



### Don't Give Up

Coming out of a pandemic like Covid-19, some of our clubs did not do very well. Some survived and some dissolved. A lot of our clubs have a history dating back more than fifty years. When I take this in mind, two things come to mind.

### Dates to Remember

**Oct 7****12N Fall Cabinet Mtg  
LVBI Morristown****Nov 4 MD12 Council Mtg  
& Hall of Fame Banquet****Nov 11 District 12N  
Eyeglass Recycling  
Johnson City/Gray****Dec 5****District 12N Food Pkg  
Pathways Church  
Sevierville****Jan 26-28****Lions Learning Retreat  
Manchester**

Our Mission 1.5 that Lions International is supporting and a few words from a famous speech. "Don't Give Up" was a famous saying by the late basketball coach Jimmy Valvano. It serves us well in this timely manner. We should make every effort to keep our clubs going and serving the public. But how?

We should first consider our Global Membership Team. We have excellent leadership in Jim McFarland and Ed Gibbons who work non-stop to support our District. Ed Lantz supports us at the State Level. These individuals have years of experience and are willing to steer people in a direction that gives their club the advantage. I will be the first one to admit, it is not easy asking for help.

Another idea is marketing. A good plan to help people notice the positive ways your club helps the community could prove essential. A brochure with information about your club with information and pictures says a lot.

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## Don't Give Up (cont)

Social media is another source that reaches out to a big number of people, but you must stay on top of your information. Be willing to answer questions or phone calls. It will take everybody in the club working as a team.

I am challenging every club to take these suggestions into consideration. As Lions, we should thrive on promoting our clubs, embracing lionism and serving our communities abroad. This will help everybody realize "Lions Are Inclusive, Lions Are Not Exclusive". Join our club and hear our roar.

***DG Frank***



Dr. Frank McCall presenting 1st VDG Keltie Kerney with her 1st VDG Lions pin and a pin from International President Dr. Patti Hill! DG Frank said he looked forward to working together this year.

# Vice Governor's Musings



## The Impact of Leader Dogs

Did you know every year Leader Dogs for the Blind matches 200 Leader Dogs with clients resulting in 1,095,000 days of independence at \$0 cost to clients. This zero cost is possible because Leader Dogs is 100% funded. District 12-N Charities White Cane funds help support Leader Dogs and make a difference in the lives of many individuals.

Imagine the excitement when a Leader Dog arrives at their new home! Before the Leader Dog arrives at the client's new home, the

client has received many hours of training at the Leader Dog campus in Michigan with their guide dog. 1,3000,000 people are legally blind in the U.S. And 75,000 people become blind or visually impaired each year in the U.S. And only 10% of these people travel independently with a white cane or a guide dog..

Thank you for choosing to make a difference thru your support of projects to fund White Cane Days. I would love to hear from you about the different projects in your club where you generate funds to donate to White Cane Days. You may send them to my email – [keltiekerney@hotmail.com](mailto:keltiekerney@hotmail.com).

***Serving with you, 1st VDG Keltie***



It seems that fall is finally here! If you are anything like me, you are enjoying the cooler nights and mornings along with new smells and tastes of the upcoming season.

Lately, I have been participating in UT football games with season tickets that were won from the Dandridge Lions club raffle. Could not believe I was the lucky winner.

I am excited about the fund raising that is going on here locally in east TN. Pecan sales, raffles, etc.

We also have several screening events taking place locally coming up in the month of October. I hope everyone of you has an amazing start to your 4<sup>th</sup> quarter! WE SERVE!

***WE SERVE, 2nd VDG Nathanael***





# DISTRICT CLUBS SERVING FROM THE HEART

## Oak Ridge Lions Award Scholarships



The Oak Ridge Lions Club awarded \$500 scholarships to five Oak Ridge High School graduates of the class of 2023. They are Josephine Hatch, Maryssa Mixon, Leah Puchalsky, Spencer Shults, and Haleigh West.

"We are so proud of these students," said Lion Larry Losh, chairman of the

Scholarship Committee. They were selected out of 86 applications.

"Our committee works each year to choose students who are especially deserving of a scholarship," Losh continued. "These five were very impressive."

Losh (center) is with Josephine Hatch (left) and Spencer Shults (right).

Five Lions served on the scholarship committee: Losh, Ron Bugos, Gaylan Good, Bob Smallridge, and Bill Truex.



# DISTRICT CLUBS SERVING FROM THE HEART

## Kingsport Lions Walk for Wellness Expo



Kingsport Lions Screen for Diabetes



Lions Wayne Garland and Doug Haseltine



Kingsport PDG Bob Miller attends Expo with Suzy Cloyd and staff from Asbury Place



Lucky winner for drawing of book—Kingsport Lions donated: "Getting Started with the Mediterranean Diet."





# DISTRICT CLUBS SERVING FROM THE HEART

## Tellico Village - Strides Walk



The Strides Walk for Diabetes was held Saturday, Sept 9th, and we had over 150 walkers and net proceeds around \$7,000. A good time was had by all!

The Tellico Village Club is donating \$1,000 to make

it an even \$8,000 donation to the American Diabetes Association.



## OTHER DISTRICT RELATED ITEMS

### Farragut Lions 7th Annual Cruise-In

**Who:** Car enthusiasts, families, fellow Lions, and friends - everyone is welcome! Whether you're a proud owner of a classic beauty, a roaring muscle car, or a sleek modern marvel, this event is tailored just for you. Free to participate, Donations Accepted.

**What:** Prepare for a mesmerizing display of automotive excellence. Marvel at a stunning showcase of vintage classics, sleek sports cars, and customized masterpieces. Immerse yourself in the vibrant atmosphere as you explore the impeccable craftsmanship, jaw-dropping designs, and the roaring engines that define automotive passion.

**When:** Don't miss out! Save the date - October 21st, 2023. The excitement kicks off at 8 a.m. and continues until 2 p.m. Prepare yourself for a day filled with automotive marvels, entertainment, delicious food, door prizes, raffles, and the company of fellow enthusiasts.

**Where:** The JC Penny's Turkey Creek is a proud host, located at 11534 Parkside Dr., Farragut, TN 37934. This exceptional venue provides the perfect backdrop for an unforgettable event, surrounded by breathtaking scenery and a welcoming atmosphere.

#### Highlights:

- Spectacular car displays showcasing a wide range of automotive excellence.
- Oldies Music, thrilling entertainment, and family-friendly activities.
- Delicious food, we will be offering mouthwatering treats to satisfy your cravings.
- Engaging competitions, raffles, and exciting door prizes that will leave you amazed.

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**FARRAGUT LIONS CLUB PRESENTS**

# **7TH ANNUAL CAR CRUISE-IN**

**OCTOBER 21ST, 2023**  
JCPENNY PARKING LOT-TURKEY CREEK  
8A-2P

**FREE EVENT  
DONATIONS ACCEPTED**

Don't miss this incredible opportunity to immerse yourself in the world of automotive wonders while supporting a great cause. Mark October 21st, 2023, on your calendar and join us at the Farragut Lions Club Car Show Cruise-In. Together, let's ignite our passion for cars, embrace the spirit of community, and create cherished memories that will last a lifetime!

For more information and updates, visit our website <http://farragut.tnlions.org/> or contact Tom Nitz at [tnitz@tds.net](mailto:tnitz@tds.net) or 865-679-4779. Get ready to embark on a journey fueled by automotive excellence, camaraderie, and the joy of giving back. See you there!

# OTHER DISTRICT RELATED ITEMS

## Kingsport Lions



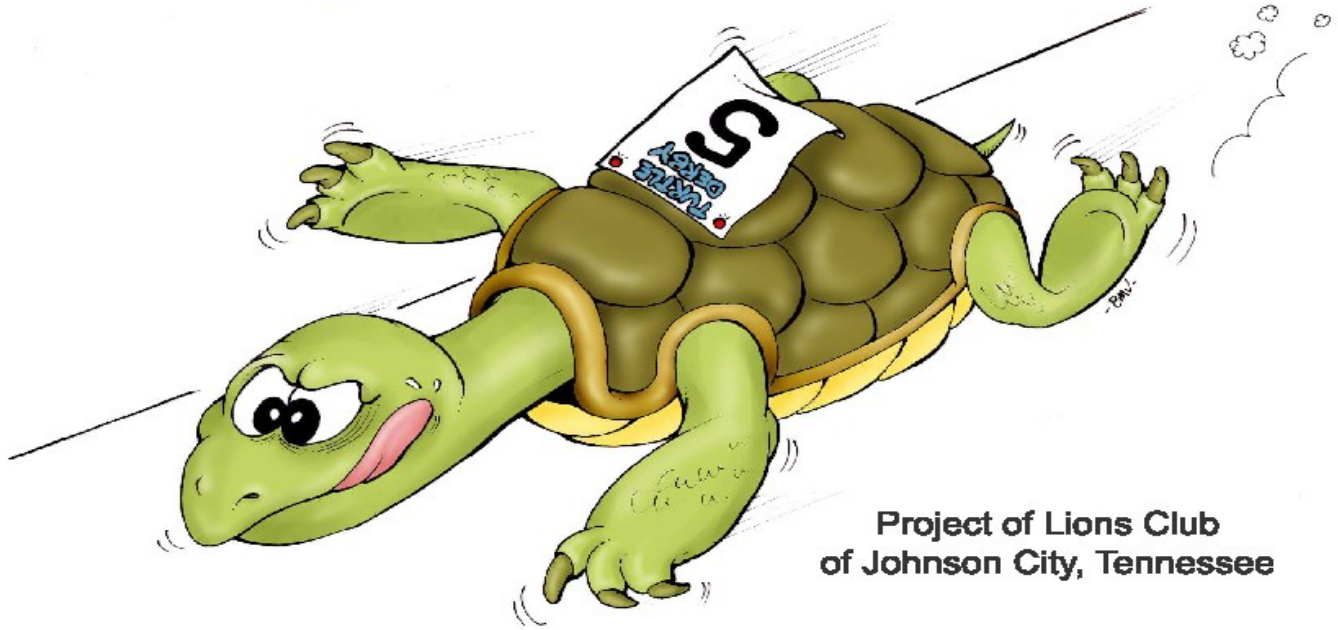
The Kingsport Lions Club presented Steve and Brenda Clark (wearing blue tops) with an Appreciation Certificate for sponsoring the winning turtle in the 77<sup>th</sup> Annual Turtle Derby held in May 2023. The Clark's were guests at the club picnic August 29<sup>th</sup> at an Eastman Shelter.

The club's focus areas include vision conservation, diabetes awareness, hunger, childhood cancer, environment, humanitarian causes, youth, and disaster initiatives. Lions Club members pictured include (left to right), Bob Kerns, Bill Murdoch, The Clarks, Keltie Kerney, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor 12-N, Adam Bowling, Past District Governor, Larry White and Neil Smith.





# 73rd ANNUAL LIONS CLUB TURTLE DERBY



Project of Lions Club  
of Johnson City, Tennessee

## FREE ADMISSION

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28th, 2023

9-11:30am. - The Carver Center  
322 West Watauga Ave. Johnson City

Sponsored By  
Cumulus Broadcasting, News & Neighbor,  
Tri-Cities Skin & Cancer



# OTHER DISTRICT RELATED ITEMS

## Knoxville Tri-County Lions

H I R "Buddy" Greene



KNOXVILLE  
TRI-COUNTY LIONS



October 7, 2023

9:00am – 3:00pm

## MEMORIAL CRUISE – IN

IN COOPERATION WITH  
SEYMOUR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
AT THE REAR PARKING LOT

107 Simmons Rd, Seymour, TN 37865

Just off Chapman Hwy.

**FREE!**

Donations Accepted **JOIN THE FUN**

**Cars, trucks, motorcycles, rat rods**

**ALL YEARS & MAKES WELCOME!**



# OTTO Cruise In

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

Oct 21, 2023 – 1:00 PM – 5:15 PM

Rain Date: Oct 28, 2023



**Life Care 1:00 - 1:45 PM**  
**Brookdale 2:15 – 3:00 PM**  
**Foothills 3:05 – 3:50 PM**  
**Morningview 4:15 – 5:00 PM**  
**The Hops 50's Drive-In 5:05 PM**

**Pre 70's Cars only**

**\$20 Registration Fee**

**Commemorative Magnets for all registrants**

**Prize Drawing by registration #**

## TO REGISTER:

Complete this form and email to:

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

Dean or Karen Fontaine

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



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

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ CAR/YEAR \_\_\_\_\_

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

**SPONSORED BY THE MARYVILLE LIONS CLUB**

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



## OTHER DISTRICT RELATED ITEMS

### HARRIMAN LIONS CLUB 75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

NOVEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup> 2023, GATES HALL (HARRIMAN MUNICIPAL BLDG, 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR)

408 N. ROANE ST, HARRIMAN

PARKING IN REAR OF BUILDING

TIME: 6:00 PM TO 8:00 PM

SPEAKER: TN SENATOR KEN YAGER

FOOD AND BEVERAGES SERVED



RSVP (BY NOVEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>, IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND) CARIE GECELOSKY: 703-380-4211 (TEXT OR VOICE) OR EMAIL: [ACGECKO@CS.COM](mailto:ACGECKO@CS.COM)



### KARNS—Eyeglass Recycling Boxes

Eagle Scout candidate Courtney Farmer presented the Karns Lions Club with three eyeglass collection boxes at our meeting on Monday September 18th at the Karns Lions Pavilion. Courtney came to us in the Spring looking for a project that she could complete for her Eagle Scout Award. The finished boxes will be installed in the Karns community with one being installed somewhere within the Karns Lions Community Park.



# OTHER DISTRICT RELATED ITEMS

## Sevier County Lions Tour LVBI



On Wednesday, August 30<sup>th</sup> Sevier County Lions Chuck & Kim Osborne, and Brian & Jennifer Powell were given a tour by CEO Trevor Southerland of the production facilities at Lions Volunteer Blind Industries in Morristown. Lions were able to observe blind/visually impaired employees as they measured, cut, stitched, and assembled items including industrial paper products, military helmet covers, bedding covers, and mattresses.

Sevier County Lions Club encourages other Lions Clubs to arrange a visit to LVBI to see more of what these employees are doing in this inspiring facility. Lions Volunteer Blind Industries (LVBI) is one of the charities that are supported by our District 12N Lions White Cane donations.



## OTHER DISTRICT RELATED ITEMS



### **Eyeglass Recycling Workshop**

The next District 12N Eyeglass Recycling event will be:

**Saturday, Nov 11, 9AM to Noon**

**Lions Volunteer Blind Ind.  
108 Kwickway La  
Johnson City, TN**

Bring all your collected eyeglasses for recycling.

## REMINDER

Don't forget to file your Club 990 and Charitable Solicitations Paperwork

**990 Documents - Deadline, November 15**  
(<https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p4839.pdf>)

**Charitable Solicitations - Deadline, October 15**  
<https://sos.tn.gov/charitable>



## OTHER DISTRICT RELATED ITEMS



## 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.**





## Photos from the 2023 USA/Canada Forum held in Reno, Nevada



1600 Lions attended the 2023 USA/Canada Forum



Lion's Intl' Pres Dr. Patti Hill  
and husband Greg Holmes



Int'l Pres. Dr. Patti Hill and 1st  
VDG Keltie



## USA/Canada Forum Photos Cont.



1st VDG Keltie receives an LCIF Model Club plaque for the Kingsport Lions Club from LCIF Chair Brian Sheehan and PIP Frank Moore

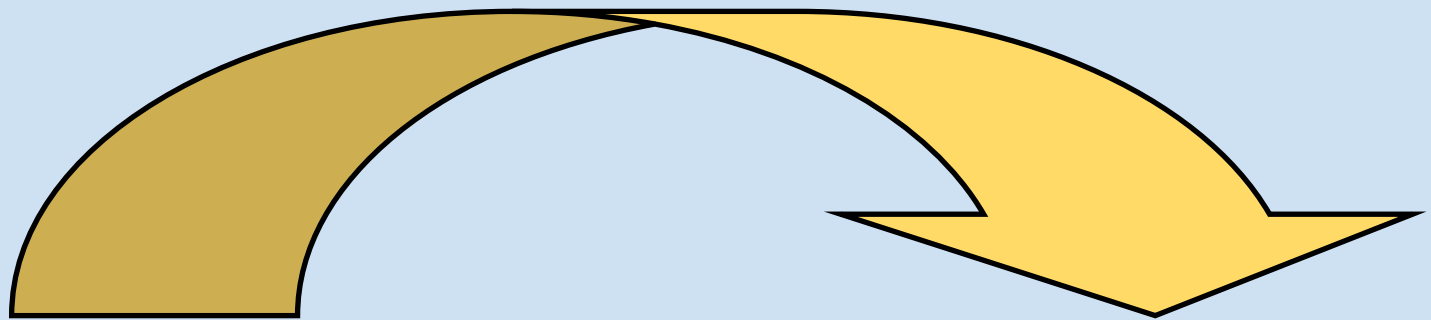


1st VDG Keltie, Scott and Leader dog "Irish".



1st VDG Keltie and LCI First Vice President Fabricio Oliveira - He will be LCI President when Keltie is DG





## **WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS**

**Tim Hodges - Dandridge**  
**Michele Dake - Harriman**  
**Tim Dake - Harriman**  
**Joan Martin - Maryville**

*WELCOME NEW  
MEMBERS*

## **IN MEMORY OF** **None known**





**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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