



“Planting Seeds of Service that Stand the Test of Time”

It’s hard to believe that two months have already passed as being District Governor for Lions District 12-N. Our net membership is up, we received our disaster preparedness grant from LCIF, and we are continuing to serve, communicate and collaborate.

I enjoyed my club visits last month and was honored to participate in Clinton Lions Club 85th anniversary! Back in 1940, the Maryville Lions Club chose to sponsor the Clinton Lions Club. It’s now a 35-minute drive from Clinton to Maryville. Think back to 1940 how much longer it would have taken to get there. Also, there were no cell phones or email. I am thankful for the conversations that took place to inspire the Clinton Lions Club to start; and the dedication it took to get the club up and running.

Think about all the people that were served over that 85-year period and are continuing to be served. We never know when we plant a seed what that will grow into. I wonder if the sponsoring members knew that what they helped start would be around 85 years later... continue to plant those seeds.

In Service...Nathanael Hughes, District Governor

★ **LABOR** ★
★★★★ **DAY** ★★★★★

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sept. 18 - 20, 2025
USA/Canada Forum,
Atlantic City, NJ

October 4, 2025
9:00 AM
Fall Cabinet Meeting
Lions Volunteer Blind
Industries (LVBI)

Oct. 4-12th, 2025
Mental Health & Well-
Being Week

VDG's Lionhearted Lessons



Global Mental Health & Well-Being Initiative

The Lions Club has launched a global initiative focused on mental health and wellbeing for 2025–2026, recognizing it as a vital service area.

Awareness Week: Scheduled for October 4–12, 2025. Clubs worldwide are encouraged to host events to reduce stigma and promote support.

Community Engagement: organizing educational programs, support groups, and public forums to foster open conversations about mental health.

Lions Quest Program: A proven social-emotional learning initiative that equips youth with lifelong mental wellness skills.

Resource Toolkits: Planning guides, promotional materials, and advocacy tools to structure impactful service projects.

Convention Focus: Mental health was a major theme at the Lions International Convention, featuring speakers like Michael Phelps to inspire action.

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



Lions Celebrate Labor Day with Service & Gratitude

Across the United States, Lions Clubs honor Labor Day by recognizing the hardworking individuals who strengthen our communities. Many clubs host community cookouts, parades, and service projects to bring people together in celebration. Some organize food drives, volunteer at shelters, or offer free vision screenings to give back. Others provide meals for first responders, host blood drives, or clean up local parks.

It's a time for Lions to reflect on the value of service, dedication, and teamwork—principles that mirror the American worker's spirit. On this day of rest and recognition, Lions continue their mission of service, showing that compassion and commitment never take a holiday.

Embracing the Call....Kim Osborne, 2nd Vice District Governor

“Leadership Corner” from PDG Wendy Cain



This month I share the second of six principles of leadership from *You Don't Need a Title to Be a Leader: How Anyone, Anywhere, Can Make a Positive Difference* by Mark Sanborn.

The Power Focus:

- Leaders prioritize what matters most and keep the big picture in mind.
- Focus allows you to filter distractions and work with clarity.
- Decide what values and goals guide your decisions, and stay aligned with them.

This principle is one that I find myself struggling with. Impactful leadership requires being purpose-driven, not task-driven, and I like that dopamine hit of checking tasks off my list! I am trying to narrow those tasks down to the key actions for each role that could make the greatest impact, and that might work for you, too. Look for the final four principles in upcoming issues of the News & Views.

Upcoming Events:

- **Sept. 18, 2025:** **Deadline to register** for the IGNITE Lions Leadership Institute in Tennessee (see next two pages) – Cost is \$150 for materials, meals, and hotel. Scholarships are available from the district and application is available at <http://rlli.lionsoftn.org>
- **Oct. 2-5, 2025:** Regional Lions Leadership Institute – IGNITE, A Lions and Leos Growth Incubator. Starts at 6 p.m. Oct. 2 through 11 a.m. Oct. 5 (Central) at Cumberland University in Lebanon, TN.
- **October 7, 2025:** District 12-N Officer “Power Hour” from 8-9 p.m. via Zoom for Presidents/VPs, Secretaries, Treasurers, Membership Chairs, Marketing Chairs, and Service Chairs. Go to <http://tnlions.org/calendar/> for Zoom Link
- **Jan. 16-18, 2026:** Mark your calendar now for the Tennessee Lions Learning Retreat in Manchester, TN. Scholarships are available from the District, and registration information will be available soon!



DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS SEPTEMBER 18, 2025

October 2-5, 2025

A 3-day institute for Lions and Leos designed to accelerate leadership development and club growth across our regions.



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 and Leos with skills and experiences needed to navigate the challenges of modern-day Lions. Issues such as “Diversity”, “Lions Fundamentals”, “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 Lion International Certified Trainers.

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

COST: 2025 IGNITE is subsidized by a grant from LCI and the Multidistrict 12 (Tennessee) Council of Governors as an investment into our as Lions and Leos. However, the subsidies don’t cover the full cost. Therefore, the cost to each student is \$150.00 (for double occupancy hotel room or \$275.00 (for single occupancy hotel room) for 3 nights lodging, Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner on Friday and Saturday and Breakfast on Sunday.

REGISTRATION FORM ON FOLLOWING PAGE

Enrollment Registration

Mail this Registration form along with a check of (\$150.00 or \$275.00)
per registrant made payable to: TLLI and mail to:

Tawnya Buster
745 Berea Church Road
Lebanon, TN 37087

ONLINE: Rlli.lionsoftn.org

First Student:

FirstName_____LastName_____

LionsClub_____

Street Address _____

City_____State_____Zip _____

Cell Phone_____

Email_____

Dietary Restrictions? _____ Mobility Issues? _____

Roommate Preference? _____

Second Student:

FirstName_____LastName_____

LionsClub_____

Street Address _____

City_____State_____Zip _____

Cell Phone_____

Email_____

Dietary Restrictions? _____ Mobility Issues? _____

Roommate Preference? _____

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Clinton Lions Club

85th Anniversary

On Saturday, August 9, 2025, the Clinton Lions Club celebrated their 85h Anniversary at the Museum of Appalachia in Clinton, TN.



Club president Gwen Cole being recognized with a Melvin Jones Fellowship.

85th



PDG John Kelsey receiving an International Presidential Certificate of Appreciation.

Initially sponsored by the Maryville Lions Club in 1940, the Clinton Lions recently celebrated 85 years of service to the Clinton community. Guest speaker for the celebration was PID Shea Nickell of Paducah, Kentucky, who was accompanied by his wife Carolyn. He gave an entertaining speech on the joys and importance of Lions service. A Melvin Jones Fellowship was presented to club president, Gwen Cole, in recognition of her service to the club and to our greater community. Lion Diane Corlew, spouse of PIP Bob Corlew, presented Lion Gwen with her Melvin Jones pin. Also present were PID B.J. Blankenship and his wife Carolyn. Several International Presidential Certificates of Appreciation were also presented.

The Clinton Lions also appreciated remarks from our county mayor, Terry Frank, and the presence of all who attended. *CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE*

Clinton Lions Club (con't)



PID Shea Nickell presenting International Presidential Certificate of Appreciation to club treasurer Jan Waldroop. Next to Jan are Lion Diane Corlew, spouse of PIP Bob Corlew and PID B.J. Blankenship.

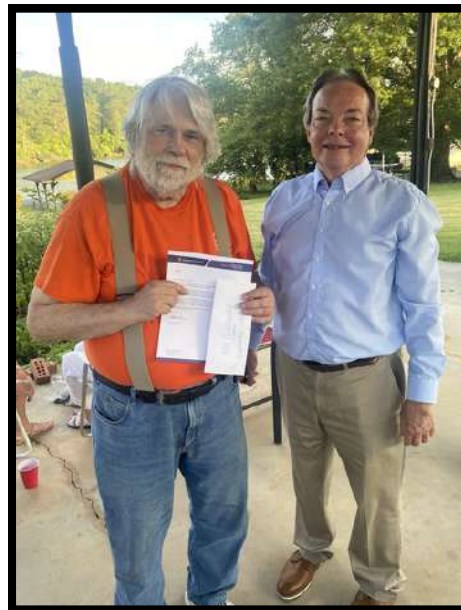


Farragut & Harriman Lions Clubs

At the July 23 meeting of the Farragut club, 1st Vice District Governor Wayne Garland presented a 20-year membership chevron to Ann Raby and a 50-year membership chevron to PDG Dave Crawford.



L to R: Lion Ann and 1st
VDG Wayne



L to R: PDG Dave and 1st
VDG Wayne



“Hooray for Harriman” will take place on Monday, September 1st from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm in downtown Harriman. There will be live music, food vendors, and activities for the kids, along with all types of craft vendors. Stop by the Lions Club booth and say hello, and maybe buy an “official” Lions broom.

Harriman Lions Club

Kingston & Harriman Lions



L to R: 1st VDG Wayne and Wayne Smith, 10 years Membership

The Kingston and Harriman Lions Clubs held a joint meeting on July 28. FVDG Wayne Garland was the speaker and presented Membership Awards to 4 members of the Kingston Lions.

Wayne Smith 10 years
Sammy Sam's 10 years
Don Wright 15 years
Stephen Bates 25 years



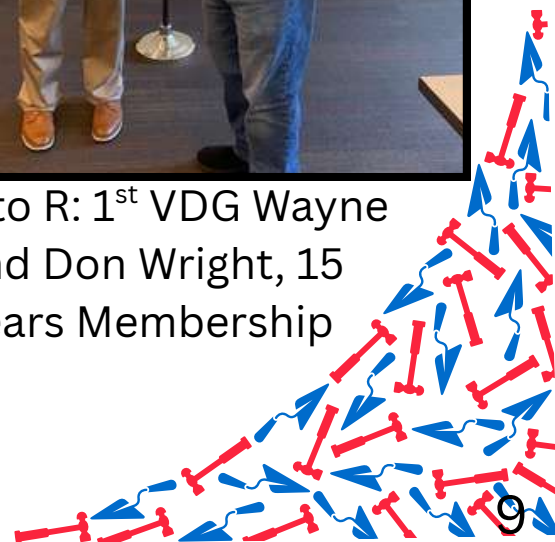
L to R: Sammy Sams, 10 years Membership, and 1st VDG Wayne



1st District Governor Wayne Garland addresses a joint session of the Harriman and Kingston clubs on July 28th. Wayne provided information on upcoming 12N events and gave out several awards. Each club discussed their yearly activities.



L to R: 1st VDG Wayne and Don Wright, 15 years Membership



Kingsport Lions Club

Special Recognition



IPDG Keltie Kerney re-presents Lion Lois Dobyns a Melvin Jones Award, as her MJF plaque was lost during her move last fall.

Lion Lois Dobyns was the first female president of the Kingsport Lions Club during 1987-1988. She has served the club significantly in most every role, including her current position as a member of the Board of Directors. She is also the most engaged Turtle Derby advocate, having secured the most sponsors for the last Turtle Derby, having the most returning sponsors, and obtaining the most new sponsors. Her efforts contribute to significant fundraising efforts for the club. Lion Lois has served the Kingsport Community as a trustee for many organizations. During her professional career, she was appointed as an assistant hospital administrator at Holston Valley Hospital and Medical Center where she was a dynamic leader and mentor.



President Larry presiding over the monthly Kingsport Lions Club meeting.



Kingsport Lions Club members at the August Club meeting.

Knox Tri-County Lions Club

3rd Annual Tri-County Lions Buddy Greene Memorial Cruise-In



October 25, 2025
9am-2pm

*Seymour United Methodist Church
Rear Parking Lot
107 Simmons Road, Seymour, TN*

Free!
Family Fun!
Door Prizes
Cars Trucks
Motorcycles Rot Rods
If it runs, bring it!
Refreshments

**PEOPLES CHOICE
AWARDS**
Best Car
Best Truck

Background design by Freehik



*Canned
goods
welcomed*



**Seymour
Volunteer
Fire Dept.**

*Your donation helps
fund a new firetruck!*



**KNOXVILLE
TRI-COUNTY LIONS**

Maryville Lions Club



Members of the Maryville Lions club hosted a table at “The Shed Community Appreciation Day” on August 23rd

It was a fun day of food, music and exchanging information with other vendor participants. The Maryville Lions talked about our Lions club and its various projects as well as some of the initiatives of District 12N and Lions International.

Great work!



As a participating organization we were able to use the event as a fundraising opportunity and took orders for pecans and Butter Braid Breads that will be delivered later in the Fall. While exchanging information with other vendors, we were able to get some good contacts for club program speakers. It was a win-win for everyone.

Oak Ridge Lions Club

The Oak Ridge Lions Club has awarded scholarships to four Oak Ridge High School (ORHS) graduates of the class of 2025. They are Jordan Asberry, Brady Fuson, Sarah Pollack, and Sydney Shults. Each student received \$500.00 for tuition, books, and/or fees.



L to R: Lion Bill Truex, Jordan Asberry, Sarah Pollack, Lion Jesse Cavasoz, Brady Fuson, Sydney Shults, and Lion Bob Smallridge.

The scholarships were awarded to the students at a dinner with the Lions Club members. They were guests with their families and friends. Lions Scholarship Committee Chairman Bob Smallridge welcomed them and congratulated them.

“The Lions Club received 220 applications from ORHS students for scholarships,” Smallridge said. “The scholarship committee reduced them to 20 semi-finalists from which the four finalists were interviewed and selected.”

Lion Bob Smallridge chaired the scholarship selection committee comprised of Lions Jesse Cavasoz, George Smith, Bill Truex, and Ron Wilson.

The Oak Ridge Lions Club meets via Zoom at 6 p.m. on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. The club meets at 6 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of the month at Shoney’s, with a Zoom option available. For additional information, please contact the club at 865-297-3251.

Oak Ridge Lions Club (con't)



FARRAGUT LIONS CLUB 9TH ANNUAL CAR SHOW



JCPENNY-PARKSIDE DRIVE
TURKEY CREEK • FARRAGUT, TENNESSEE

OCTOBER 4, 2025

8 A.M. – 1 P.M.

CONTACT TOM NITZ 865-679-4779

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OCTOBER 12, 2025

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FARRAGUT LIONS KEENELAND TRIP

**OCTOBER 12, 2025
7 A.M. – 7 P.M.**

\$200

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT
TOM NITZ 865-679-4779

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Sevierville Lions Club



A number of the Sevierville Lions members gathered during the month of August to have a 'working session'. Future service projects and fundraisers were discussed in detail, followed by a time for some members to make craft items (for an upcoming Craft Show). Other members assembled Well-being kits as part of the Mental Health & Well-Being project.


HAPPY
LABOR
DAY!




Sevierville Lion, Ashley (R) and Co-worker, Lily (L) presented as Mr. and Mrs. Potato Head for an event at the My People Senior Center



Lions Steve and Chuck assembling well-being kits.



Lion Judy worked on a wreath for the Craft Show



Sevierville Lions Club



Sevierville Lions Club *Silent Auction*

October 2nd - 10th

My People Senior Activity Center

1220 W. Main St., Sevierville, TN 37862



Shop for friends, family, and
YOURSELF!



*100% of Proceeds go back
to the Community!*

Join Us: Sevierville Lions

Meetings 2nd Wednesday of the Month 11 AM

My People Activity Center

Facebook: Sevierville Lions

Email: seviervillions@gmail.com

Sevier County Lions Club



SCLC President PDG Rich Wilson distributes info at The Sevierville Police Department's 'Cookout with the Cops' in Kodak and The Pigeon Forge Police Department National Night Out.

L to R: Sevier County Lions Club members Lonnie Cadwell, Ranee King, Hudson Williams, Miriam Alvarez, Les Williams and Rich Wilson provided vision screening at The Pigeon Forge 'Back to School Bash' at the Boys & Girls Club.



The Sevier County Lions Club Celebrates 8 Years of Local Lionism



L to R: PCC Paulette Bailey installs Frank Aparicio (Treasurer); Terry Aparicio (Secretary) & Ranee King (Vice-President) as 2025-2026 officers.

The Sevier County Lions Club celebrated its birthday recently in style at Dolly Parton's DreamMore Resort. Dignitaries, members and their guests were treated to a sumptuous buffet followed by a full evening of inductions, installations and awards.

1st VDG Wayne Garland spoke on the History of Lionism, followed by Sevier County Lions Club President Richard Wilson presenting Tracy Long, Director of Global Marketing from the Dollywood Foundation, with a certificate making Dolly Parton an honorary Sevier County Lion.

Sevier County Lions Club (con't)

The Sevier County Lions Club Celebrates 8 Years of Local Lionism (con't)



Then DG 12N Keltie Kerney presented to Jeff Conyers, Chairperson and President of the Dollywood Foundation, the Melvin Jones Foundation Award (the highest award given in lionism named after its founder) in honor of the outstanding charitable contributions of Dolly Parton in Sevier County. A \$ 1,000. check to Lions Clubs International Foundation was donated in the name of Dolly Parton from the Sevier County Lions Club.

Congratulations

SCLC President Rich Wilson presents Tracy Long, Sam Wolf, and Jeff Conyers of The Dollywood Foundation, a certificate naming Dolly Parton as an Honorary member of the Sevier County Lions Club.



PDG Frank McCall inducted 13 new SCLC members: Dolly Parton (Honorary), Sue Barker, Lonnie Cadwell, Trina Lloyd, Susana Lopez, Ajeandro Mondragon, Vickie Ownby, Nola Plumb, Yessi Romero, Esther "Jo" Williams, Leslie "Les" Williams, Hudson Williams and Cecilia Zombek.

The festivities of the evening concluded with remarks from PDG Jim McFarland, DG 12N Nathanael Hughes and PDG Chuck Bailey.

Welcome New Members

John Brady - Morristown Hamblen Lions - Sponsor Cynthia Brady
Tatum Hughes - Elizabethton Lions - Sponsor DG Nathanael Hughes
Rebecca Hurt - Morristown Hamblen Lions - Sponsor Cynthia Brady



In Loving Memory

Spot the Differences



Find SEVEN (7) Differences



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East TN Lions District 12N 2025-2026 CALENDAR

July 2025						
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13th-17th International Convention in Orlando, FL

19th Cabinet Organizational Meeting

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10th Winter Cabinet Meeting via ZOOM

16th-18th Lions Learning Retreat in Manchester, TN

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2nd MD 12 Organizational Meeting in Nashville, TN Noon-Central Time

5th GLT Zone Chair training via ZOOM 8PM
19th GLT Power Hour ZOOM 8PM

27th DG Nate's ZOOM 8AM

February 2026						
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3rd GLT Power Hour ZOOM 8PM

25th DG Nate's ZOOM 8AM

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18th-20th USA/Canada Forum in Atlantic City, NJ

24th DG Nate's ZOOM 8PM

March 2026						
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27th-28th District 12N Convention
Location to be announced

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4th Fall Cabinet Meeting
Location to be announced

7th GLT Power Hour ZOOM 8PM

29th DG Nate's ZOOM 8AM

April 2026						
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7th GLT Power Hour ZOOM 8PM

29th DG Nate's ZOOM 8PM

30th April - 2nd May MD12 TN State Convention

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1st MD12 Rally & TLC Honors Banquet

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30th April - 2nd May MD12 TN State Convention

Spring Cabinet Meeting
Date To Be Determined

27th DG Nate's ZOOM 8AM

December 2025						
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2nd GLT Power Hour ZOOM 8PM

3rd DG Nate's ZOOM 8PM

6th 12N Charities meeting 10:30 AM in Sevierville

12th TSB Lions Christmas

June 2026						
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24th DG Nate's ZOOM 8PM

12N Directory Corrections

A heartfelt apology to the Officers and Members of the Powell Lions Club – your Club Officer information was accidentally left out of the 2025–2026 District 12N Directory. We truly regret the oversight and want to make sure your leadership is recognized and celebrated.

POWELL 5121 Chartered 08/27/1951 9 Members	
President	Treasurer
Cory Payne 7500 Lancashire Boulevard Powell, TN 37849 (H) 423-693-4614 (E) paynec@vmcmail.com	Ronnie Qualls 8421 Sharp Road Powell, TN 37849 (C) 865-388-2517 (E) rqualls12@frontiernet.net
Secretary	Membership Chair
Colin Rhyne 3005 Shropshire Blvd Powell, TN 37849 (H) 865-603-6246 (E) tnpowelllions@gmail.com	Matt Graves 2648 Shropshire Boulevard Powell, TN 37849 (C) 865-556-9454 (E) mattgraves616@gmail.com
Meeting Location/Times	
Meets on 1 st & 3 rd Tuesday at 7:00 PM Lions Club Bldg, 7142 Old Clinton Pike, Powell	

Additional Correction to the 12N Directory:

- Tyler Hunsaker's corrected email (Farragut Lions Club and Zone Chair) is: t.hunsaker26@yahoo.com

If additional corrections are needing to be made to the Directory information, please send correct information to Directory Editor, Lion Kathi Hofstad, at kathihofstad@gmail.com

International Peace Poster Contest



Lions Clubs around the world proudly sponsor the **International Peace Poster Contest** to encourage youth to creatively express their vision of peace through art. This inspiring event offers students a unique opportunity to share their message with the world – and we're excited to see what our young artists will create this year!

How to Participate:

Peace Poster Kits can be ordered through the Lions International Member Resource Center at: www.lionsclubs.org

Eligibility:

Students who are 11, 12, or 13 years old as of November 15th are eligible to participate.

Important Dates to Remember:

October 1st – Deadline to purchase Peace Poster Kits from the Club Supplies Sales Department at International Headquarters.

November 15th – Postmark deadline for clubs to send one winning poster per contest sponsored to District Governor Nate Hughes

Tips from the Clubs:

I'd love to hear from Lions Clubs in District 12N who have helpful "hints" or suggestions for running a smooth and successful Peace Poster Contest. For example, the Sevierville Lions Club provides teachers with the correct size paper for students to use. Even though the size requirements are listed in the kit materials, we often receive amazing artwork that unfortunately can't be submitted due to being the wrong size. Taking this extra step helps ensure all entries are eligible!

Do you have a tip or best practice to share?

Please send your comments to: kathihofstad@gmail.com

We'll share your insights in the next district newsletter!

Let's work together to inspire peace and creativity in our youth!

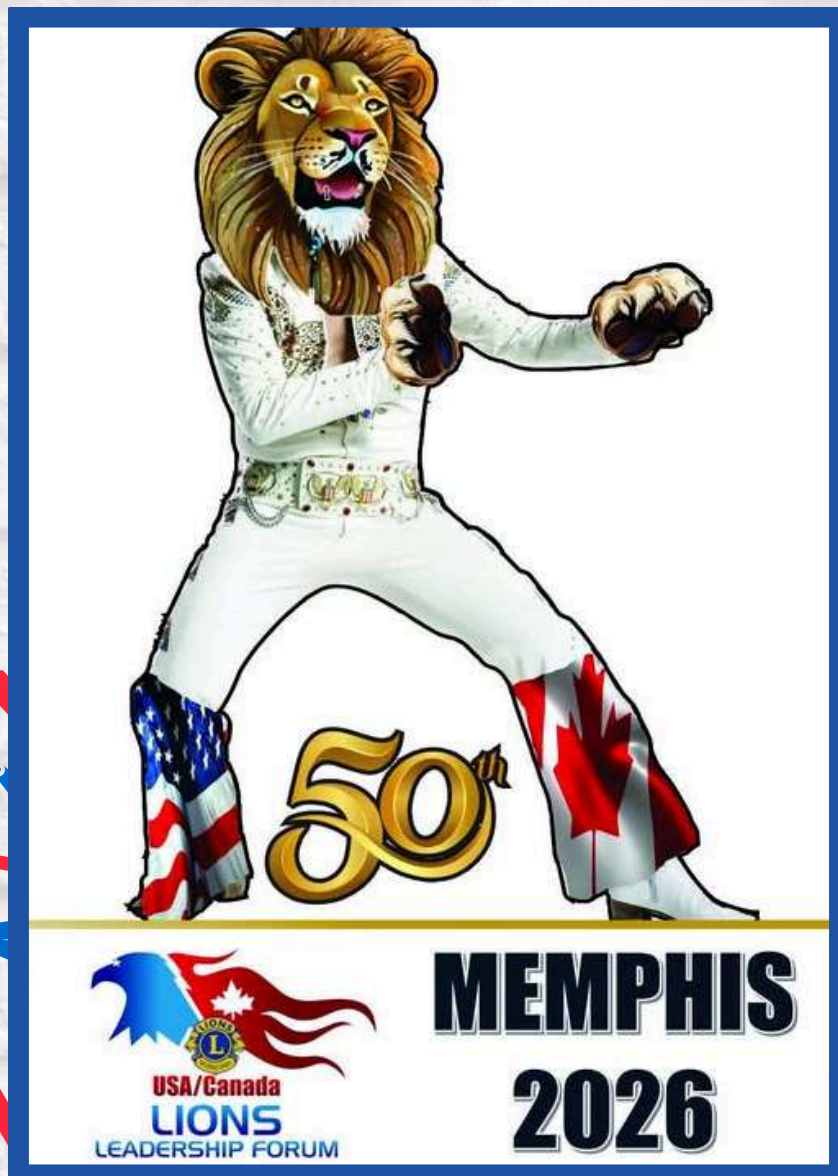
Kathi Hofstad - Peace Poster Chair

USA/CANADA FORUM

Are you planning to attend the USA/Canada Lions Forum in Atlantic City? If so, Lions are needed to help in the 2026 Memphis Forum booth. We will be selling Memphis forum merchandise, sharing Memphis info to help build excitement, and pre-registering Lions to attend in 2026 in Memphis. To register as a booth volunteer, use the link below:

<https://acforum.lionsoftn.org>

Thank you, CC Scott Shelhamer
(Vice-Chair of the 2026 Host Committee)



1st VDG Trip to Leader Dog School



1st VDG Wayne participating in the “Dinner in the Dark” event



On August 17, 2025, 1st Vice District Governor Wayne Garland was invited to visit the Leader Dogs for the Blind facility in Rochester Hills, Michigan



A Golden Retriever puppy in the Puppy Center



let's
CELEBRATE
our
HARD WORK

Main meeting room brainstorming session

Leader Dog Information

Are you looking to make a meaningful impact in someone's life? There are many ways to support our mission and be a part of a community that is supporting people who are blind or low vision in overcoming new challenges with strength and determination.

When you make an honorary donation to Leader Dogs for the Blind, we'll send a personalized card to the honoree, letting them know you've supported our mission on their behalf.

Alternatively, if you have a dog lover in your life, you can symbolically sponsor one of our Future Leader Dog puppies. We'll send a special sponsorship packet, which includes adorable photos, a profile of the puppy, an official certificate and a plush puppy toy!

Explore our giving options page to discover more opportunities to support Leader Dog with a meaningful gesture.

Thank you for your kindness and generosity. Together, we can help provide greater independence for individuals who are blind or low vision.

Warm regards,

Danielle Richards

Director of Philanthropy - Annual Giving
Leader Dogs for the Blind



Information on State Convention 2026



There has been a change in the location of the 2026 Tennessee Lions State Convention. It will now be in Clarksville at the **Doubletree by Hilton, Clarksville Riverview**. The room cost is \$139 plus tax which includes a breakfast buffet (at a value of \$21 per person). Reservations can be made at:

<https://group.doubletree.com/hfiu0r> or by phone at 931-919-5044. Hotel reservations must be made by March 30, 2026.

The convention will kickoff on Thursday, April 30th from 6-9 PM with a reception for our International Guest, **1st International Vice President Mark Lyon**. Light finger foods will be available and are included in the registration package price.

The Full Registration package is all that is available at the present time. This includes Lunch and Dinner on Friday, in addition to Lunch and a Grand Banquet on Saturday evening. The cost is \$150 for four meals and the Thursday reception.

There will be optional seminars on Friday morning, with great speakers scheduled throughout the day on Friday and Saturday.

There will be a **live basket auction on Friday night** with Ed Cope conducting the auction. The baskets will be provided by Lions and Lions Clubs with a value of at least \$50 to make the auction productive. Your support is very much appreciated. Clubs and individuals are encouraged to donate items for this auction.

Special entertainment will be provided by Chris Golden, son of William Lee Golden of the Oak Ridge Boys.

There will be many vendors to share information on service, fund raising and equipment that would be useful to your club.

Registration for State Convention 2026

2026 (107th) Tennessee Lions State Convention

April 30-May 2, 2026

Doubletree by Hilton Clarksville Riverview

Semi quinentennial of the United States

1st International Vice President Mark S. Lyon

Name _____ Club _____ Current Office/Position _____

Address _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Name _____ Club _____ Current Office/Position _____

Address _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Early Full Registration by November 1, 2025 _____ @ \$150 = \$ _____

Regular Full Registration by February 1, 2026 _____ @ \$180 = \$ _____

Late Full Registration by April 15, 2026 _____ @ 200 = \$ _____

No Registrations will be accepted after April 15. No walk-ins.

Thursday Night Reception included with paid registration

Any dietary needs (Be Specific) _____

Please mail checks made out to "Lions of Tennessee" (the sooner the better to save you money)

Mail to:

Lion Ed Lantz

5087 Minnis RD

Springfield, TN 37172

Past District Governor's Retreat

The PDG Association of Tennessee Celebrates a 'Jolly Dolly Retreat'

A Dolly Parton theme was evident for the PDG Association retreat, from the decorations and snacks, to the evening's entertainment. Dinner and the PDG meeting in Crossville agenda included election and installation of new officers:

President Tony Gross
Vice President B. J. Blankenship
Treasurer Ed Lantz
Secretary Rich Wilson

A discussion of Tennessee Lions Hall of Fame nominations needed; the formation of a PDG speaker's bureau to be made available to clubs, and the location of the 2026 PDG retreat were reported on before the group adjourned and attended Dolly Parton's '9 to 5' at the Cumberland County Playhouse.



District 12N was represented by PDG Wendy Cain, PDG Jim McFarland & Shaaron, PCC Tony Gross & Karen, and PDG Rich Wilson





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 2nd VDG 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.



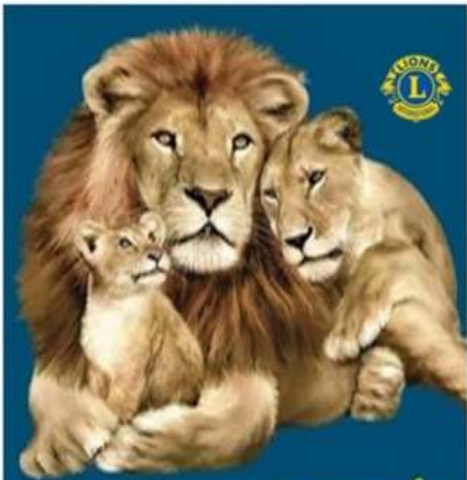
Together, let's make sure every Lion in 12N is in the know! 🦁📧
2nd VDG Kim Osborne - News & Views Editor and Publisher

Answers to Spot the Differences:

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This is Lionism...



Service is our Journey.
As we Serve we Grow

When you can't find
the sunshine,
be the sunshine.

