



### Dates to Remember

**March 17-18**  
**District 12N**  
**Convention**  
**Music Road**  
**Pigeon Forge**

**May 5-6, 2023**  
**MD12 State Conv**  
**Downtown Hilton**  
**Knoxville**

**July 7-11., 2023**  
**LCI Convention**  
**Boston, MA**

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

'Tis the season for...deadlines. Club officer nominations and elections for the 2023-2024 Lions year are due. Remember to enter them into MyLion (contact our District Secretary Kim Osborne) should you have any questions. Club info for the new District 12N directories will also be due to Lion Kim.

Hotel and District 12N convention registration (see related article and form) is due. **Please make plans to join your fellow Lions March 17 & 18, 2023, for a fun and informative weekend!** Please ensure that you elect qualified delegates who will attend. **Wear your best creative green on Friday night!**

Remember to bring your club banner to the convention along with silent auction items. Pasta, toiletries, peanut butter, and socks will also be collected.

Kudos to the Greeneville and Sevier County Lions Clubs as I had the pleasure to induct two new members in each club. District 12N is making great strides to get in the positive number side of membership growth!

Prayers for Lion Jimmy Carter who truly exemplifies the 'We Serve' motto of all Lions. His humanitarian work with Habitat for Humanity is an inspiration to us all.

See you at the District 12N Convention if not sooner.

DG12N rcw

# Vice Governor Frank's Musings



## Smoky Mountain Lions Charities

District 12-N Lions Clubs covers some 40 clubs throughout the East Tennessee region and serves the community in some form or fashion. One such advantage to our communities is through Smoky Mountain Lions Charities. This is made possible through the non-stop efforts of Lion Jim McFarland and volunteers from area Lions Clubs.

Their mission "is to meet the needs of disadvantaged individuals and make contributions to organizations recognized as an exempt organization as described by section 501(c)(3) of the internal revenue code". More than 9 Lions Clubs comprise the body of this Not-for-profit organization.

One of the benefits that our communities can profit by is The Mobile Vision Lab. Our volunteer staff of area Lions along with area professionals are eager to serve. As of Feb 11, 2023, The Mobile Vision Lab has covered 128 missions. To give you a better idea, the February mission helped 64 people with vision services, 56 had a complete eye exam and 22 received their glasses. The total value for the services was \$14,175 all free to the patients with a few small co-pays.

If you're sitting at home doing nothing and wondering how you can serve the public better, then this is an open opportunity. As Lions, we serve in many different walks of life and YES, we DO make a difference.

WHERE THERE IS A NEED, THERE IS A LION.

1st VDG Frank McCall



## OTHER DISTRICT RELATED ITEMS

### MEET NATHANAEL HUGHES

#### Candidate for District 12N 2nd VDG

I am excited for the opportunity to run as 2nd VDG and feel extremely honored to have the potential to serve in this type of leadership capacity.



I was born in Elizabethton, TN where I have been a life-long member at Valley Forge Christian Church. In 2021, I began serving as youth program coordinator at my church where my role is to schedule events for our youth activities. I went to Hampton High School and received a collegiate basketball scholarship to King University in Bristol, TN where I played for 5 years and earned my MBA (finance).

I currently own a financial planning practice where I help clients/businesses create a financial plan that is specific to their scenario. In 2022 I earned my Retirement Income Certified Professional (RICP®) designation from The American College along with my Chartered Life Underwriter (CLU®) designation in 2023.

I have been an active member in the Elizabethton Lions Club since 2016 and served as club president since 2018. In 2018 I received the International President's Certificate of Appreciation. In 2020 I received the Virginia Lindsey Leadership award. I have served on the LVBI board since 2020 and I am currently the board chair.

In my spare time, I referee high school and college basketball. I enjoy traveling, hunting, fishing, and golfing. I love Tennessee Vol football and Kansas Jayhawks basketball.

I would appreciate your consideration for 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG at the District 12N convention on March 18th.

## OTHER DISTRICT RELATED ITEMS

### **MEET KELTIE KERNEY** **Candidate for District 12N 2nd VDG**

I am excited to be considered for the position of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor for District 12N and I will do my absolute best to serve the needs of our community.



I have been married to Michial Kerney for 48 years and we have two daughters and 3 grandsons.

I have been a member of the Kingsport Lions Club for almost 6 years, joining in April 2017. I am the current President of the Kingsport Lions Club and have held the positions of 1<sup>st</sup> VP, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, chairman of the annual Turtle Derby, filled the secretary vacancy and currently serve as Zone Chair for Region 1, Zone A. Husband Mike has been a member of the Weber City Virginia Lions Club for approximately 35 years but helps with the Kingsport Lions Club service projects and events.

As a registered nurse, I have always been interested in caring for individuals. The Lions Club mission is a natural alignment for my continued service, particularly in the five focus areas of vision, diabetes, hunger, childhood cancer and the environment. I have held numerous leadership positions including the President of the Tennessee Organization of Nurse Executives, President of the Tennessee Hospital Association Home Care Alliance and President of the Kingsport Suzuki Music Association. I have served on numerous boards and other volunteer and civic organizations.

I look forward to continuing to meet Lions within the District and becoming more aware of the different ways Lions are serving and the different opportunities to serve. I hope to help increase the interest in Lionism and share the significant impact that Lions have in each community, beginning within each Club.

I would appreciate your support in being elected as your next 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG at the District 12N convention March 18th.



# DISTRICT CLUBS SERVING FROM THE HEART

## CLINTON LIONS CLUB SPONSORS VETERANS BREAKFAST



Lions Mike Vudragovich, Jeannie Schneider, Neal Vaughan and Freddie Miller

In addition to providing breakfast, the Lions provided door prizes, including wooden service department plaques made by PDG Neal Vaughan.

For close to seven years Anderson County has honored its veterans with a monthly Veterans Appreciation Breakfast. During that time the Clinton Lions Club has been a proud supporter of these breakfasts. On February 11, 2023, the breakfast was again sponsored by the Clinton Lions. Over 150 veterans and guests attended.



Several songs were performed by an eighth-grade student from Grace Christian Academy. As February 3, 2023 was Four Chaplains Day, and 80 years since the sinking of the troop ship SS Dorchester, a solemn tribute was made to the four chaplains who made the ultimate sacrifice so that other service members might live.

# DISTRICT CLUBS SERVING FROM THE HEART

## Knox North Lions Cub



Joshua Rodenbeck is the newest member of the Knox North Lions Club family. He was inducted into the club as a Lion Cub while ringing the bell for the Salvation Army at Christmas time. His grandmother and grandfather are members of the Knox North Lions. Doug Rodenbeck, Joshua's grandfather is pictured with him.

Monday, February 20, Cub Joshua and Lion President Clare Crawford appeared on "Living East Tennessee" on WATE TV 6 promoting the collection of used eyeglasses and hearing

aids. They will be manning a booth at the "Man Show" at Chilhowee Park the first weekend in March to promote Lionism, collect used hearing aids and glasses, and recruit new members for all the Clubs in the Knoxville area.





## DISTRICT CLUBS SERVING FROM THE HEART

### West Knox Lions Assist Wesley House



#### WHERE THERE'S A NEED!

On February 3<sup>rd</sup> an individual entered the food pantry of the Wesley House Community Center on Reynolds Street and destroyed all the food in the Pantry. (Note destroyed not stolen).

A help request was presented to the West Knox Lions Club and after a brief discussion it was approved to give \$400 to the Wesley House Food Pantry to help replenish the lost food.

Lions Jim McFarland and Beverly Gilmer presented the check to Juanita Miller the food pantry manager on February 21<sup>st</sup>. The food pantry services several communities in and out of the Knoxville area.



## OTHER DISTRICT RELATED ITEMS

### Greeneville Lions - New Members



DG Rich Wilson recently inducted two new members for the Greeneville Lions Club.

Above (l to r): Secretary Nancy Southerland (sponsor) for new Lion Jacob Ball; Rich Wilson; Lion President Doug Green; Lion Rick Brown (sponsor) of new Lion Debbie Cotburn.





## OTHER DISTRICT RELATED ITEMS

### Johnson City Lions Celebrate 75 Anniversary



PID BJ and PDG Carolyn Blankenship from MD12 share some stories and congratulate the Johnson City Lions on 75 years of serving their community. DG Rich was in attendance along with members from other clubs and the community.



# District 12N Annual Lions Convention

## Shamrocks, Shillelaghs & Shenanigans



March 17 & 18, 2023

Featuring

Past International Director Sam Lindsey



Music Road Resort  
303 Henderson Chapel Road  
Pigeon Forge, TN 37863  
(865) 286.2243

Room Reservation Deadline — Friday, March 3, 2023 -\$ 173.00 + tax  
Reservations: 800.429.7700; Group Name: Lions Convention; Group ID: 11621

NAME 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Current Office/Position: \_\_\_\_\_  
Circle one: Lion Leo Guest

NAME 2 \_\_\_\_\_ Current Office/Position: \_\_\_\_\_  
Circle one: Lion Leo Guest

Club (Name 1) \_\_\_\_\_ Club (Name 2) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_; Email \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Fee: \$10.00/ EACH X \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(ALL attendees must register)

Friday Dinner (Complimentary) X \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ N/C

Saturday Lunch: \$25.00/ EA. X \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Dinner: \$45.00/ EA. X \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL** = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Special Dietary Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail registration form by March 10, 2023. Make checks payable to: District 12N Lions.



Mail to: District 12N Lions Convention  
P. O. Box 1571  
Pigeon Forge, TN 37868-1571



# DISTRICT 12N CONVENTION SERVICE PROJECT ITEMS

**Please bring a Donation  
For the District 12N  
Service Projects**



**TOILETRIES**



**SOCKS – ALL SIZES**



# **DISTRICT 12N CONVENTION SILENT AUCTION ITEMS**

Please bring a Silent  
Auction donation  
to the District  
Convention



## **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.**

## OTHER DISTRICT RELATED ITEMS



### **DISTRICT 12N CHARITY BOARD ELECTIONS**

Fellow Lions of District 12-N:

If you have a desire to serve your District, here is the chance to do that.

The 12-N Charities Board will have 2023-2024 elections at our March 18th 12N Convention. Four Lions that have served will be coming off the Board and we will need to fill these positions.

If you are interested in serving on this board, please send me your Name and Club information. This position on the board is for a three-year term.

The board meets four time a year at the Cabinet meetings and at the yearly district convention.

Yours in Lions Service

PDG Bill Slover

Chairman Nomination 12-N charities

E-mail [ort0211@hotmail.com](mailto:ort0211@hotmail.com)

Phone Number 865-803-2198

## OTHER DISTRICT RELATED ITEMS

### Proposed 2023-2024 Lions District 12N Charities Budget

Trustees/Directors of Lions District 12N Charities, Inc. met on December 5, 2022 for the purpose of allocating available funds for the Charities Projects to be presented to the membership at the Charities Meeting for consideration in conjunction with the District 12N Convention on March 18, 2023.

PROJECT	Final
Childhood Cancer	\$0.00
Diabetes Awareness	\$1,000.00
ETLEB	\$1,000.00
Hearing & Speech Foundation	\$1,500.00
Leader Dogs	\$2,000.00
Learning Ally	\$500.00
Lions Quest	\$1,000.00
LVBI (Volunteer Blind Ind)	\$20,000.00
TSB (TN School for Blind)	\$1,000.00
TSD (TN School for Deaf)	\$1,000.00
World Services for Blind	\$0.00
Braille Slate	\$0.00
Emergency Fund	\$1,000.00
Discretionary Fund	\$3,000.00
Operating Expense	\$860.00
<b>Total Proposed '23-'24</b>	<b>\$33,860.00</b>
<b>Charities Budget</b>	



# OTHER DISTRICT RELATED ITEMS

## Proposed Administrative Changes Charities Projects

At the December 5th meeting of the 12N Charities Board, two administrative changes to the names of Charities Projects were approved for presentation to the membership at the District 12N Convention on March 18, 2023.

Article VIII Charities Projects and Grants - Section 3 Designated Charities and Projects

Subparagraph 5)

Tennessee Lions Charities (Tennessee School for the Blind Fund)

Subparagraph 6)

Parent Teacher Counselor Association of Tennessee School for the Deaf

These changes are made to specify that the funds are designated for the sole benefit of the students.

The Board also approved the addition of KAPA to the list of approved Charities Projects for consideration by the membership at the Charities meeting held in conjunction with the District 12N Convention March 18.

The following change is proposed to add Knoxville Area Project Access (KAPA) to the list of designated charities projects to be supported, and to renumber the remaining paragraphs of this section. This change is being proposed in case changes to funding sources for the KAPA program become necessary.

Article VIII Charities Projects and Grants - Section 3 Designated Charities and Projects

Subparagraph

13) Knoxville Area Project Access (KAPA)

14) District Governor's Emergency Fund (See Section 4)

15) District Discretionary Fund (See Section 5)

16) Proceeds from eyeglass recycling will be given to a 501c(3) organization that Provides free or greatly reduced eye exams or glasses to individuals in need of such Services in Lions District 12N.

## OTHER DISTRICT RELATED ITEMS

### ELECTION OF 2023-2024 CLUB OFFICERS

It is not too soon to vote for your Club Officers for the 2023-2024 Lions Year. Typically the Nominating Committee will put together a slate of Officers in February, present them to the club in March, vote in March/April and immediately after the vote report them on MyLCI. This is usually done by the Club Secretary. Some key positions follow but these are not all positions you should have.



**PRESIDENT**



**SECRETARY**



**TREASURER**



**VICE  
PRESIDENT**



**MEMBERSHIP  
CHAIR**

# OTHER DISTRICT RELATED ITEMS



## OTTO Cruise In

**Oldies to the Oldies** – Cruise In at the Maryville Nursing Homes

May 13, 2023 – 1:00 PM – 5:15 PM

Rain Date: May 20, 2023



### Cruise In as follows:

- 1:00 PM Meet at Food Lion, E. Lamar Alexander Pkwy
- 1:15 PM Asbury Place, Assisted Living
- 1:55 PM Asbury Place, Memory Care
- 2:30 PM Concordia Nursing & Rehab - Fairpark
- 3:30 PM Brookdale Browns Creek
- 4:30 PM Shannondale of Maryville
- 5:30 PM The Hops 50's Drive-In for Door Prizes

**Pre 70's Cars only**

**\$20 Registration Fee**

**Commemorative Magnets for all registrants**

**Prize Drawing by registration #**

### TO REGISTER:

Complete this form and email to:

[mmcastle@aol.com](mailto:mmcastle@aol.com)

Dean or Karen Fontaine

(865) 406-3887 or (865) 599-4936



NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

CAR/YEAR \_\_\_\_\_

CAR MAKE: \_\_\_\_\_

CAR MODEL \_\_\_\_\_

**SPONSORED BY THE MARYVILLE LIONS CLUB**

**All proceeds are returned to the community in donations and service**



## OTHER DISTRICT RELATED ITEMS

### **Your Assistance is Needed**

**The Sevier County Lions, in cooperation with Smoky Mountain Lions Charities, is holding a vision clinic and volunteers are needed.**



**SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2023**

### **MY PEOPLE SENIOR CENTER @**

**1220 W. MAIN ST, SEVIERVILLE, 37862**

If you would like to volunteer, contact Kim Osborne at [kimosborne607@gmail.com](mailto:kimosborne607@gmail.com) (865-850-4419) or Rane King at [eyedesigns2@gmail.com](mailto:eyedesigns2@gmail.com) (865-680-5413)

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Plans include scheduling 200 patients at this clinic so many volunteers will be needed. Please consider helping out with this project!

## OTHER DISTRICT RELATED ITEMS

### BE PROUD OF OUR EAST TN LIONS EYE BANK cont.



East Tennessee Lions Eye Bank (ETLEB) was recently recognized by the Eye Bank Association of America (EBAA) for being in the top 3% for obtaining tissue recipient follow-up information from surgeons and consignee eye banks.

The EBAA asked to interview our technical director, Josh Griffin to see what East Tennessee Lions Eye Bank does to make ETLEB so successful.

They asked several questions about our practices and afterward asked if ETLEB has any questions for them. The technical director replied, "I'm just happy to hear we are in the top 3% of all eye banks". The EBAA representative replied, "well, you're not just in the top 3%, you are THE TOP!" Meaning, we are the best in the country at this practice!



## OTHER DISTRICT RELATED ITEMS

### BE PROUD OF OUR EAST TN LIONS EYE BANK

#### DID YOU KNOW?

In 2014 when the East Tennessee Lions Eye Bank was training to begin processing DMEK grafts, our technical director Josh Griffin traveled to Indianapolis, IN to learn from Mark Soper - a leading expert in the preparation of DMEK tissue.

During his training Josh noticed that tissue was being destroyed during processing at a rate of 33% or higher. At that time, tissue was manually scored with a device called a Sensky Hook. It left jagged edges on the exterior circumference of the graft and tissue would tear easily as a technician tried to peel it. The tissue in reference is the descemet's membrane and endothelial cell layer. These grafts are 10 microns thick, approximately 10 times thinner than the thickness of a human hair.

While watching Mr. Soper demonstrate this method, Josh had the idea to use a surgical trephine on the graft prior to peeling. This would ensure that there were no jagged edges when the peel began. And after the peel was complete, he had the idea to trephine the graft again using a smaller trephine so that no part of the transplantable graft had ever been touched by any instrument.

This drastically reduced the percentage of tissue that was destroyed during processing from 33% down to less than 1%. This benefited eye banks everywhere and banks across the country adopted Josh's method.

Many people approached him to patent the method and help develop an instrument set to perform his procedure. However, Josh felt that the discovery belonged to everyone and decided to forego any royalties on the procedure and instruments. He worked with Moria instrument company to develop the instruments needed to perform it and gave it up for all to benefit from.

Many eye banks still use this method today.



# OTHER DISTRICT RELATED ITEMS

## EYEGLOSS RECYCLING



This year we switched our focus from recycling glasses through the Roanoke Virginia Lions Sight Foundation to recycling the materials and being paid for those materials.

It appears that there has been some confusion regarding this change.

It is recommended that clubs continue to gather used glasses. Lions Clubs have collected glasses for many years, and there is no reason to quit. This is a very good way to publicize the work of Lions Clubs and provides a valuable service of reusing something vs. placing it in the trash.

There are 3 possibilities of what to do with the glasses collected:

1. Continue to recycle the glasses as complete glasses through one of the regional centers, such as Roanoke. The advantage of this is that the glasses are actually used as glasses. The reason that the District 12N Eyeglass Recycling committee moved away from this option is that it was observed that the demand for these glasses had dropped significantly over the last few years. While there may be other reasons, the identified reasons for this decline are:
  - A. The number of mission teams going out appears to be declining. This was observed even before the recent travel restrictions due to the Covid pandemic.
  - B. Those teams that are going seem to be shifting to a model of producing a pair of glasses to the precise prescription for the patient. Due to improvements in production and pricing, this option provides a better result at a lower cost.
2. Recycle the materials in the used glasses and find a buyer for that recycled material. This provides an income stream to help fund other activities. The down side is that the glasses aren't used as glasses. This is out-weighed by the income that can be achieved that can be used for things like Miles for Smiles, Remote Area Medical, or The Smoky Mountain Vision van to produce glasses.

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# OTHER DISTRICT RELATED ITEMS

## EYEGLOSS RECYCLING

3. Other uses. There have been occasions where specific local events or demands, particularly for reading glasses, have been identified. These events usually provide a use for a limited subset of the glasses collected, but that use is more than appropriate.

The disposition of the glasses has always been, and continues to be, at the discretion of the collecting club. There is no problem with a club making the decision of what to do with the glasses that they collect. There would be no problem with a club using multiple of the outlets described above.

The District 12N Eyeglass Collection Team recommends option 2, with the caveat that option 3 be used where those opportunities arise. Should there be a return to the need to supply mission teams through the recycling centers, there will be no problem in changing to that outlet.

There has also been some confusion about how the recycling process works. The District Chair has been arranging work days twice a year to prepare the shipments to the recycler. These have been held at the LVBI facility in Gray, Tn. The collected glasses components are boxed and palletized. The recycler is contacted and arranges and pays for shipping. Once the recycled material has been processed, a payment is made to District 12N Charities.

The recycler accepts complete glasses and pieces of glasses other than unmounted lenses.

There is a limited use for first quality hard shell glasses cases. There is presently no use for unmounted lenses, soft cases, and used hard cases.

Questions should be directed to Harry Ennis, District 12N Chair for eyeglass recycling at [HREnnis@chartertn.net](mailto:HREnnis@chartertn.net)

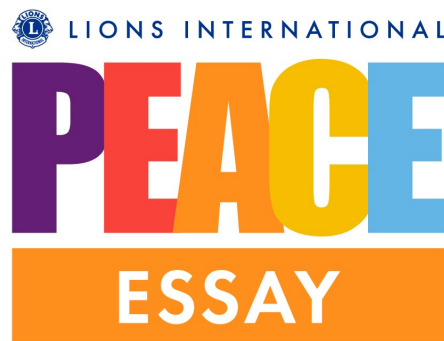
Respectfully submitted for the Eyeglass Recycling Team

Harry Ennis

## OTHER DISTRICT RELATED ITEMS



[lionsclubs.org/peaceposter](https://lionsclubs.org/peaceposter)  
#peaceposter



[lionsclubs.org/peaceessay](https://lionsclubs.org/peaceessay)  
#peaceessay

### **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: \_\_\_\_\_



# ANNOUNCING NEW LIONS' PORTAL

Beginning in mid-2023, Lions International will be combining MyLION, MyLCI, and Insights into a unified mobile-friendly experience called the "Lion Portal". Resources at [lionsclubs.org/portal-updates](https://lionsclubs.org/portal-updates).

## **Target Conversion Date is projected for July 15 – July 24, 2023**

Important dates and Club Actions:

### **Prior to June 15, 2023:**

- Enter all club officers for 2023-2024 into MyLCI.
- Enter service activity for events prior to 6/1/23 into MyLION. Reporting after 6/1/23 will be in new system, after the conversion
- Confirm that all club donations to LCIF are in the bank with the appropriate supporting documentation for recognition.
- Make sure club data in MyLCI is accurate for this year (2022-2023). For example: new members, sponsors, new clubs, transfers and other year end activities specific to clubs are correct and recorded in MyLion and MyLCI.
- Make sure every member has a unique email listed since no shared emails can be used in the new LIONS PORTAL.
- Make sure member birthdays are entered since birth dates in MyLCI will be converted. Hint: In MyCI under reports, run "Member Information Update Report" and have your members update their information.

Training is slated to begin in late April 2023.

**Stay up-to-date:** Check for news and resources at [lionsclubs.org/portal-updates](https://lionsclubs.org/portal-updates)



# 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**

# LIONS CLUBS OF TENNESSEE MULTIPLE DISTRICT 12 CONVENTION



**May 5-6, 2023**  
*Featuring*  
**1<sup>st</sup> VICE INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT**  
**PATTI HILL**



Hilton Knoxville  
501 West Church Avenue  
Knoxville, Tennessee 37902  
(865) 523-2300

Room Reservation Deadline — Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup> - \$139.00/Night  
*For reservations, please contact Hilton Knoxville directly at (865) 251-8578 and use the Group ID LION23*

NAME 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Current Office/Position: \_\_\_\_\_  
Circle one: Lion Leo Guest

NAME 2 \_\_\_\_\_ Current Office/Position: \_\_\_\_\_  
Circle one: Lion Leo Guest

Club (Name 1) \_\_\_\_\_ Club (Name 2) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (best number to reach you) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Fee      \$25.00 EACH      X \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Registration fee mandatory for all attendees)

Friday Dinner      \$35.00 EACH      X \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Choose One: Chicken or Pork)

Saturday Lunch      \$25.00 EACH      X \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Taco Bar)

Saturday Dinner      \$35.00 EACH      X \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Choose One: Chicken or Salmon)

**TOTAL** = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Special Dietary Needs (be specific): \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail registration form by April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023 and make checks payable to LIONS CLUBS MD12**

Mail to:      Lion Kathy Burrow, Convention Registrar  
700 Sedgley Drive, Knoxville, TN 37922



## 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)**

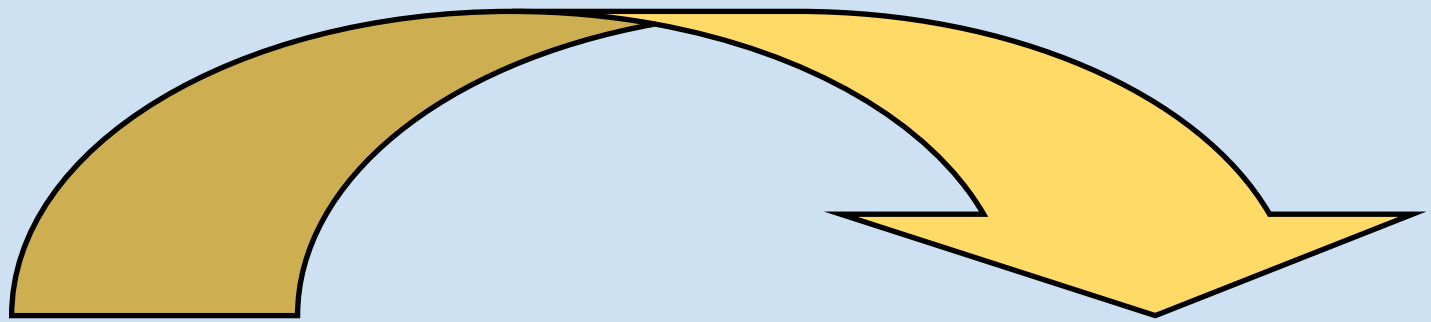
**47th ANNUAL USA/CANADA LIONS LEADERSHIP FORUM***Reno, Nevada***Thursday, September 21, 2023 - Saturday, September 23, 2023****The Forum begins on Thursday morning and ends after the closing banquet on Saturday evening.  
Please book your hotel stay accordingly.****Registrant A**

<input type="text"/>	<b>SUB-DISTRICT</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>LION</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>LEO</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>NON-MEMBER</b>
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**

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## **WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS**

Colleen Petz - Campbell County  
Cordell Petz - Campbell County  
Jacob Ball - Greeneville  
Debbie Cotburn - Greeneville  
Abigail Peterson - Morristown Hamblen  
Bryce Dooley - Sevier County  
Jennifer Tinchler - Sevier County  
Donald Skalecki - Tellico Village

*WELCOME NEW  
MEMBERS*

## **IN MEMORY OF**

Gary Harrell - Johnson City Noon  
Brenda Calloway - Knoxville East  
Amelia Turner - Morristown Hamblen





**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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