



Time for Maintenance

A Lions Club is an organization. Like any other organization, it must be subject to yearly maintenance. For it to have maximum performance, certain guidelines must be followed for your club to be successful. Training is a big pet peeve in my District Governor's handbook.

Dates to Remember

May 3-4, 2024

**MD12 State Convention
Manchester**

June 21-25, 2024

**Lions Int'l Convention
Melbourne, Australia**

September 5-7, 2024

**USA-Canada Forum
Louisville, KY**

Training must start with the Global Leadership Chairperson. The GLT needs to have opportunities during the year to keep club officers as well as cabinet members educated in the most up to date material. This allows each officer the opportunity to understand their position in the club and contribute to its well-being.

Part of training Lions club members is knowing the Constitution and By-Laws. While some members may find it boring, as Lions Club members we need to know what we can do and cannot do. The Constitution and By-Laws are there to help us run our club effectively.

Entertain the opportunity to get on the Lions Club Portal. It should not matter if you like computers or not. The Lions Club Portal gives each Lions Club member the education available for each Club officer, cabinet officer, DGE and other related positions. There is even Lions Club University where you can take different course offerings.
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DG Frank's Article Cont.

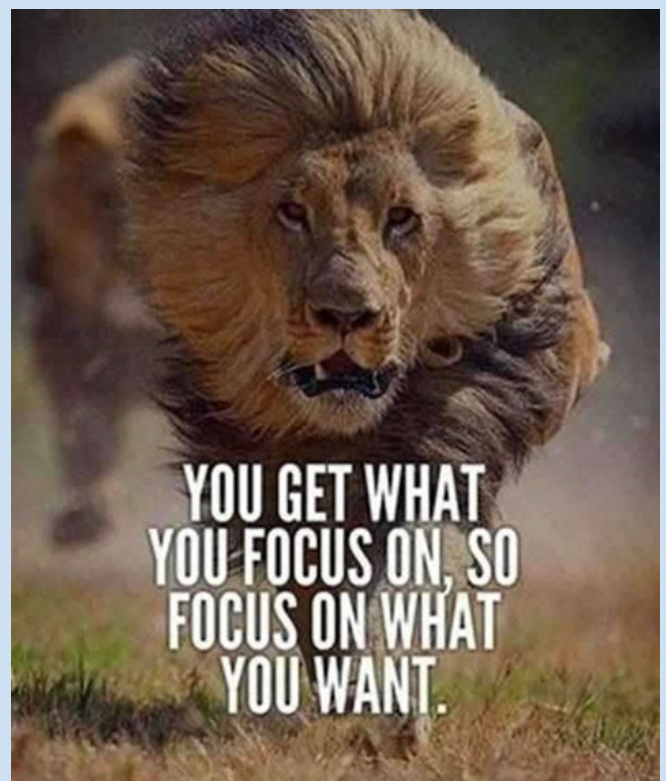
Lions Club International has this available to you, the Lions Club Member. This costs nothing, but the result is a 100% learning experience.

The DGE, 1VDGE and 2VDGE continue their training by visiting Leader Dogs for The Blind. This is valuable since we talk about this at every meeting or convention. Then the DGE gets 1 week at the Q center in St Charles, IL as well as visiting Lions International Headquarters. Training with the MD-12 GLT at MD-12 meetings gets you going at the district level and helps you out with questions you may have.

Yes, it seems like training never stops. But we strive to be better Lions every day. WHY? Because WE SERVE.

Yours in Lionism,

DG Frank McCall



Vice Governor's Musings



The White Cane History

Lion George Bonhan, President of the Peoria, Il Lions Club introduced the idea of using the white cane with a red band as a means of assisting the blind in independent mobility. The Peoria Lions Club approved the idea and news of the club's activity spread quickly throughout the USA in 1930.

The "National White Cane Safety Day" was approved in 1964 by Congress authorizing the President of the US to proclaim October 15th as

an opportunity to increase awareness about the white cane. Since then, the white cane has served as an alert that the pedestrian using the white cane is blind or visually impaired.

Your White Cane Day activities help individuals gain services to increase their independence and confidence. Thank you so very much.

Serving with you, DGE Keltie



Lions, it is hard to believe we are already in May. Where is this year going? I hope everyone of you are having a great spring; the expected increase in temperature along with hopefully passing April showers will allow you to get out and enjoy your communities.

In May we celebrate "Mother's Day." Some of us may be blessed and still have mothers or motherly figures that are living, while others may have mother's who have passed on.

Regardless, lets take time either in remembrance or in service to do something kind for those motherly figures in our life. I hope the month of May treats you well. I am excited to see some of you all soon!

WE SERVE, 1st VDGE Nathanael

DISTRICT CLUBS SERVING FROM THE HEART

Kingsport Lions Activities

Kingsport Lions Club members Lions Eileen Hilmuth, 2nd VDGE Wayne Garland, Lion Harry Ennis and wife Neva, Lion Neil Smith, PDG Adam Bowling and Lion Carol Bowling posed for a picture after assembling 200 sandwiches for the Shades of Grace Food Ministry.



This photo is Michelle Campbell, Executive Director Appalachian Miles for Smiles all smiles as she accepts a \$2,000 donation from the Kingsport Lions Club. Appalachian Miles for Smiles provides free eye exams, eye glasses, dental and vision services, x-rays and HGA1C testing. Kingsport Lions Club members Lee Bryan, Val and Don Abernathy, Doug Haseltine and DGE Keltie Kerney volunteer with AMFS.

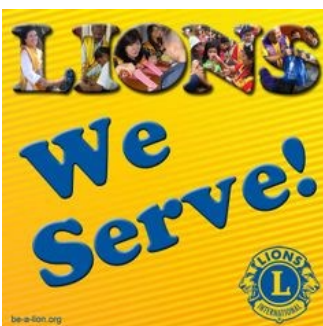
DISTRICT CLUBS SERVING FROM THE HEART

Kingsport Activities cont.



2ND VDGE Wayne Garland presented a program for the Kingsport Lions Club, April 9. He talked about his and wife Carol's trip to Iceland.

Daughters of the American Revolution, Carter's Fort Chapter, joined others to honor Vietnam Veterans on March 28, 2024. DGE Keltie is standing in front of the flag. Her grandson, Teague, is standing in the front center. He is a member of the Children of the American Revolution.



DISTRICT CLUBS SERVING FROM THE HEART

Sevier County Activities



L to R: Sevier County Lions Rich, Chuck, Kathi, Kim, and Wilma



Lion Kathi speaks with a potential member about the benefits of joining a Lions Club.

On April 19, 2024 the Sevier County Lions members were invited to participate in the My People Senior Activity Center's Senior Expo event where more than 300 Senior adults who attended were able to gather information on available services from over 50 local agencies. Lions' members provided information on how to become a Sevier County Lion, in addition to offering information on available vision and hearing services. This is the 5th year that Sevier County Lions have participated in this Senior Expo.

APRIL 2024

SENIOR Expo

Featuring:

- Exhibitors with Senior Products & Services
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- Door Prizes
- Special speakers

WALK-THRU

April 19, 2024 - FRIDAY - 11:00 AM TO 1:00 PM

My People Senior Activity Center
1220 West Main Street, Sevierville

Sponsored by:
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ElderWatch
Coalition

Free Admission!!
By reservation only!
Please call:
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Vendor Space Still Available!
Email: gnullins@seviercountyttn.org
for vendor information
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OTHER DISTRICT RELATED ITEMS



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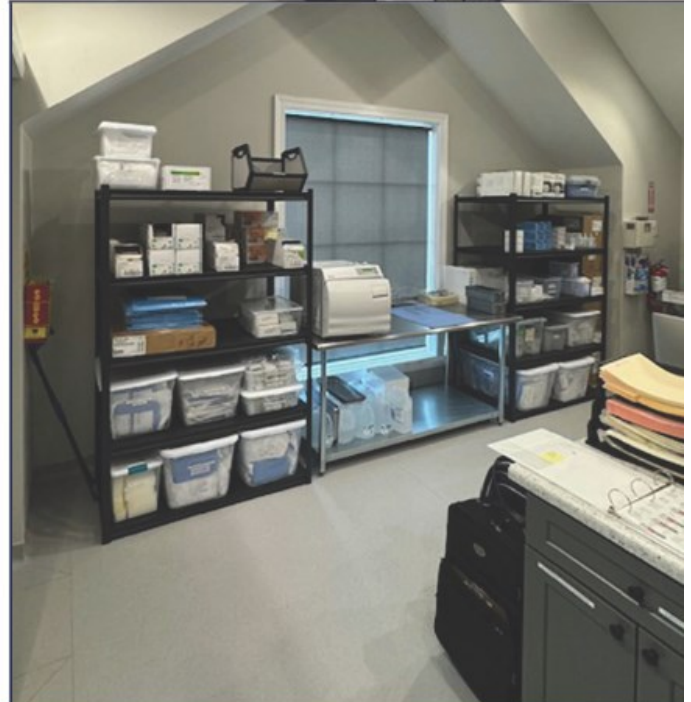
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2024 Annual Shrimp Boil Benefiting the Karns Lions Club



Friday June 14th
Saturday June 15th
6:30pm

\$35 per person

Karns Lions Club Pavilion
6618 Beaver Ridge Rd

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 by Wednesday June 12, 2024.

Limited number available for each evening.

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

Purchase online at KarnsLionsClub.com or at:

Salon Matias, 2548 Byington Solway Rd
Mike Grimes Insurance, 7715 Oak Ridge Hwy
Matlock Tire, 10838 Hardin Valley Rd
Karns Lions Club Pool, 6618 Beaver Ridge Rd

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

OTHER DISTRICT RELATED ITEMS



OTTO Cruise In

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

May 11, 2024 – 1:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Rain Date: May 18, 2024



Cruise In as follows:

- 1:00 PM Meet at Food Lion E. Lamar Alexander Pkwy
- 1:15 PM Asbury Place
- 2:15 PM Concordia Nursing & Rehab - Fairpark
- 3:15 PM Brookdale Browns Creek
- 4:15 PM Shannondale of Maryville
- 5:15 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

Dean or Karen Fontaine

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



NAME _____

PHONE # _____

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CAR/YEAR _____

CAR MAKE: _____

CAR MODEL _____

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OTHER DISTRICT RELATED ITEMS

Tellico Village New Members



Lt to Rt - Lion Don Skalecki sponsored Rose Koziara

Rt to Lt—King Lion Kathy Dooley sponsored Sharon Krischer

Back Row - Lion Chris Garner officiated the induction ceremony.

CONGRATULATIONS TELLICO VILLAGE

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



We Serve

**Smoky Mountain Lions Charities Inc,
Dba West Knox Lions Club**

P.O. Box 70276

Knoxville, Tennessee 37938

FaceBook:

<https://www.facebook.com/WestKnoxLionsClub>

Web site: <http://westknox.tnlions.org>

Email westknoxlionsclub@gmail.com



FELLOW LIONS;

We are proud to announce our 30th annual Charity Golf Tournament. It will be at Egwani Farms Golf Course, 3920 Singleton Station Road, Rockford, TN on Friday, June 21, 2024.

Registration begins at 7 am and there's a shotgun start at 8 am. Chipping contest begins at 7 am. Lunch and presentation of prizes begins at approximately 12 noon. It's a 4-person Swat team, best ball contest.

\$100.00 entry fee includes: 18-hole round with cart, hot lunch, and chances for door prizes. There are special first and second place team prizes. There is a chipping contest, longest drive contests, and closest to the pin contests. For further details contact Chairman Ron Riehn at: ron.riehn@gmail.com or 85-773-3795. Sign up form is below

Proceeds go to support West Knox Lions and 12-Charities.

Thank you,



Ron Riehn
West

OTHER DISTRICT RELATED ITEMS

Lions District 12N Charities Inc. Reverse Raffle

June 22, 2024

WIN \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ Do you
have yours yet?

<p>Lions District 12N Charities Inc. Reverse Raffle June 22, 2024 Fountain City Lions Club Knoxville, TN</p> <p>Name _____ Address _____ City _____ State ____ Zip _____ Phone _____ E-Mail _____</p> <p>No. 1601  \$10</p>	<p>Lions District 12N Charities Inc. (EIN 62-1709197) Reverse Raffle \$10 1st Prize \$2000 2nd Prize \$1000 3rd Prize \$500</p> <p>Drawing June 22, 2024 Fountain City Lions Club House 5345 N. Broadway, Knoxville, TN</p> <p>Join us for a Fun Filled Day!! Winner responsible for taxes. Winner need not be present to win.</p> <p>No. 1601 </p>
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Lions District 12N Charities Inc. Reverse Raffle event returns this year, and you will have a chance to win \$2,000 Reverse Raffle drawing June 22, 2024 for only \$10.00.

If your club doesn't have tickets contact Lion Jim McFarland, ph 865-556-9091, Email tnlionjim@gmail.com, snail mail 8030 Whitestone Rd, Knoxville, TN 37938. We can accept cash, checks, PayPal, credit cards and debit cards.

Help the District Help Others

OTHER DISTRICT RELATED ITEMS

DGE Keltie Kerney - April SWOT Meeting



DGE Keltie lead a group of Lions gathered at the King Family Library Saturday, April 13 as they participated in a SWOT exercise. 9 clubs were represented with excellent dialogue generated.

A summary of ideas will be presented at the July 20th District 12N organizational meeting at the King Family Library.

Shown below are DGE Keltie Kerney and 2nd VDGE Wayne Garland as the meeting produced responses in various categories shown on the board..



OTHER DISTRICT RELATED ITEMS

KAPA (Knoxville Area Project Access) Update

This KAPA report is the result of concerns raised at the District 12N convention and phone calls with the Director of KAPA and 4 other Project Access entities across the State of Tennessee.

On April 10th four of us met with the current and past Directors of KAPA for an open question and answer session and following are highlights of that meeting.

This is a condensed report of what has previously been sent to Club Presidents and Secretaries on April 17th

Author: Connie Emmons, President - District 12N Charities Board

- KAPA provided a brief history of the “partnership/relationship” and stated changes have occurred since the initial “partnership” began in 2014.
- KAPA expanded its service area from 8 counties (over the last 2 years) and they now cover 23 counties as of the summer of 2023.
- KAPA has a Food Pantry and a referral system for other support services. KAPA **does not** require the lengthy Lions Club application; therefore, it is not needed. KAPA is developing a one-page form for the Lions Clubs or individuals to use. KAPA requested that, in the interim, the Lions Clubs may continue to use the old application form; however, the applications should be sent directly to the address for **KAPA at 9032 Cross Park Dr., Knoxville, TN 37923** and should **not be sent** to the Special Services Committee P.O. Box address that the Lions Club have been using and that are showing on the existing application documents.
- KAPA has received 182 referrals from the Lions Clubs since 2014 and just over 100 individuals have been enrolled, however, some others were unenrolled in the 10 years of the “partnership”. Referrals have been down since COVID and clients who receive coverage thru the Accountable Care Program likely are not eligible for KAPA services. **KAPA will review the application and make the determination – not the Lions.** The Lions Clubs do not need to access personal/confidential information and need to avoid potential HIPAA violations.

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OTHER DISTRICT RELATED ITEMS

KAPA Report cont.

- KAPA will send quarterly reports to the President of the Charities Board and the District Governor going forward. Danielle, from KAPA, will forward last year's quarterly reports to Charities Board President Connie.
- KAPA referred to the existing signed contract as a "grant". There are no other civic groups who have a contract with KAPA. KAPA receives financial grants from some groups with no expectations or service agreements.
- Between KAPA and the other four (4) Project Access Programs, all counties of the state are covered. The various programs work autonomously but work together on a few projects such as grant funding. The 5 programs also work collaboratively to serve clients when a service is not available in one area but is in another area.
- KAPA and the other Project Access Programs have Community Navigators who can assist clients in completing the application.

At the meeting we explained that the Lions Clubs of District 12N **will not likely** continue the contract, as is, after November 30, 2024. The Lions District 12N Charities has a limited budget. We were told, in the absence of a contract, KAPA will continue to treat our clients as they have before. The contract provided Lions Club referrals a "priority" status. KAPA stated that the clients are usually contacted within 24 hours of receiving their application.

We asked if KAPA would be receptive to "reduced funding" and they were receptive. We explained that the findings of the meeting would be discussed with the Charities Board and the membership of District 12N at our next meeting.

OTHER DISTRICT RELATED ITEMS

Report Your 2024-2025 Club Officers

By now you have held your election of officers for the 2024-2025 Lions Year. There is a new Lions Portal and you should get your new officers posted as soon as possible since Lion Kim Osborne needs the information to put into the 2024-2025 Directory. There is a training video titled "Club Management—How to assign an Officer" that walks you through the steps.



PRESIDENT



SECRETARY



TREASURER



VICE PRESIDENT



**MEMBERSHIP
CHAIR**

LIONS PORTAL UPDATE

The new Lions Portal has launched and you should have received your email invitation to log on and check it out. **Officers especially should log on ASAP and look through the site and become familiar with it.** There are several short training videos on the home page that are worth looking at. Below is a picture of the home screen of the new portal. This is not the entire home page but gives you an idea of what it looks like. There is some information that no longer exists but for specific questions reach out to the support email and phone number listed on the screen.

The screenshot shows the Lion Portal interface. At the top, there is a dark blue navigation bar with the 'Lion Portal' logo on the left, a search bar, and notification icons on the right. Below the navigation bar, the main content area is white. A personalized welcome message reads 'Welcome Paulette Bailey!'. Below this, there are four large, colorful tiles: 'MY MEMBERSHIP' (blue), 'MY CLUB' (light blue), 'MY CA' (purple), and 'MY ASSOCIATION' (dark purple). To the left of the main content, there is a sidebar with a 'Dashboard' section titled 'Lion Memb...' and a 'Lions Membership Today' widget. To the right, there is a yellow 'DONATE' button and a 'QUICK LINKS' section with a link to 'Lions Clubs International Convention'. A small accessibility icon is visible in the bottom right corner of the screenshot.

All we can suggest is to go through the various videos and become familiar with how to do things before you get too frustrated. Change is inevitable and always takes time to learn new things!



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48th Annual
USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum
September 5-7, 2024
Kentucky Int'l Convention Center
Louisville, KY

The USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Louisville, Kentucky, offers an unparalleled blend of enriching learning opportunities and delightful recreational activities. Attendees have the chance to dive deep into workshops and sessions facilitated by renowned leadership experts, giving them tools and insights that can be applied both within the Lions Club network and in their personal and professional lives. Beyond the learning, the forum is set against the backdrop of Louisville, a city known for its rich history, vibrant arts scene, and iconic events like the Kentucky Derby. Attendees can explore the city's unique attractions, savor its famous bourbon, or indulge in its culinary delights, making the Lions Leadership Forum not just an educational experience, but also an unforgettable adventure.

Registration, a list of seminars and a schedule of events is on-line only at
lionsforum.org.

Reminder – District 12N scholarships (reimburses) attendees for their registration fees. Send attendance proof to 12NTreasurer, Chuck Bailey at chuckyegg001@gmail.com.

Please note: The USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum will be documenting the Forum for promotional purposes. Your participation may be filmed, photographed, or recorded at this event. Your registration is your consent for use of these images and recordings by the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum.



Volunteer Sign-Up
2024 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum
September 5-7, 2024
Louisville, KY USA



The Host Committee needs 350-400 volunteers. Help us make this the best Forum ever!

Name:		Club:	
Address:			District:
City:	State/Prov:	Zip/Postal Code:	
Home Phone:		Email:	
NEEDED for communication during Forum: Cell Phone:			

Please check availability to volunteer and preferences for jobs. You can do more than one job.

NOTE: ** Seated Jobs

PRE-FORUM (Some jobs may be required until 5pm Thursday)

Availability:

Wednesday, Sept 4

Thursday, Sept 5

Jobs:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Airport Greeter	<input type="checkbox"/>	Prepare Hospitality Baskets
<input type="checkbox"/>	Peace Poster Display Setup	<input type="checkbox"/>	Forum Store Setup
<input type="checkbox"/>	Host Committee Office Setup	<input type="checkbox"/>	Registration Packet/Bag packing
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pin Trader Set up	<input type="checkbox"/>	Registration **
<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	Anywhere/As Needed

FORUM

Availability:

Thursday, Sept 5

Friday, Sept 6

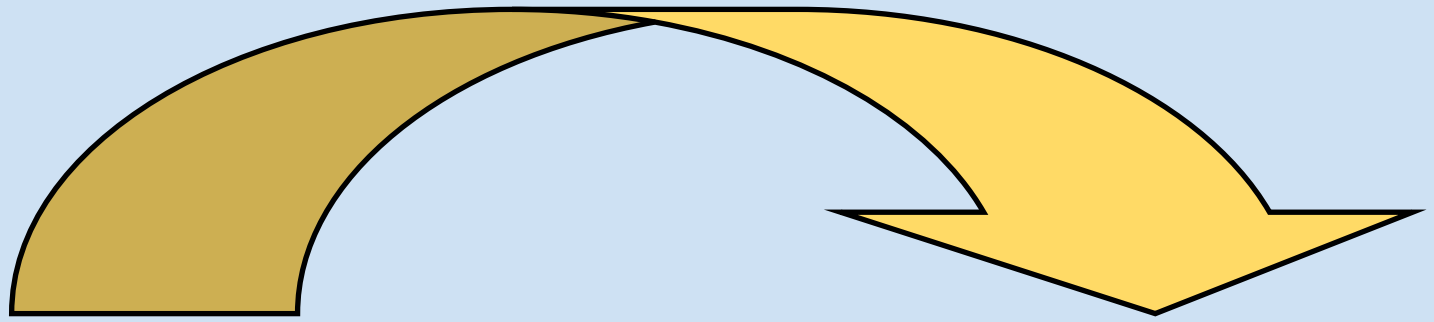
Saturday, Sept 7

Jobs:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Registration **	<input type="checkbox"/>	Update Signage
<input type="checkbox"/>	Forum Store Workers	<input type="checkbox"/>	Seminar Greeter and Runner
<input type="checkbox"/>	Strides Walk	<input type="checkbox"/>	Greeters/Traffic Control
<input type="checkbox"/>	Host Committee Officer Workers **	<input type="checkbox"/>	Forum Store Take-Down (Sat Only)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Meal -- Seat availability	<input type="checkbox"/>	Host Committee Office Take-Down (Sat Only)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Meal -- Display Table Signs	<input type="checkbox"/>	Anywhere/As Needed

* Must be registered for the Forum: lionsforum.org

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**WELCOME TO OUR
NEWEST MEMBERS**

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Mollie Nicholson—Maryville
Rose Kosiara - Tellico Village
Sharon Krischer - Tellico Village**

*WELCOME NEW
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IN MEMORY OF

**Chuck Bowlin—Greeneville
Leroy Shipwash - Harriman**





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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/>

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