



Environmental Service Project

In April our lions club members turned out and participated in our environmental service project. By the end of our efforts, we were proud to have collected and packed over 1,800 pounds of eyeglasses for our district project. Each pair represents more than just a recycled item—it offers clearer vision, greater independence, and new opportunities for someone in need.

This initiative reflects our commitment to environmental stewardship. By reusing eyeglasses, we reduce waste while making a direct, positive impact on people's lives. It's a powerful example of how small contributions can add up to something truly meaningful.

Club members worked together to sort, clean, and pack donations, sharing both teamwork and purpose along the way. Environmental Week reminded us that caring for the planet and serving others can go hand in hand.

We are grateful to everyone who contributed to this success. Together, we are making a difference—helping the environment while improving lives, one pair of glasses at a time.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

June 2, 2026
ZOOM Club Officer
Training

June 18th
Reverse Raffle
Eden's Vista, Gray, TN

SAVE THE DATE:
DGE Wayne Garland's
Organizational Meeting -
July 18, 2026, 10:00 AM
King Family Library
Sevierville, TN

District 12N Charities
Meeting - July 18, 2026
9:00 AM - King Family
Library, Sevierville, TN

VDG Lionhearted Lesson



Important Training for Club Officers and Zone Chairs

Training is essential for Lions Club officers and Zone Chairs because strong leadership directly strengthens club service, communication, and member engagement. Well-trained leaders understand their responsibilities, use resources effectively, and help clubs thrive

throughout the year. To support this, training for all club officers—both continuing and new—will be held June 2 by Zoom, led by State and District GLTs PDG Wendy Cain and PCC Paulette Bailey. Their experience ensures officers receive practical guidance they can use immediately. In addition, PDG Wendy and PCC Paulette will schedule Zone Chair training in May or June, providing focused support for these key leaders who connect clubs, encourage collaboration, and help districts grow stronger together.

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

Happy Mother's Day to all the incredible mothers in our Lions family! Your compassion, strength, and dedication—both at home and in service to others—make a lasting difference in our communities. Today, we celebrate you and all that you do. Wishing you a day filled with appreciation, joy, and love!



“Leadership Corner” from PDG Wendy Cain



Twenty Lions from 6 states and Bermuda converged on Cumberland University, April 17-19 for the **IGNITE Lions Leadership Institute**.

Congratulations to these East Tennessee Lions:

- Kingston: Michelle Harrison
- Tellico Village: Kent & Cheryl Henderson



As we continue our commitment to service, now is the perfect time for every club to reflect on its achievements and ensure your efforts are recognized. **The Club Excellence Award** is a meaningful way to celebrate your club’s impact, leadership, and dedication to serving your community. There is no application; awards will be sent automatically to clubs that qualify. You are encouraged to review the criteria at <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/member-resource-center/grants-and-awards/association-awards/excellence-awards> and finish the Lions year strong!



ATTENTION INCOMING CLUB OFFICERS!

Please mark your calendars for **Club Officer Training via Zoom on Tuesday, June 2, beginning at 7:00 p.m.** This session will help equip your Board of Directors with the information and tools needed for a successful year ahead—because effective leadership ensures strong, impactful service. Zoom information can be found at: <http://tnlions.org/calendar/>

District 12N Treasurer's Update:

District 12N Treasurer's Report as of March 31, 2026

Administrative Account Balance beginning 02/28/2026	\$55,605.27
Deposits: Dues, Donations, and Sponsorships	+\$5,517.50
Expenses: DG/VDG Reimbursements, Zoom, Postage, Convention Expenses, New Club Expenses (GET/GMT), Plaques, Printing, ID & Spouse Expenses, Videographer/Photographer at Convention	-\$9,519.41
Ending balance as of 03/31/2026	\$51,603.36

District 12N Charities Inc. Treasurer's Report as of 02/28/2026

12N Charities Account Balance as of 02/28/2026	\$13,061.52
Deposits: None this month	+\$0.00
Expenses: Puppy care & maintenance, Pledging Foundation*, Reimburse for Childhood Cancer, Printing Raffle tickets, Reimburse for 12N Charities Renewal/Secretary of State Disaster supplies for To-Go kits, Accounting Fees	-\$3,740.71
Ending balance as of 03/31/2026	\$10,883.45

*A check was received and deposited in the Charities Account, then a Refund was mailed to the Pledging Foundation. The check was not cashed; check was cancelled after learning that the check was intended for the LaFollette Boys & Girls Club. Check was then mailed to the correct entity.

District 12N Charities Inc. DBA Lions District 12N Disaster Preparedness

Account Balance as of 02/28/2026	\$9,076.21
Deposits: None this month	\$0.00
Expenses: Postage, Accounting, Supplies	-\$2,649.72
Ending balance as of 03/31/2026	\$6,426.49

District 12N Charities Inc. DBA White Cane, DBA LCIF (Business Money Market)

Account Balance as of 01/30/2026	\$69,352.04
Net Interest Earned	+\$228.32
Ending balance as of 03/31/2026	\$69,580.36

The Money Market account reports are only prepared quarterly when there are no deposits or withdrawals; therefore, this report is for a quarter.

Submitted by,
Keltie Kerney

IPDG, 12N Treasurer Administrative and Charities Accounts



Introducing your VDGE Team:

This will be a year of change! As your FVDGE I look forward to serving you. Thank you for your endorsement and support. I will work diligently to get up to speed on the training I have missed and will be ready to serve you. Please remember to work on your Kindness Matters applications. August is fast approaching, and the deadline is the end of August. Please try to include photos of your service project as well. Last year only 2 clubs in the state applied! I'd like to see our District 12 N showcase our service projects.

Thank you again,
FVDGE Connie Emmons



I am truly honored and grateful to be elected as President of the District 12N Charities and as 2nd Vice District Governor. Thank you to each of you for your trust and confidence in me. I'm excited for the opportunity to serve alongside such a dedicated group of leaders who are deeply committed to making a difference in our communities.



Together, I believe we will continue to grow, strengthen our impact, and carry forward the mission of Lionism with compassion and purpose.

I look forward to working with each of you in the year ahead. Thank you again for this opportunity to serve.

With gratitude and excitement!
SVDGE Doris Kaifa



LIONS INTERNATIONAL CLUB OFFICER REPORTING 2026-2027 LIONS YEAR



IMPORTANT DEADLINE

New club officers should be entered into the Lion Portal by:

MAY 15, 2026

Reporting early ensures they receive necessary materials and have access to the system for training and planning.

For the 2026-2027 Lions International year, new club officers should be entered into the Lion Portal (formerly MyLCi) by **May 15, 2026**. While the new fiscal year does not begin until **July 1**, reporting them by this earlier date ensures they receive necessary materials and have access to the system for training and planning.

KEY DATES FOR OFFICER ENTRY



APRIL

Hold elections & begin entering new officers.



MAY 15, 2026

RECOMMENDED DEADLINE for materials & system access.



JUNE 1, 2026

FINAL DEADLINE to avoid system transition issues.



JULY 1, 2026

New officer terms officially begin!

IMPORTANT NOTES



EARLY ACCESS = STRONG START

Add officers early so they're ready on Day 1.



AVOID LOCKOUTS

Clubs not updated by June 30 may lose access and need International assistance.



UNIQUE EMAILS REQUIRED

Each officer must have their own email address reported in the system.



HOW TO REPORT

Use the Lion Portal (MyLCi / Club Central) to update your incoming officers.



SET YOUR CLUB UP FOR SUCCESS!

PLAN EARLY • REPORT ON TIME • LEAD STRONG



As of April 27th, these Clubs have reported their new Officers for 2026-2027 in the Portal. If your Club is missing from this list, please report your new Officers asap. If you need assistance with reporting, contact Lion Kim Osborne at kimosborne607@gmail.com



Campbell Co
Dandridge
Harriman
Karns
Knoxville Tri-Co
Norris
Sevierville
West Knox

Clinton
Greeneville
Inskip
Knox Co North
Maryville
Oneida
Tellico Village

Dandridge Lions Club

Dandridge Lions celebrated the anniversary of their Charter Night on March 23, 2026



Greeneville Lions Club



At the April meeting, Connie Moore spoke to the club about her passionate work with Monarch butterflies.



Lion Carolyn Broyles (R) presented Diane Lewis with 'Have a Nice Day' cards from the club. The cards were included with the lunches for the Meals on Wheels program



Eyeglasses and cases collected for the district recycling and reuse event.



Harriman Lions Club



The Harriman Club welcomed a new member: Eddie Hay. Eddie is a transfer from Graham, TX and recently moved to Roane County. L to R: Club president Dan Reid; 1st VP Andy Gecelosky, and new Lion Eddie.

The Harriman Club held a Yard Sale on April 18th in downtown Harriman. The proceeds will go to White Cane. In addition, the club considers the yard sale an “environmental event” since many of the unwanted items we sold would normally go into landfills.



Two members of the National Wild Turkey Federation gave a presentation to the club.

At a recent meeting, Dr. Michael Hay presented a program: Introduction to Orthopedics

Karns Lions Club

Karns Lions Club members recently spent several days completing their Spring Playground clean up. Lions refreshed and replaced worn items including swing seats and a water fountain, in addition to repairing other items. A total of 13 Lions and 3 family members worked 140 hours over 2 days to complete the process at the Karns Playground.



Lion Cynthia Bridges



Lion Kristy Simcox
Gross



Lion Josh Bolling



3 generations; Lion Tony
Gross, son Lion Scott Gross
his son Hunter Gross and
stepson Hayden Simcox.

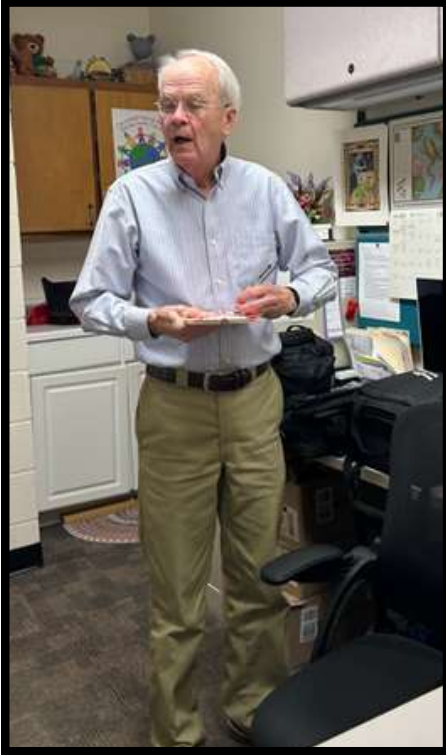


Lion Diane Monaghan



Lion Tony Wright

Kingsport Lions Club



Kingsport Lion Bill Murdoch concluding another service project for children- vision screening at a school



GST's Don and Val Abernathy continue to collect plastics for recycling as a part of Environmental Conservation efforts. These bags were picked up from Shades of Grace, a ministry serving the last, least and lost



Lions Harry Ennis and Chris Manley continue to assist in the ongoing service project- packing community meals at Shades of Grace



GST Don Abernathy placing 200 tortillas in the refrigerator for the community meals at Shades of Grace. Each month he plans, shops and organizes the service project along with GST, Val Abernathy

Maryville Lions Club

The Maryville Lions Club recently participated in the Local Parks and Rec Department's **Special Olympics Track and Field Event**. The Lions served at the main food tent and with being a supporter for the athletes cheering them on and helping with whatever their needs were.

Blount County schools and other non-profit organizations participated with the athletes giving it their all in the various events that included, dashes, softball, cornhole as well as other activities. Each athlete participating received a medal and you could tell they were so proud of their accomplishments. It was so rewarding to see their beaming faces!



L to R: Paulette Bailey, Linda Wills, Joan Martin and Chuck Bailey



L to R: Chuck Bailey, Mollie Nicholson, Paulette Bailey, and Jamie Holland

The Maryville Lions Club recently participated in "**A Place to Stay's**" **Street Outreach Service** work day at New Providence Presbyterian Church. This event is held quarterly and serves the underprivileged community of Blount County. Several churches and non-profit organizations distribute everything from food, books, dental information, veterans' information, clothing

and hygiene kits to name a few. Even haircuts are provided all at no charge. A hot meal is also provided to everyone in attendance.

The lions distributed reading glasses, scheduled appointments for the Smoky Mountain Lions Charities Vision Clinic held monthly, offered vision screening for children and distributed food packets from the District 12N food packing event as well as some power bars. A small thing to be able to help such a large community of needs.

Sevierville Lions Club



At the April Club meeting, members distributed some of the Disaster Preparedness “To-Go Kits”

President Kathi was presented with an International Presidential Certificate of Appreciation at the recent 12N Convention



Lions Summer & Stacy received Service Certificates at the 12N Convention



Congratulations to Lion Summer for being selected to serve as a Moderator at a recent Sevier Co Debate



Lions Chuck (photo left) and Kim (far right) participated in the District eyeglass recycling event held at LVBI during the Environmental Service Week

Sevierville Lions Club (con't)



L to R: Lion Meredith, Lion Stacy, and Kristy from Brookdale Senior Living

In early April, Sevierville Lions members held a 3rd Annual Easter Egg Hunt for the residents at Brookdale Senior Living Center.



L to R: Lions Stacy, Erik, Kahi, and Meredith at the Easter Egg Hunt



Lion Stacy volunteered with Keep Sevier Beautiful on Earth Day to help with cleaning up the downtown Sevierville area



L to R: Lions Stacy, Amy, Kathi, Kelly, and Andrea (with special helper, Cullen) filling the eggs for the Egg Hunt

Sevier County Lions Club



Sevier Co Lions Raneë (Photo left) and Wilma (Photo right) giving away readers and vision assistance applications at The Sevierville Baptist Church Helping Hands Ministry.



L to R: 1st VDG Wayne Garland, DG Nathanael Hughes, SCLC members Wilma, Raneë and PDG Rich, along with International Director Dr. Mark Mansell, pose at the 12N District Convention



L to R: Lions Trina, Brian, Raneë, Wilma, and Cecilia prepare to distribute Easter baskets to the residents of Brookdale Senior Living in Sevierville. 15

Congrats!

Sevier County Lions Club (con't)



Sevier Co Lions Club participated in the LCI Environmental Service week by delivering 2,000+ pairs of glasses to LVBI for recycling



L to R: Lion Ranee and Lion Wilma at the LVBI eyeglass recycling event

Tellico Village Lions Club



Our newest member, Joe Hanna, is welcomed to the Tellico Village Lions Club by Membership Chair Kent Henderson, and President Harry Rucker.

Tellico Village Lions participated in the Tellico Lake Clean Up Day. Picking up trash along a lakeside trail.



L to R: Ed Hostick, Bill Cooley, Perry Sylvester, Kent Henderson

Lions on the Move

The Chattanooga Hope for the Intercity Mission, held on April 4, 2026, by the **Smoky Mountain Lions Charities Mobile Vision Lab** assisted by Southern College of Optometry, provided vision care to the local community. A total of 53 individuals received services, with 52 undergoing complete eye exams. While no glasses were dispensed on-site, 52 people are scheduled to receive glasses within four weeks, and one did not require any. The mission was made possible through the collaboration of Lions, medical professionals, and volunteers.



Thank You

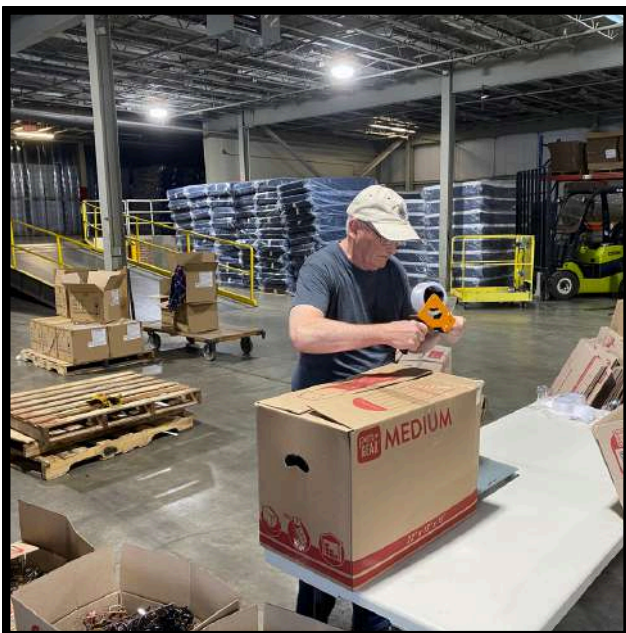


Eyeglass Recycling Event

On Saturday, April 18th, 20 Lions from 11 District Clubs gathered at the LVBI warehouse in Morristown to sort, box, and ship recycled eyeglasses. A total of 1,765 pounds was packaged and will be sent for recycling.



Eyeglass Recycling Event

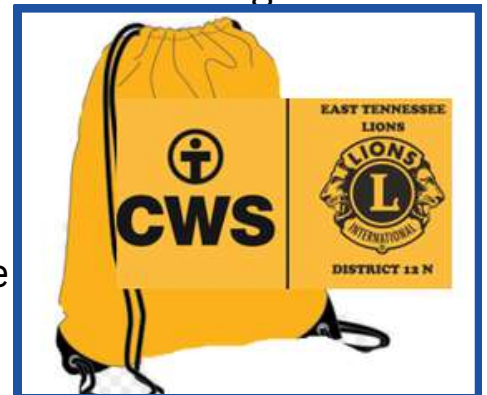
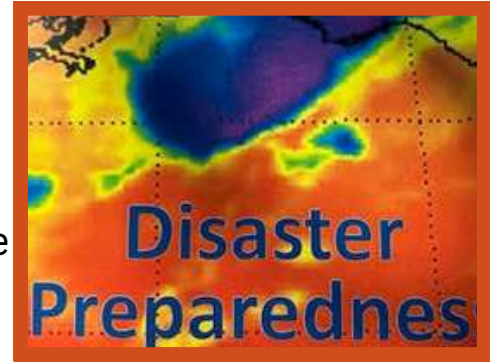


Disaster Preparedness

Lions are currently engaged in distributing emergency preparedness **"To-Go Kits"** across communities within District 12N. Members who participated in the recent convention and helped assemble the 400 kits received the "To-Go Kits" to take back to their respective clubs. Each club is responsible for determining the best approach to distribute the **"To-Go Kits"** within their community. The key priority is ensuring that these bags are easily accessible to those who need them, rather than being stored in locations where they cannot be quickly retrieved during an emergency. Placing the bags in a spot that everyone in the household can find—such as the foyer, hall closet, garage or a designated area—will make it much easier for users to access them promptly when the need arises. The central lesson of this project is the importance of preparation. By equipping individuals with the tools and knowledge they need in advance, we empower them to respond confidently when emergencies arise. Ultimately, fostering a culture of readiness not only benefits each person but also strengthens our entire community.

This initiative serves as a model that can be replicated to educate and equip more individuals for disaster preparedness. By using this template, communities have the opportunity to enhance their readiness and ensure that a greater number of people are well-prepared to respond effectively in the face of emergencies.

I want to sincerely thank every Lion who dedicated their time and energy to the planning meetings, many of which took place over months via Zoom. Your ongoing commitment and collaboration were invaluable in making this project a success. I would also like to express heartfelt appreciation to the Lions Club International Foundation for generously awarding a grant to our District 12N. Their support was instrumental in making this project a reality.



IPDG Keltie Kerney
Chair Disaster Relief/Preparedness

Disaster Relief



For several months, the Disaster Relief Team had not received any requests for assistance. However, that changed recently when a new request was submitted. The requester has been asked to submit a detailed written description of their specific needs. Once this information is received, it will be forwarded to the Disaster Team for thorough review and consideration. Additional disaster

relief funds remain accessible, thanks to the caring support from one of the clubs in District 12N.

If you are aware of anyone in need of support, please forward their requests for assistance to the Disaster Relief Team.

IPDG Keltie Kerney
Chair Disaster Relief/Preparedness



Notes & News:

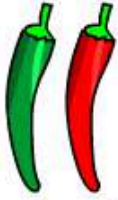
Reverse Raffle Tickets: Are still Available

You must be “in the Game” to be a possible winner at the Reverse Raffle drawing on June 18, 2026 at 123 Heavens Orchard, Gray, TN 37615.

Please contact Keltie Kerney at keltiekerney@hotmail.com or 423-416-7407 to obtain tickets. The more tickets sold means more funds generated for White Cane projects!

IPDG Keltie Kerney





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 www.MyPartyGames.com

LVBI Tour & Annual Meeting

On Thursday, April 23rd, Lions Volunteer Blind Industries (LVBI) of Morristown opened their doors for a tour of their facility and demonstrations of recently acquired equipment. Approximately 15 Lions were on hand to witness the blind/visually impaired/handicapped employees making mattresses, mattress covers, bed-in-a-box, and using the cutting machines to manufacture bedding and paper supplies. Lions also got to witness the newly acquired “Industrial Quilting Machine’ that was recently purchased from donations and matching grant funds from LCIF.



CEO Trevor explaining the operations of the ‘New’ quilting machine that was aquired with help from and LCIF matching grant.



This is the ‘old’ quilting machine that was built in the 1970's. It currently still works, but is not repairable should it break down.



Recently acquired industrial ‘cutting machine’ in operation.



New Embroidery machine

Additional photos on next page... 23

LVBI Tour & Annual Meeting (con't)



L to R: PDG Chuck and 2 LVBI employees



Observing the new Quilting Machine in action



Group tour



Paper Towel production area



Watching the 'Bed-in-a-box' process



Bed-in-a-box process

Additional photos on next page...

LVBI Tour & Annual Meeting (con't)



Employee stitching a mattress



Group Tour



Employees stitching mattress covers



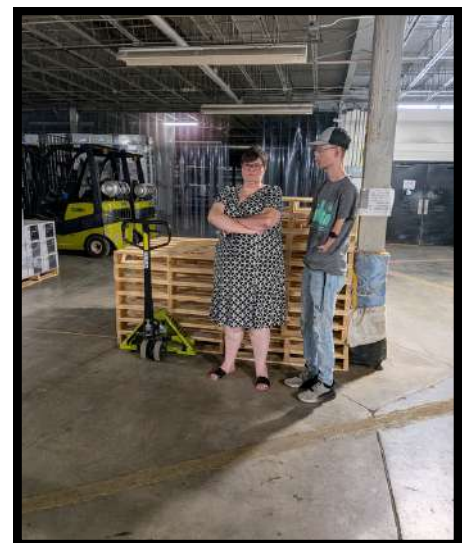
Employee assembling a mattress



L to R: Lions John, Don, and Trevor



L to R: Lions Mike, Keltie, and Chuck



L to R: Lion Tanya and LVBI Employee

East TN Lions District 12N 2026 CALENDAR

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3-11th Hunger Week
 10th Winter Cabinet Meeting via ZOOM 9AM
 16th-18th Lions Learning Retreat in Manchester, TN

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2nd-7th International Convention, Hong Kong
 18th Incoming DG Wayne's Organizational Mtg.
 18th 12N Charities Meeting

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3rd GLT Power Hour ZOOM 8PM
 4th IPDG Keltie's ZOOM 8PM
 14th VALENTINE'S DAY
 25th DG Nate's ZOOM 8AM
 28th Deadline to submit Lion of the Year/Lion of the Decade

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4th IPDG Keltie's ZOOM 8PM
 17th St. Patrick's Day
 26th Deadline to register for IGNITE Leadership Institute
 27th-28th District 12N Convention - Farragut Community Center

September 2026						
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3rd-5th USA/Canada Forum in Memphis, TN

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5th Easter
 7th GLT Power Hour ZOOM 8PM
 16th - 19th IGNITE Leadership Institute
 18th Eyeglass Recycling - LVBI
 18 - 26th Environmental Week
 29th DG Nate's ZOOM 8PM
 30th April - 2nd May MD12 TN State Conv.

October 2026						
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31st Halloween

May 2026						
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30th April - 2nd May MD12 TN State Convention
 15th Deadline to report new officers in the Portal
 27th DG Nate's ZOOM 8AM

November 2026						
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26th Thanksgiving

June 2026						
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2nd Club Officer Training ZOOM
 18th DG Nate's End-of-year Gala & Reverse Raffle
 24th DG Nate's ZOOM 8PM

December 2026						
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25th Christmas

UPDATED



Welcome New Members

Joseph Hanna - Tellico Village Lions - Sponsor Michael Elkins
John Montgomery - Maryville Lions - Sponsor Paulette Bailey
Thomas Ollis, Jr. - Clinton Lions - Sponsor Neal Vaughan

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



In Loving Memory

Don McGinnis - Morristown Hamblen Lions

Membership Updates:



STOP THE DROPS

When members feel valued, connected & proud of what their club does, they don't leave. Retention isn't about keeping numbers – it's about keeping hearts engaged in service.

December & June drops are often the result of clubs purging their rosters before the semi-annual billing deadlines. But that behavior is symptomatic, not the root cause. Let's stop the drops by addressing both prevention & perception.

DECEMBER & JUNE DROPS HAPPEN BECAUSE:

- Clubs don't want to pay for inactive members.
- Members feel disconnected or unengaged or unheard or unappreciated.
- There's a 'clean-up culture' rather than a renewal mindset.

service + fun = happy Lions

Engage Now - Before the Drop

IDENTIFY AT-RISK MEMBERS

- Who hasn't attended meetings?
- Who hasn't participated in service?
- Who might drop?
- Check in personally with every member now.
- Ask why they have become distant or might be considering leaving – & listen without judgment.
- Offer flexible dues payment options (installments, sponsorships, or club-level assistance funds).
- Use this as a chance to re-sell the value of being a Lion: friendship, purpose, impact & connection.

REACTIVATE THROUGH SERVICE

Promote a December service project where EVERY member has a role, even if it's small.

MEASURABLE GOAL - At least one contact/engagement for every Lion by November 30.

Let's make every Lion proud to stay a Lion.



Join First International Vice President Mark S. Lyon on Wednesday, May 6, 2026 for the LCI membership webinar 'Wisdom Wednesday' as 2026-2027 Club Excellence criteria is unveiled.

Current Membership Numbers:

12-S 760 +12
12-N 728 +5
12-I 719 -56
12-L 631 + 2
12-O 533 -26
TN 3371 -63

<https://lionsusa.org/programs/>. Use the questionnaire on the following page to retain members.

Membership Updates (con't):

Appendix A

New Member Questionnaire

Club Name: _____ Date: _____

Why did you join our Lions club? _____

What are you looking for in your involvement with our club? _____

What personal skills do you have that might be an asset to our club? _____

What club activities would you like to be involved in? _____

What ideas do you have to improve our club experience? _____

What ideas do you have for service projects that we are not currently involved in? _____

Is there anything else you feel is important? _____

Submitted by GMT Chairperson, PDG Rich Wilson

Updates to District 12-N Constitution & By-Laws

Summary of Changes to the District 12-N Constitution & By-Laws Enacted at the 2024 and 2025 Lions International Conventions

Amendments were made to the District 12-N Constitution & By-Laws at the LCI Conventions held in Melbourne in 2024 and in Orlando in 2025. Based on the Supremacy Clause, these are mandatory changes **that occurred** to the District 12-N Constitution & By-Laws and **were presented** at the District 12-N Convention held in Farragut, TN, on March 27-28, 2026.

REFERENCES:

Constitution:

Article V: Supremacy Clause

Article IX, Section 2: Automatic Updates

By-Laws:

Article XI: Amendments, Section 2: Automatic Updates



CHANGES:

Constitution:

Article VI, Section 2. DISTRICT CABINET: The district shall have a district cabinet composed of the district governor, **as chairperson**, ~~the immediate past district governor~~, the first and second vice district governors, **none of whom shall be from the same club**, the immediate past district governor, the region chairpersons ...

- **Clarified that district governor, first and second vice district governors, cannot be from the same club.**

By-Laws:

Article II, Section 6 (c). FIRST AND SECOND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNORS AND OTHER VACANCIES: Have served or will have served at the time they take office as first or second vice district governor:

(1) As officer **president** of a Lions club for a full term or major portion thereof; and
(2) As a member of the **board of directors** of a Lions club for no less than two (2) additional years; and

(3) As zone chairperson, region chairperson, **district global extension team coordinator, district global leadership team coordinator, district global membership team coordinator, district global service team coordinator, district LCIF coordinator**, or cabinet secretary and/or treasurer for a full term or major portion thereof. member of the district cabinet for a full term or major portion thereof.

- **Clarified wording on (c)(1) and (c)(2). Added wording on (c)(3) that allows GET, GLT, GMT, GST, LCIF Chairs to be eligible to serve as FVDG and SVDG.**

These Amendments were approved at the Convention and will be reflected in the District 12N Bylaws as updates.



Cinco de Mayo Word Scramble Puzzle Key

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| 1. CTOA | TACO |
| 2. YAM | MAY |
| 3. INCOC ED YOAM | CINCO DE MAYO |
| 4. SSLAA | SALSA |
| 5. INTAAP | PINATA |
| 6. AAACMR | MARACA |
| 7. IOMGA | AMIGO |
| 8. TLEATB | BATTLE |
| 9. UBLOEP | PUEBLO |
| 10. OOBERRMS | SOMBRERO |
| 11. ODOF | FOOD |
| 12. RSSED | DRESS |
| 13. NDCEA | DANCE |
| 14. RAEAPD | PARADE |
| 15. YLIHAOD | HOLIDAY |





Lions Code of Ethics



To show my faith in the worthiness of my vocation by industrious application to the end that I may merit a reputation for quality of service.

To seek success and to demand all fair remuneration or profit as my just due, but to accept no profit or success at the price of my own self-respect lost because of unfair advantage taken or because of questionable acts on my part.

To remember that in building up my business it is not necessary to tear down another's; to be loyal to my clients or customers and true to myself.

Whenever a doubt arises as to the right or ethics of my position or action towards others, to resolve such doubt against myself.

To Hold friendship as an end and not a means. To hold that true friendship exists not on account of the service performed by one to another, but that true friendship demands nothing but accepts service in the spirit in which it is given.

Always to bear in mind my obligations as a citizen to my nation, my state, and my community, and to give them an unswerving loyalty in word, act, and deed. To give them freely of my time, labor and means.

To Aid others by giving my sympathy to those in distress, my aid to the weak, and my substance to the needy.

To be Careful with my criticism and liberal with my praise, to build up and not destroy.

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

WE NEED YOUR HELP:

It's come to our attention that some of our fellow Lions may not be aware of the News & Views Newsletter that's delivered to inboxes at the start of each month. This monthly publication is packed with valuable updates, event information, and resources that are important for all of us in District 12N.

We're encouraging all Club Presidents to highlight News & Views at each meeting and help spread the word. Please remind your members to check their email and take a few minutes each month to stay informed and connected through this helpful resource.



*Together, let's make sure every Lion in 12N is in the know!
Lion Kim Osborne - News & Views Editor and Publisher*