 square foot renovation. A work study program in cooperation with Tennessee School for the Blind begins in 1994.

1995 brings changes in government procurement that affects blind priorities in Federal marketplace. Federal government sales drop to ½ of 1992 levels. Navy life preserver covers are added to production.

1996 & 1997 LVBI begins "Let's Do Lunch" capital campaign to raise matching money for LCIF grant to provide renovations to the manufacturing facility. The capital campaign receives \$98,160 from White Cane Day and 12-N Lions Clubs. It's met with \$75,000 match from LCIF.

1998 LVBI initiates annual fundraiser for employment scholarships for blind workers.

1999 "Project Paycheck" receives \$31,800 from Lions and private donations. Commercial bedding is added through government program.

More history from LVBI in the next News & Views Edition

Submitted by Lion Trevor Southerland - CEO of LVBI



Lions International

Does your club qualify??

2024-2025

CLUB EXCELLENCE AND 5 STAR EXCELLENCE AWARD APPLICATION

This application features criteria for the Club Excellence Award and 5 Star Excellence Award. As you go through the application, please check all qualification boxes that your club has met. At the end of the application are criteria for the 5 Star Excellence Award. Your club will be awarded either the Club Excellence Award or the 5 Star Excellence Award.

Club name: Club number: District:

2024-2025 club president name:

Member number: Email address:

1. MEMBERSHIP

- ☐ Achieved a net growth of two (2) members or 10% or more members (whichever is greater) **or** ☐ Chartered a new Lions club.

Name of Lions club:

2. SERVICE

- ☐ Started a new service project. *Consider one of our global causes!* Explain:

- ☐ List three service activities your club participated in that were reported to Lions International:

1.

2.

3.

3. LCIF

- ☐ Contributed to LCIF an amount greater than or equal to the club's membership total multiplied by US\$10.

Year-end membership count x US\$10 =

4. LEADERSHIP AND ORGANIZATIONAL EXCELLENCE

- ☐ Club is in Good Standing: Not in Status Quo or Financial Suspension. District dues paid and no unpaid balance with Lions International greater than US\$50 outstanding 90 days or more.

- ☐ Reported club officers to Lions International.

- ☐ Key officers participate in club officer training.

☐ District

☐ Webinars

☐ Multiple district

☐ Lions Learning Center

☐ International

5. MARKETING

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

Provide a link to where they were publicized: _____

Learn more about [promoting your club and activities](#), and learn about the Marketing Award.

DOES YOUR CLUB QUALIFY FOR THE 5 STAR EXCELLENCE AWARD?

- ☐ Achieved the Club Excellence Award.
- ☐ Membership increase of 20% (minimum of five (5) members for small clubs).
- ☐ Minimum donations of US\$20 per member or US\$1,000 (whichever is less).
- ☐ Annual service and membership report submitted.

2024-2025 district governor signature*: _____

District: _____

District governor member number: _____

Date: _____

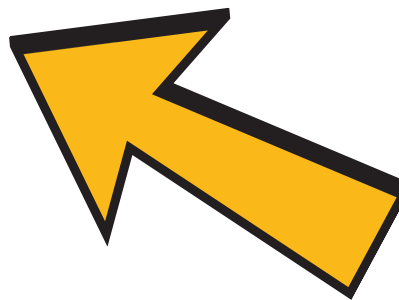
**If sent from district governor's registered email, it qualifies as signature on applications submitted electronically.*

Due by: August 31, 2025

Send to: clubexcellenceaward@lionsclubs.org

Awards mailed to: 2025-2026 district governors

Request to review award eligibility from a disqualified club will be considered only if received at Lions International Headquarters within 12 months after completion of the Lion year, provided that the original application form is already filed at Lions International.



Deadline is Aug. 31, 2025 to apply



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NEWS & VIEWS ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS

We know you're making a difference in your communities, and we want to hear about it! Whether it's a service project, fundraiser, officer installation, new member inductions, or recognizing a member's hard work, share your experiences with us. Let's inspire and learn from each other.

Articles for News & Views should be submitted in WORD or JPEG formats (please avoid PDFs). Use the font size of 16 or 18, and keep articles under 200 words. If including photos (strongly encouraged!), limit your article to 100 words and include the names of individuals in the photos when possible.

Send your submissions to Kim Osborne at kimosborne607@gmail.com by the 20th day of the month. We look forward to seeing your stories!

To make a difference
in someone's life,
You do not have
to be brilliant, rich,
beautiful, or perfect.
You just have to care.



Answers to SUMMER Trivia:

Answer Key

SUMMER Trivia

What is the longest day of the year called?

Answer: C. Summer Solstice

Which fruit is often eaten at summer picnics and is mostly water?

Answer: B. Watermelon

What type of cloud often brings thunderstorms in the summer?

Answer: D. Cumulonimbus

Which insect is known for lighting up at night during summer?

Answer: C. Firefly

What is a popular beach activity involving a net and ball?

Answer: B. Volleyball

Which ocean is the largest in the world and a popular summer vacation destination?

Answer: D. Pacific Ocean

What do you call a frozen treat on a stick?

Answer: A. Popsicle

What kind of tree is known for its big leaves and is often found in tropical climates?

Answer: C. Palm Tree

Which month is typically the hottest in the Northern Hemisphere?

Answer: C. July

What sea creature has eight arms and is often found in tide pools?

Answer: B. Octopus