



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

### Dates to Remember

**Nov 5 – MD12  
Cabinet Meeting**

**Dec 6 - 12N  
Food Packing Event**

**Dec 9—Tennessee  
School for the  
Blind Christmas  
Party**

**Jan 20-22 Lions  
Learning Retreat**

**Feb 16-19, 2023  
TN Lions Learning  
Institute**

We are less than a month away from the District 12N 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Food Packing event. We need to have total participation from our 42 Clubs to be a success. There are multiple roles for participation, and we will find the right one for everyone that volunteers. Please submit your volunteer hours on the form that you will find elsewhere in this month's News & Views ASAP as we attempt our goal of 50,000 meals!

District 12N Lions that attended the Fall cabinet meeting on October 1<sup>st</sup> were treated to a behind the scenes program called 'Food4Vols.' Chef Tyler White of the UT Knoxville Culinary Institute Program outlined the goals of total sustainability of food sourcing on campus and treated everyone to a gourmet lunch. We will explore ways that we can partner with their program and focus on one of the Lions International causes: hunger.

November 14<sup>th</sup> is World Diabetes Day. This is a great time to partner with your local health organizations, your UT field programs and get the word out. [Get involved | World Diabetes Day](#) builds awareness. There is a wealth of information to distribute. Consider a speaker for your club meeting.

The holidays are fast approaching. Receiving a Christmas card from a Lion's Club means a lot if you are serving in the military or a resident nursing home shut in.

Keep up the magnificent work in your community and keep posting your photos on social media or the District 12N Newsletter. See you in December...DG12N RCW

# Vice Governor Frank's Musings



## YOU CAN BANK ON IT!

The next organization in our White Cane Day series is known as The East Tennessee Eye Bank. The East Tennessee Eye Bank is located at U.T. Hospital in Knoxville, Tennessee. It was founded by Dr. Harvey Coker, a District Governor, in 1964. He had his beginnings as a general practitioner and later specializing in eye surgery.

The Lions of District 12-N saw a need for such an eyebank and would later vote at a convention to support the financial needs as a project for the District.

This is a dedicated staff who is well trained in the latest techniques and continuing education in order to be a member of the Eye Bank Association of America. The eye tissue that has been donated has remained at a good level especially in times where there have been changes in Tennessee laws or even a pandemic as challenging as Covid-19.

The fiscal year 2022-2023 was an exciting year for The East Tennessee Eye Bank because plans are moving forward to move into a new facility. A building has been purchased and plans are underway to move in at a future date. This allows a positive step toward the community and to better serve the needs of others.

Yes, the East Tennessee Eye Bank is one big family. They come to serve a family in a time of need and are there to fulfill that need during a critical time. I challenge every Lion if you have not designated on your driver's license as an organ donor, then please do so. The gift of sight is a wonderful thing. God Bless You.

1st VDG Frank McCall

# DISTRICT CLUBS SERVING FROM THE HEART

## Clinton Lion—Neal Vaughn Celebrated as East Tennessee Volunteer of the Year



On August 27, 2022, United Way of Greater Knoxville conducted its fifth annual East Tennessee Volunteer Recognition Awards Ceremony. Volunteer East Tennessee is a program of the United Way of Greater Knoxville created to inspire service by equipping organizations and mobilizing volunteers to connect with one another and strengthen their communities. Of the 102 finalists from 14 different counties in east Tennessee, Clinton resident Neal Vaughn was selected as the Adult Volunteer of the Year.

Neal has spent his entire life serving others. In his 37 years with the Lions Club of Clinton, he has tirelessly served in all of their programs sup-

porting healthy vision, preventing blindness and funding research to cure diseases that cause blindness. He was instrumental in working with the City of Clinton, the Norris Lions Club and Milly's Wings to create the first all-inclusive playground in Anderson County. He is also a board member of ETLEB and has worked for many years in vision screening of school children. He also interviews people who are in need of an eye exam and glasses and has helped several get cataract surgeries.

In recognition of this honor, a check for \$1000.00 was donated to the East Tennessee Lions Eye Bank Special Services Fund.





# DISTRICT CLUBS SERVING FROM THE HEART

## MARYVILLE LIONS HOST A SUCCESSFUL OTTO (OLDIES TO THE OLDIES) CRUISE-IN EVENT



On a beautiful October day the Maryville Lions and several vintage cars visited several of the Blount County Assisted Living facilities for the residents to come out to reminisce about memories of their cars. Following the event, a meal and prizes were enjoyed at Hops 50's Drive in.



This was the 3rd such event put on by the club and the cars have doubled in participation. The residents really enjoy the cars.



# DISTRICT CLUBS SERVING FROM THE HEART

## WEST KNOX LIONS

You Never know when you'll find an opportunity to serve !!



On Thursday Sept 15 while picking up used eyeglasses at Community Action Committee - Office on Aging, Wendy Skiles asked if I knew any place that a very obese individual that had to be transported via an ambulance (in other words basically home bound) could get an eye exam. I told her that I would try to find someone. At our Lions Club meeting I asked Lion Dr: Paul Wittke if he would be willing to do the exam. His reply was yes, if we could get a refractionist to go with us. I called Don Hall (one of the regular volunteer refractionists at the Smoky Mountain Lions Charities Mobile Vision Lab) if he would be willing to go. His reply was yes. I then asked Wendy to arrange a time on Wednesday, Sept 21 in the AM for us to see the man.

She set up the appointment for 10AM.

On the 21st Dr Wittke, Don and I went to the individual's apartment. In about 45 minutes Don had a prescription for him and Dr Wittke had done a basic eye check. The gentleman then picked out frames for his glasses. We told him that we would bring the glasses in a couple of weeks and we needed some equipment to do a couple more parts of the exam and would complete the exam when we brought the glasses back.

On October 4 Lion Dr Wittke and I returned with the glasses and the necessary equipment for Dr Wittke to complete the exam. The gentleman was elated with the glasses which were the first new pair that he had gotten in several years.

WE SERVE!

## OTHER DISTRICT RELATED ITEMS

### District 12N Cabinet Meeting



On October 1st the District Cabinet meeting was held at the UT Culinary Institute where Chef Tyler White treated us to a fabulous meal and talked about the food program they have instituted called "Food 4 Vols". It's a little deceiving because it is not only for the volunteer students but also members of community as well. The school repurposes left over food at the end of the day and recreates new meals to be served through their food pantry and other areas on campus and the community. If food cannot be used it is put into their compost pile and treated for use in their agriculture program.



We also received a tour of the facilities.

Several volunteer students and faculty go around campus and the various venues to collect left over food to be repurposed. They are in need of a large van with a lift gate to make these collections easier. The Lions are going to see how we can help.



Lions Jerry Griffin and Doug Haseltine about to enjoy chicken cordon blue, crabcakes etc. If you weren't there, you missed a great meal and talk.



## OTHER DISTRICT RELATED ITEMS

### TELLICO VILLAGE HOSTS ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL OKTOBERFEST



On a beautiful October 3rd evening, Tellico Village Lions served 720 brats and fixins to almost 700 patrons. This is one of the club's most successful annual fundraiser events. Their proceeds are to help the club fund their children's vision screening and Adult health awareness programs. A great time was had by all!



Pictured left to right - Kathy Dooley, Mo Beyel and Linda Svoboda—organizers of the Basket committee.

Once again, several members of the Lions club created baskets for a raffle held at the Oktoberfest event. Again the proceeds were used to help the club's charitable funds.



## OTHER DISTRICT RELATED ITEMS



October 13th several members of the Tellico Village Lions and Paulette & Chuck Bailey welcomed Lion Kathy Dooley and 137 other female veterans back from their Honor Air Flight to Washington DC. Kathy served in the US Army nurse corp for several years, primarily in Yokohama, Japan. Congratulations Kathy and others—what an honor!



## 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



On Saturday, October 22nd, several Lions met at LVBI in Johnson City and packaged several boxes of eyeglasses to be sent to Respects in California for recycling. We then receive a check from Respects to be put towards our many vision related projects throughout the District.

We also received a nice thank you note from Holly Ford who stated her first pair of glasses came from a Lions Club! WE SERVE! Keep collecting those glasses!





## OTHER DISTRICT RELATED ITEMS



### SAVE THE DATE REMINDER

The next District food packing event– “Operation Inasmuch” is scheduled for:

**Tuesday, December 6, 2022**

**Pathways Church**

**1210 Airport Blvd.**

**Sevierville, TN**

Opportunity to serve the needs of the hungry in our communities!







**DISTRICT 12N LIONS – 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual FOOD PACKING Event\***  
**\*A project of ALL District 12N Lions Clubs**

**Tuesday, December 6, 2022: 8:30 AM – 2:00 PM**  
**The Hangar at Pathways Church – 1210 Airport Blvd.**  
**Sevierville, TN 37862**

The District 12N DG Team has partnered with “Operation Inasmuch” and Pathways Church for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual food packing project on Tuesday, December 6, 2022 to provide ALL DISTRICT 12N CLUBS an opportunity to serve their communities this holiday season.

This project is FREE to all 12N clubs! We will be packaging approx. 50,000 pasta and/or soup meals. **Mask wearing is mandatory.** “Operation Inasmuch” provides all hair nets, gloves, and product. On-site training will take place on how to do each stage of the packing process. Each club will be eligible to receive approx. 4 boxes containing 36 meal packets that will feed up to a family of 6.

To make this project a success, we will need volunteer help and a Club Commitment to have someone pick up the club’s share of boxes on Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> **NO LATER THAN 2:00 PM** to distribute however the club deems appropriate (individuals, church and community food banks, Domestic Violence Shelters, Meals on Wheels, etc). Please arrive by 8:30 AM for meet and greet instructions. There will be 2 shifts (9:00 AM – 11:00 AM and 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM). **CHOOSE ONE OR BOTH.** No outside food or beverage may be brought in. **LUNCH AND SHIFT BREAKS WILL BE PROVIDED.**

**CLUB Registration: Commitment Deadline Monday, November 28, 2022**

Club Name	Shift Time 9 – 11 or 12-2 Or both	# Volunteers	Volunteer Name(s)	Food Only – Pick-up Name(s)

Send registration information to: PDG Paulette Bailey at [ladipee@gmail.com](mailto:ladipee@gmail.com) or 423.371.9738.

Additional information: DG Rich Wilson at [richwilson2011@yahoo.com](mailto:richwilson2011@yahoo.com) (c:865.321.0903).

**Important Note: ALL boxes of food MUST BE picked up on Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> before 2:00 PM – provide the name and phone number (above) of the individual that will be picking up the boxes.**



**Thanks in advance for making this a successful annual event!**

## **OTHER DISTRICT RELATED ITEMS**

**CALLING ALL DISTRICT 12N LEADERS**  
**Deadline for Candidate Qualification is**  
**FEBRUARY 1, 2023**

**ARE YOU QUALIFIED TO BECOME  
2ND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR NEXT YEAR???**

Are you an active member of your club?

Have you been Club President?

Have you been a Board member of your club for two or more years?

Have you been a Zone Chair, Region Chair, District Secretary or District Treasurer?

Are you willing to accept the challenge and become our District Governor in 2025?

**For more information and details, please contact PDG Chuck Bailey at 423/371-9737 or email at [chuckyegg001@gmail.com](mailto:chuckyegg001@gmail.com)**





## **REMINDER Of 12N SCHOLARSHIPS**

Your District is offering Scholarships for the following upcoming events:



### **Lions Learning Retreat January 20-22, 2023**

Manchester Coffee County Conference Center  
Manchester, Tennessee

DG Rich gets one free registration to distribute but the District has also approved offering 10 registration scholarships for the first individuals to sign-up. The registration form is attached below.



**2023 TLLI**  
**2023 Tennessee Lions Learning Institute**  
**Thurs. PM - Noon Sunday, Feb 16-19, 2023**  
**Cumberland University, Lebanon, TN**



The District has approved 10 scholarships in the amount of \$150 which should cover the cost of the whole weekend. This is on a reimbursement basis and you must complete the entire Institute to be paid. Should you have any questions, contact PDG Chuck Bailey at 423-371-9737 or [chuckyegg001@gmail.com](mailto:chuckyegg001@gmail.com). The registration form is attached below.



# Lions Learning Retreat

## January 20-22, 2023

Manchester Coffee County Conference Center  
Manchester, Tennessee

Name #1 \_\_\_\_\_

Name to be used on name tag \_\_\_\_\_

District \_\_\_\_\_ Club \_\_\_\_\_ Lion \_\_\_\_ Leo \_\_\_\_ Non-Lion \_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email address \_\_\_\_\_

First Time Attendee? \_\_\_\_\_

Special Meals: Diabetic \_\_\_\_\_ Low Sodium \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian \_\_\_\_\_ Other? \_\_\_\_\_

Name #2 \_\_\_\_\_

District \_\_\_\_\_ Club \_\_\_\_\_ Lion \_\_\_\_ Leo \_\_\_\_ Non-Lion \_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email address \_\_\_\_\_

First Time Attender? \_\_\_\_\_

Special Meals: Diabetic \_\_\_\_\_ Low Sodium \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian \_\_\_\_\_ Other? \_\_\_\_\_

Early registration - MUST be Postmarked by November 1, 2022 \$120.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Late registration -- post-marked by January 5, 2023 \$140.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Includes all seminars. Friday Dinner, Saturday Lunch and Banquet & Sunday Brunch

On-site registration – May NOT receive meals \$150.00 \_\_\_\_\_ includes all seminars but NO MEALS

Saturday only Registration available until December 20, 2022 \$90.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Includes seminars, Lunch & Banquet for Saturday

Mark if appropriate -- Will NOT attend --

Friday meal \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday dinner \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday brunch \_\_\_\_\_

Check # \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ made payable to Lions Learning Retreat

Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. Code \_\_\_\_\_

I authorize the LLR to charge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to my credit card. **Add Convenience Fee of \$5 per Reg.**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Send all registrations and payments to:

Lion Jim McFarland, 8030 Whitestone RD, Knoxville, TN 37938



## **Lions Learning Retreat (cont)**

The Host Hotel is the Holiday Inn Express, 111 Hospitality BLVD, in Manchester

**Please call today** for room reservations. **931-728-9383** and ask for Lions Rate of \$114.00 plus taxes

Additional Important Information: **This rate is good till NOVEMBER 16. Reservations made after that date will pay a higher room rate.**

**The tradition of a Basket Auction continues.** This helps keep the cost of the LLR registration as low as possible. If every club would bring a gift basket to be auctioned on Saturday night much more fun. Can we count on you to bring a gift basket? Yes \_\_\_\_\_

**Another tradition is the first-timer seminar at 5 PM on Friday night.** This is valuable time spent if this is your first LLR. Learn what to expect from the LLR and meet other Lions that have not attended an LLR.

I would like to attend! \_\_\_\_\_ It'll be worth getting there early!

### **Return on Investment of time and finances by attending the LLR.**

Have fun learning to be a better Lion, increase your education on all things Lions, hone your leadership skills and help your club become the club you wished it was. **If it is to be, it is up to me.**

Another NEW TRADITION this year!!!

We will be selling ads in the proceeding's booklet ....

FULL PAGE	\$100
½ PAGE	\$ 50
¼ PAGE	\$ 25
PATRON	\$ 10 -- one line listing with all the patrons (NAME & CLUB)



## 2023 TLLI

### 2023 Tennessee Lions Learning Institute

Thurs. evening - Noon Sunday, Feb 16-19, 2023



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:** 2023 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, Feb. 16 (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

<u>Fri, Feb. 17</u>	<u>Sat, Feb. 18</u>	<u>Sun, Feb 19</u>
7:30 AM Breakfast@ Motel	7:30 AM Breakfast @ motel	7:30 AM Breakfast @ mote
8:30 AM Morning Sessions	8:30 AM Morning Sessions	8:30 AM Morning Session
Noon Lunch	Noon Lunch	10:30 AM Closing Session
1:00 PM Afternoon Sessions	1:00 PM Afternoon Sessions	and Graduation
6:00 PM Dinner 7:00 PM Group Activity (TBA)	6:00 PM Dinner 7:00 PM Homework assignment	Noon Completion of TLLI





## 2023 TLLI Enrollment Registration



Mail this Registration form along with a check of \$150.00 per registrant made payable to:  
2023 TLLI and mail to:

Lions District 12N Charities, Inc.

c/o CA Bailey For more info or questions call

709 Shannondale Way Chuck Bailey at 423.371.9737

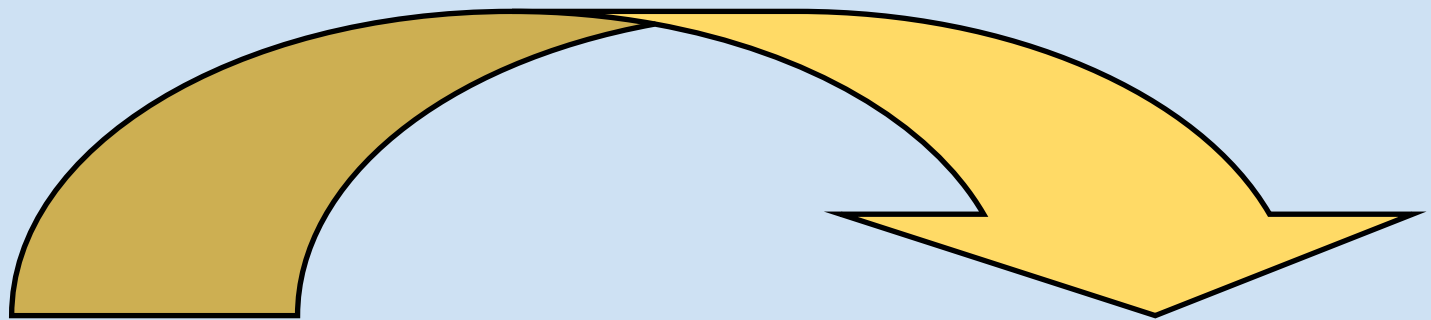
Maryville, TN 37922

### First Student:

First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Lions Club
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Street Address	City	State	Zip
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Cell Phone	Home Phone	Email	
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Mobility Issues? <hr/>			
Roommate Preference? <hr/>			

### Second Student:

First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Lions Club
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Street Address	City	State	Zip
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Cell Phone	Home Phone	Email	
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Dietary Restrictions? <hr/>			
Mobility Issues? <hr/>			
Roommate Preference? <hr/>			



## **WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS**

Michael Debord - Dandridge  
Stephen Gantte - Dandridge  
Spencer Todd Kesterson - Dandridge  
Michael Raby - Farragut  
Calvin Daniels - Knoxville East

*WELCOME NEW  
MEMBERS*

## **IN MEMORY OF**

Brenda Calloway - Knoxville East







**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

Michele Love at 423-586-3922 ext 123, or by email at: [Michele.Love@volblind.org](mailto:Michele.Love@volblind.org).



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