

**12N District Convention**

If you did not go to the 68th annual District 12-N convention, then you missed out. But why come to a convention? Our numbers have been down in past years, so planning committees have tried to make it more interesting. We had a past international president of Lions International there.

Dates to Remember**April 11-14, 2024****TLLI - TN Lions Learning
Institute****Cumberland University
Lebanon****May 3-4, 2024****MD12 State Convention
Manchester****June 21-25, 2024****Lions Int'l Convention
Melbourne, Australia**

His name is Doug Alexander. He is a past chairperson of the board for L.C.I.F. and a member of the Harlem Lions Club in New York. He explained to us how Lions International and L.C.I.F. had made a positive impact on his life and others in the community. Also, he got to join in on the celebration and assist us in giving out awards. It is not too often we get to listen to a past international president, so it was worth the opportunity

There were four different seminars available like we have at Lions Learning Retreat. This can be a definite advantage for you to take back to your Lions Club. Our clubs need help now and it is time to take a step in the right direction. Our seminars were on Diabetes, L.C.I.F. grants, L.C.I.F. and using social media to give better knowledge of Lions International to our communities.

We also had our district cabinet meeting and annual 12-N charities cabinet meeting. A respectable number of you may find the content boring. It is exactly the opposite.

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DG Frank's Article Cont.

We as Lions should take an interest in our district. This is a terrific way to participate and get a better understanding of what is going on throughout the district.

The election of officers is always the highlight of the meeting. You have the right as a delegate to vote for next year's cabinet. This election brought out some outstanding Lions. Elected for the 2024-2025 term were Keltie Kerney (District Governor elect), Nate Hughes (1VDG elect) and Wayne Garland (2VDG elect).

We concluded the evening with an outstanding meal with entertainment by a six-piece band playing traditional Mardi Gras music. Past International President Doug Alexander challenged all to be better Lions. I know I am not convincing, but I am asking you to try this experience. The camaraderie of Lions and networking of information can prove to be beneficial.

Yours in Lionism,

DG Frank McCall



Vice Governor's Musings



You Mint So Much

Please accept my gratitude to each of you for the honor of being elected District Governor at the 2024 12N Convention. I look forward to "Serving with You".

Are you ready to "Spring forward" which brings earlier sunrises, longer days and warmer days? Let's use this

"spring awakening" to energize our District and think outside the box to enhance membership, continue and/or increase service projects and increase White Cane funds. The White Cane Funds are so very important to support projects that are near and dear to the core of District 12N. And let's have Fun as Past International President Douglas Alexander reminded us Saturday night.

Serving with you, 1st VDG Keltie



In February we had such a great time at the district convention! I was excited to see everyone and enjoy multiple sessions about how we can impact our communities. I am really honored and excited to serve as 1st VDG come July with a great team around me in Keltie and Wayne.

March is one of my favorite times of year because of March Madness (basketball). Every year you can bet, there will always be an upset or many! Naturally, we can find ourselves rooting for the underdog; it can be nice to see a Goliath go down.

We all have Goliath's in our lives that we battle. Sometimes we can feel like the underdog. During these times, it is important to dig deep within ourselves, and lean on others around us to help us take on the giants.

"I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." John 16:33

WE SERVE, 2nd VDG Nathanael

DISTRICT CLUBS SERVING FROM THE HEART

Anderson County High School Leos Volunteer Breakfast for KARM



On Saturday, January 27th the Anderson County High School (ACHS) Leo Club volunteered to serve breakfast at the Knoxville Area Rescue Mission (KARM) homeless shelter in Knoxville. The Leos are a community service club and sister club to the Norris Lions Club.

From left to right Reese Russell, Eberle Mayes, Kaylee Partin, Brandon Phillips, Cooper Horton, Jeremiah Flatford

The Club sponsor is Jeni Irwin, the assistant principal at ACHS and member of the Norris Lions Club. Seven members of the club helped prepare and serve breakfast from 6 to 8 am. The students were welcomed by the friendly staff at KARM and shown the ropes around the kitchen. Club members helped serve the food as well as assist handicapped shelter residents get



trays, breakfast, and find a seat. Following breakfast and cleanup, club members were given a tour of the KARM facility. The students were impressed by how many people were served food, provided beds, and other resources to help get them back on their feet. KARM provides these services 7 days a week, 365 days a year and is always grateful for help from community volunteers. The Norris Lions Club is proud of the community service provided by the ACHS students in our sister organization.

DISTRICT CLUBS SERVING FROM THE HEART

Knoxville Tri-County



For Valentine's Day, Knoxville Tri-County Lions prepared handcrafted cards, cookies and candy gift bags in Seymour on Sunday, February 11, and then delivered them to approximately 80 senior citizens in the community.

Maryville Lions

Maryville Lions Catherine Raspberry and Joan Martin attended the Maryville College Non Profit Fair on February 22nd and shared ideas for volunteering and fundraising with students who were interested in getting their service hours to be able to graduate. They enjoyed a great collaborative exchange of ideas.



DISTRICT CLUBS SERVING FROM THE HEART

Sevier County Activities

Sevier County Lions had a busy month of February with service projects, convention activities, new member induction, club member recognitions, and special memorials.



On February 3rd, Lions Deanna Banks, Chuck Osborne and Kim Osborne participated in the King Family Library adult clothing swap where they were able to take several hundred items of clothing (jeans, warm jackets, and shoes) that were later donated to Care Cuts program for the homeless and to a local church clothing closet.



Lions members Kim and Chuck were honored to meet Past International President Douglas X. Alexander at the District 12N Convention held on February 16-17 in Kingsport, TN.



Lions made appr. 250 Valentine treat bags that were delivered to residents at five Sevier County Nursing facilities. Shown L to R: Sevierville Nursing Activities Director, Carla with Lions Chuck, Wilma, and Deanna.



New Sevier County Lions member Emily Butcher (L) was inducted by IPDG Rich Wilson on February 27, 2024. Shown with Emily is her sponsor, Miriam Alvarez (R).

DISTRICT CLUBS SERVING FROM THE HEART

Sevier County Activities (cont.)



In August of 2023, Sevier Co Lions lost Honorary Member Welby Stayton after a brief illness. Lion Welby was honored during the Necrology service at the recent Convention, and upon conclusion of the Convention Lion Kim (L) retrieved Welby's pin from the necrology board and presented it to Welby's wife, Wilma. Also presented to Wilma was a Plus 1 pin that Welby had earned for sponsoring Wilma as a new member last year. Welby remains in our thoughts and continues to be greatly missed by the Sevier County Lions.



L to R: Chuck Osborne, Kim Osborne, Wilma White-Stayton, Terry Aparicio, and Miriam Alvarez receive Plus 1 pins for sponsoring new members during the past year.



Lion Terry Aparicio was presented with a District Service Award by IPDG Rich Wilson.

At our February Club meeting Guest Speaker, Library Director Rhonda Tippitt, talked about services offered through the Sevier Co. Library System.



Left - Lion Ranee King was presented with a District Service Award by IPDG Rich Wilson.

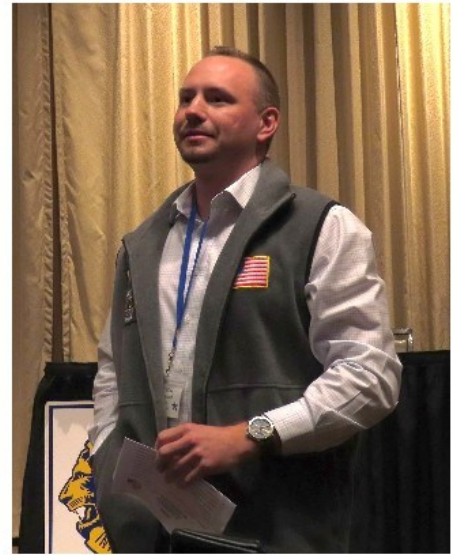


District 12N Convention

Laissez les bon temps rouler (Let The Good Times Roll)



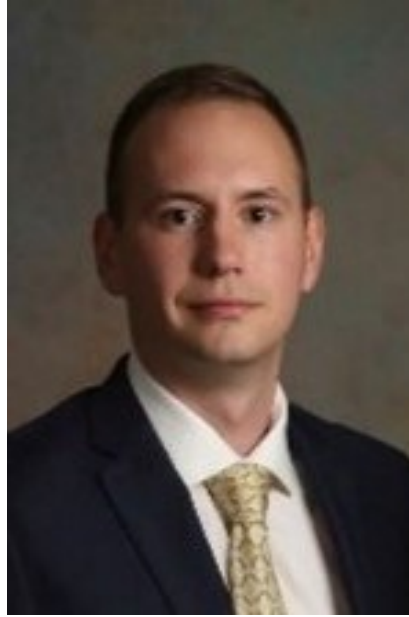




MEET YOUR 2024-2025 DG TEAM



DGE Keltie Kerney



1st VDGE Nathanael Hughes



2nd VDGE Wayne Garland



DISTRICT 12N SERVICE AWARDS

(Presented by Service Chair, Connie Emmons)

PIP Douglas Alexander
Martha Wells, Campbell County
Caroline Rinehart, Dandridge
Betty Jo Mahan, Inskip
Chloe Lawson, Jefferson County Leo
Doris Kaifa, Johnson City
Jerome Gnoose, Knox East
PDG Ken Moffett, Knoxville Tri-County
Jessica Robbins, Knoxville Tri-County
Peggy Russell, Knoxville Tri-County
Gene Honeycutt, Morristown Hamblen
Terry Aparicio, Sevier County
Renee King, Sevier County
Kathleen Dooley, Tellico Village

DISTRICT 12N AND MD12 STATE AWARDS

Freddie Miller, Clinton
Doug Haseltine, Kingsport
Neil Smith, Kingsport
Joshua Rodenbeck (Cub), Knox North
Curt Isakson, Tellico Village

MD 12 STATE AWARDS

Peggy Chandler, Dandridge
Lani O'Connor, Dandridge
Jeni Irwin, Norris
Katie Smith, Sevier County

OTHER DISTRICT RELATED ITEMS

Adopted 2024-2025 Lions District 12N Charities Budget

Trustees/Directors of Lions District 12N Charities, Inc. met on December 10, 2023 for the purpose of allocating available funds for the Charities Projects to be presented to the membership at the Charities Meeting. At the District 12N Convention on February 17, 2024 the budget shown below was Adopted and approved.

PROJECT	Final
Childhood Cancer	\$1,000.00
Diabetes Awareness	\$2,000.00
ETLEB	\$1,000.00
Hearing & Speech Foundation	\$2,000.00
Leader Dogs for the Blind	\$3,000.00
Learning Ally	\$500.00
Lions Quest	\$0.00
LVBI (Volunteer Blind Ind)	\$19,256.00
TSB (TN School for the Blind)	\$1,000.00
TSD (TN School for the Deaf)	\$0.00
World Services for the Blind	\$0.00
Braille Slate	\$0.00
KAPA	\$0.00
District Emergency Fund	\$1,000.00
District Discretionary Fund	\$500.00
District Operating Expense	\$2,000.00
Total Adopted 20 24-2025 Charities Budget	\$33,256.00

OTHER DISTRICT RELATED ITEMS

Kingsport Activities



1st VDG Keltie visiting with Susan, pet therapy coordinator at Holston Valley Medical Center And "Mayor" who "serves" patients, visitors and staff.



Tellico Village Awards Night



Tellico Village President, Kathleen Dooley presented two Melvin Jones Fellowship plaques to: Left Ron Lockhart and Right, Gerald Edgell.



OTHER DISTRICT RELATED ITEMS



Eyeglass Recycling Workshop

Saturday, April 27th

9AM to Noon

Lions Volunteer Blind Ind.

624 King Ave

Morristown, TN

Please bring all your collected eyeglasses for recycling.

NOTE: This is the Morristown complex NOT Gray where we have been holding our recycle day in the past.

NEWS & VIEWS ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS

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

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

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

OTHER DISTRICT RELATED ITEMS

Election of 2024-2025 Club Officers

It is not too soon to elect your Club Officers for the 2024-2025 Lions year. Typically the club would hold their elections 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**



2024 TLLI

2024 Tennessee Lions Learning Institute Thurs. evening - Sun noon, April 11-14, 2024



A 3-day institute designed for Tennessee Lions with less than 5 years as members in Lions Clubs International. All Lions are welcome.



Cumberland
UNIVERSITY

One Cumberland Square, Lebanon, TN 37087
Lodging at Comfort Suites, 904 Murfreesboro Rd.
Lebanon, TN 37090 (Exit 238 off I-40)

WHAT: Interactive participation with your peers and faculty in a casual environment dealing with what Lions are all about. While all Lions who have not attended a Regional Institute are welcome to register, this Institute is Intended to arm newer Lions with skills and experiences needed to navigate the challenges of modern-day Lions. Issues such as "Diversity" "Working in Teams" "Lions Fundamentals" "Who do I ask?" "How do I break through in a club with outdated ideas?" are addressed.

This is your opportunity to get your questions answered by a faculty of LCI Certified Trainers from outside Tennessee.

DRESS: Casual attire, no vests, no name badges, just your Lions pin and an open mind.

COST: 2024 TLLI is subsidized by a grant from LCI and your Multidistrict 12 Council of Governors as an investment in your future as a Tennessee Lion. However, the subsidies don't cover the full cost. Therefore, the cost to each student is \$150.00 (double occupancy), for 3 nights lodging, Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner on Friday and Saturday and Breakfast on Sunday. If you would rather not share a room, the rate will be slightly higher. See the registration page to contact Chuck Bailey. (If you desire to be a student but find the cost to be beyond your means, contact your District Governor Team, scholarships may be available to you.)

SCHEDULE:

Thurs, Apr. 11 (at Comfort Suites)

3 – 6:00 PM Check-in, room assignments, receive schedules and materials, meet the faculty

6 – 8:00 PM Dinner on your own

8 - 9:30 PM Opening Session

Fri, Apr. 12

7:30 AM Breakfast @ Motel

8:30 AM Morning Sessions

Noon Lunch

1:00 PM Afternoon Sessions

6:00 PM Dinner

7:00 PM Group Activity (TBA)

Sat, Apr. 13

7:30 AM Breakfast @ motel

8:30 AM Morning Sessions

Noon Lunch

1:00 PM Afternoon Sessions

6:00 PM Dinner

7:00 PM Homework assignment

Sun, Apr. 14

7:30 AM Breakfast @ motel

8:30 AM Morning Session

10:30 AM Closing Session
and Graduation

Noon Completion of TLLI



2024 TLLI
Enrollment Registration



Mail this Registration form along with a check of \$150.00 per registrant made payable to: 2024 TLLI and mail to:

Lions District 12N Charities, Inc.
c/o CA Bailey
709 Shannondale Way
Maryville, TN 37922

For more info or questions call
Chuck Bailey at 423.371.9737

First Student:

First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Lions Club
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Street Address	City	State	zip
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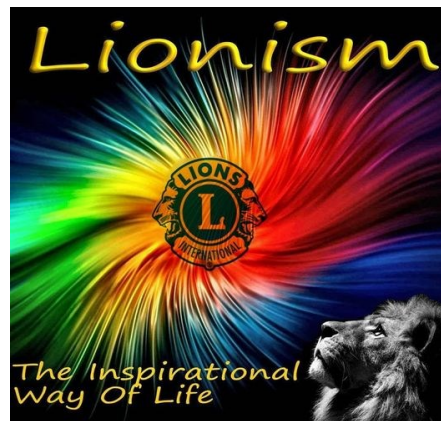
REMINDER Of 12N SCHOLARSHIPS

Your District is offering reimbursement Scholarships for the following upcoming event:

TLLI—Tennessee Lions Learning Institute
April 11-14, 2024
Cumberland University in Lebanon TN

The District has also approved offering 10 registration scholarships for the first individuals to sign-up.

The TLLI information package and registration form are included in this Newsletter. Remember TLLI is available to ALL Lions as long as you have not attended a previous regional institute but it is structured towards Lions of less than 5 years. Should you have any questions regarding TLLI please reach out to Chuck Bailey at chuckyegg001@gmail.com



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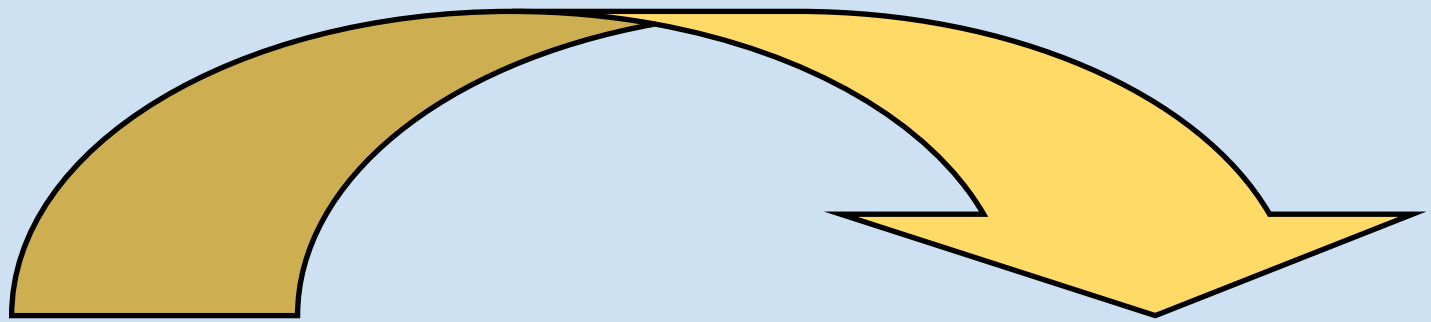
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WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

Sandy Long - Dandridge
Jennifer Hughes - Elizabethton
Robert Hughes - Elizabethton
Virginia Cheatham - Halls Community
Dinny Vonderau - Knoxville Tri-County

***WELCOME NEW
MEMBERS***

IN MEMORY OF **None Reported**





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

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

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

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

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



For more information about employment opportunities, please contact

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