



District 12-N
Dates to Remember
2019

Certified Guided Lion Training Walters State Community College Morristown, TN April 27, 2019

MD-12 Tennessee State Convention Holiday Inn – University of Memphis Memphis, TN May 3-5, 2019

Spring Forum
First Baptist Church
317 Parkway
Sevierville
June 1, 2019

Lions District 12N Charities Reverse Raffle Fountain City Lions Club June 15, 2019 12-7:00 PM, Drawing Starts at 3:30 PM

102nd Lions Clubs International Convention Milan, Italy July 5-9, 2019

DG Brandon's Share

Lions,

March was an incredible month for Lions in our State. From the District Convention to lots of club visits, it's been one for the books.

Our District has been doing great in service, leadership, and membership. We are currently about to grow considerably in membership, as the West Knox Lions Club has been working on chartering a Campus Club at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. By the time you read this message, we will be hosting a special guest in our District - PDG Paul Baker from Canada. Known globally as the "Campus Club Guy", Lion Paul is the foremost expert on chartering these types of groups. I want to applaud Guiding Lions PDG Jim McFarland and West Knox Lions Club President Mike Walker, as well as their team, for working so hard to charter this group.

I just returned yesterday from some statewide training for our incoming District Governors. DGE Carol McDonald represented our District very well, and was both eloquent and prepared in her speeches. I know we are about to have an incredible year under her leadership.

I am excited to share with you all that the incoming District Governors elected me to serve as Council Chair. In this position, I will chair the Council of Governors for our State. This is a huge honor for me, and will only be the 7th

time that someone from District 12 N has ever served in this position.

I am looking forward to finishing this year strong, and having a new challenge next year.

Yours in Service,

-Brandon



CAROL CALLING

ROAR Lions!

It has been an exciting couple of months. I have had the opportunity to visit four out of five District conventions. I must say District N's convention was the best. I went to my last District training this past weekend so my next and last



training sessions will be at the Convention (LCICON) in Milan.

There are some exciting changes coming our way. LCI has changed the way we can relate to them and clubs nearby and around the world. It's called "MyLion".

It's an app you can download on any of your tablets, PC and phone. You can see what other clubs are doing for their activities and fundraisers, and it's a way for every Lion to look in on what is happening in other clubs. All club officers can report their club's activities before and after they are held. They can set up automatic reminders to go out to club members. And so much more.

It's important that all club officers download "MyLion" right away as this will be the way to report activities to LCI. When you go to report on MyLCI you will find you will need to register on "MyLion" in order to do so.

As with all new things there is a learning curve so be brave and patient at the same time.

WE CAN DO IT!

I know some of you are wondering about Athena's progress. She has been at Leader Dog University for six weeks now and is continuing in the program. Sure, hope she succeeds and becomes a guide dog.

Carol McDonald

1st VDG (DG), District 12N

(423)907-2430, cdm02@juno.com

MEMO FROM MILLIE

The Karns Lions Club was featured in the March issue of the Lions Magazine. it is quite an honor. I thought I would share this wonderful story with the District.

Email is the best way to contact me. My email is gebgem@snet.net. My phone is (860)912-4171

I thank you in advance for your help.

Millie Burke, Loudon Lions Club and 2nd VDG District 12-N

Playtime Is Better Together!

Cassandra Rotolo

In Tennessee, the Lions-Anthem Foundation Healthy Heroes initiative helped to fund and build the All-Inclusive Playground at the Karns Lions Club Community Park, in the spring of 2017. The playground serves more than 3,500 families each year and is the only one in all of Knox County



that meets the accessibility requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

The playground features a musical garden, modern accessible play structures and much more. Thoughtful and inclusive design are key. There are no hills, mulch or rocks. This artificial turf provides a soft, even surface on which all children can walk, run, and even fall safely.

For 5-year-old Natalie Barham, (shown above getting some help on the climbing wall) that means more confidence. Natalie's difficulty with balance used to keep her from exploring other playgrounds freely.

Amy, Natalie's mom, explains, 'We never spent much time at parks before because it was just too difficult for us." Natalie is an outgoing and friendly child, playing happily with new friends of all abilities she meets at the playground.



Perhaps important, the as playground only is not inclusive. accessible, but "Accessible" playgrounds are built exclusively for children disabilities, with whereas "inclusive" playgrounds are built for children of all abilities. 7-year-old For Addie Humphreys, who has cerebral palsy, this distinction is vital. **Design** elements like handrails and low transfer points on slides give Addie the opportunity to connect with **Disc-shaped** other children. provide swings Natalie exhilaration of swinging

alongside friends. (Shown to the left, Addie and Natalie enjoy the music garden at the Karns Lions All-Inclusive playground.)

For Addie's mom, Rachel, the Karns Lions playground offers peace of mind. Addie lacks the core control to safely navigate traditional playground equipment, which often means she plays with her mom instead of other children. The innovative equipment lets Addie interact without her mom hovering too close. "Thank you so much, Lions and Anthem," says Rachel. "You see so far outside of yourselves. This is a gift for the kids, for the parents and for the entire community."

The project reflects Lions Clubs International Foundation's and Anthem Foundation's shared vision of health and wellness for all. Since 2015, Healthy Heroes projects have directly benefited more than 200,000 lives across eight states, through disability inclusive projects, food banks, shelters, and more.

"The Anthem Foundation remains committed to ensuring families across the country have access to programs and resources that improve the health and wellness of our communities," said Lance Chrisman, executive director of the

Anthem Foundation. "Our collaboration with the Lions to support the All-Inclusive Playground is another example of how together we are working to ensure all children have access to safe places and opportunities to live active lifestyles."

Monica Dailey, a local former special education teacher, advised the Lions on their new playground. Inclusivity is paramount for her. "Separating children from each other isn't the answer," she says. "Inclusion teaches compassion and acceptance. And everyone benefits from more of that."

Visit <u>lionsclubs.org</u> to learn how Campaign 100 supports the work of Lions to help people with disabilities lead more independent, productive and fulfilling lives.

DISTRICT 12N LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES CERTIFIED GUIDING LION TRAINING



Guiding Lion Training - Sat. April 27th 10:00 AM - Noon

Walter State Community College – Duggins Foundation Boardroom, 500 S. Davy Crockett Parkway, Morristown, TN 37813

Any and all Lions Welcome but this course is primarily for those that are interested in becoming a Certified Guiding Lion to help New and Struggling Clubs or to become recertified. Please contact Paulette Bailey, ladipee@gmail.com or (423) 371-9738 to register so we have enough handout material.

Spring Forum/New Officer Training - Sat., June 1st 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM

(Registration form attached)
First Baptist Church of Sevierville (GN Bldg. across Parking Lot from Church)
441 Parkway. Sevierville, TN 37862

Welcome at 8:30 AM with New Officer Training from 9:00-10:00 AM. Officers may leave or stay for the days events. A professional Dale Carnegie seminar will be offered from 10:15 AM -12:15 AM with a light lunch following at 12:30 PM. Afternoon seminars will be from 1:30-2:30PM and 2:45-3:45 PM. There are several different seminars to choose from so please look the registration form over. There is a \$10 charge to cover lunch and printing fees for training/seminar materials. Please register early so we have a headcount for lunch and handout material.

Together, through growth and stronger clubs, we can make our District stronger and provide more service to people in our communities and the world.

Yours in Lionism

Paulette Bailey

Global Leadership Team Coordinator

BREAKING NEWS!!!!

WELCOME, KNOX-VOL CAMPUS LIONS CLUB!

On April 11, 2019 the Knox-Vol Campus Lions Club held its organization meeting at the University of Tennessee. During a very productive session that evening, the new club voted to elect officers, and to submit a charter application to LCI. The Charter President will be Lion Megan Patterson and the Charter Secretary will be Lion Sierra Swanson. The Charter Application was submitted to LCI the next day.

Lion Megan Patterson began working with the Guiding Lions last fall, and carried the load of getting the Knox-Vol Campus Lions Club recognized by the University of Tennessee and was a recruiting dynamo! The club consists entirely of new Lions members, with only one exception who is transferring from the West Knox Lions Club.

This club represents the culmination of literally years of work by Lions PDG Jim McFarland, PDG Dave Crawford, and Mike Walker. The Guiding Lions are PDG Jim McFarland and Lion Mike Walker. The new club is sponsored by the West Knox Lions Club. New West Knox Lions Club member Charles White will be the Faculty Advisor.

Many, many, thanks are needed for Lion Paul Baker, from Ontario, Canada, the LCI Campus Lions Consultant. When the Guiding Lions determined that the club was a go with the university and had recruited successfully, Lion Paul was contacted. He was on campus within a week, and during the 3 days prior to the Organization Meeting he conducted a training session for the Guiding Lions and Faculty Advisor, set up and participated in a campus recruiting event, conducted an information meeting and coordinated the Organization Meeting. How is that for getting things done? Awesome!



Thank you's all around!

THIS IS GOING TO BE A GREAT CLUB!



Milan: The Place to Be

102nd Lions Clubs International Convention
Milan, Italy
July 5-9, 2019



The first Italian Lions club was founded in Milan in May 1951, ushering in a new era of humanitarian and community service. The proud host of LCICon 2019, Milan is a city of great history and culture. From fashion to art, design, cuisine and beyond, attendees of the upcoming International Convention have a lot to look forward to.

Still considering attending LCICon 2019? Join us! Don't miss this unique chance to experience Milan alongside fellow Lions and Leos, and show the city and the world the impact of kindness.

To register go to https://lcicon.lionsclubs.org/

New Officer Reporting and Training

Club Officers for the new Lions year (2019-2020) elected during the March/April timeframe must be reported on MyLCI. If you want your Officers to be listed correctly in the Directory please make sure you have entered all data correctly – specifically email addresses and phone numbers.

Club Presidents,

You are cordially invited to attend

The Annual Lions Volunteer Blind Industries Board of Governors Meeting

To be held on April 25th, 2019 at Lions Volunteer Blind Industries, Inc.

Dinner will be served at 6:00 T.M. with meeting to follow.



Please RSVP to Michele Love <u>michele.love@volblind.org</u> by COB Thursday, April 18th so that they may have a proper count for dinner preparations.



Chuck Osborne of the Sevier County Lions Club uses a Plusoptix device to screen a child's vision on April 5 at the Kodak branch of the Sevier County Public Library System. He and other members of the Sevier County Lions Club offered free screenings with help from Dandridge Lions Club member, Richard Walker, not pictured, who brought that club's Plusoptix. The screening is one of many community activities that take place at libraries. National Library Week is celebrated this week across the country. (Mountain Press, April 9, 2019)

REVERSE RAFFLE REMINDER

District 12N Charities needs your help. You can help by selling Reverse Raffle Tickets. Ask your Friends, Ask your Family, Ask your Co-workers, Ask the public!! If you are having an event have Reverse Raffle tickets available to sell. And while you're at it; tell the people about the Charities that they will be supporting when they buy a Reverse Raffle ticket from a Lion.

What's at stake? The raffle ticket sales support Lions District 12N Charities, AKA White Cane. The contributions support these projects.

- Friends of Tennessee School for the Blind
- Tennessee School for the Deaf
- East Tennessee Lions Eye Bank
- Lions Volunteer Blind Industries
- Hearing and Speech Foundation Maryville, TN (beginning next year)
- Learning Ally (formerly Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic)
- Leader Dogs for the Blind
- World Services for the Blind
- Diabetes Awareness
- Childhood Cancer
- Lions Quest
- Direct Braille Slate Fund Inc.

1st Prize is \$2000, 2nd Prize is \$1000 and 3rd prize is \$500. The winner does not need to be present to win. Taxes are the responsibility of the winner.

As in the past, there will be a profit sharing, so that your club will be able to earn a portion of the sales. To be eligible for this your Club needs to sell at least 25 tickets and then your Club will earn \$1.00 for each ticket sold, if your Club sells 500-999 tickets then you will receive \$1.50 per ticket, sell over 1000 tickets and that goes up to \$2.00 per ticket sold. The share your Club can earn will include the first 25.

As an added incentive to increase sales the top three Clubs will have donations made to LCIF in their name. First Place \$300, Second Place \$200 and Third Place \$100.

There are only 5000 tickets available for sale, so the chances of winning are better than the chances of winning the prize amount in the state Lottery.

Your club should have tickets to sell right now! If you need any more tickets, contact 2nd VDG Millie Burke at <u>gebgemsnet.net</u> or (860)912-4171 or PDG Jim McFarland at <u>tnlionjim@aol.com</u> or (865)556-9091



DISTRICT 12-N SPRING FORUM + OFFICER TRAINING Saturday, June 1, 2019 830 AM - 4:00 PM



First Baptist Church Sevierville 441 Parkway (GN Bldg across Parking Lot) Sevierville, TN 37862

Registration Deadline - May 15, 2019

NAME	1						
	1	Check one	☐ Lion	□ Leo	☐ Guest		_
NAME 2							
		Check one	☐ Lion	□ Leo	☐ Guest		
Club (N	Club (Name 1)		Club (Name 2)				_
Address							_
City			State		Zip Code		_
Telephone		email				_	
Registration Fee (includes lunch and hand-out materials): \$10							
8:30 AM Meet & Greet							

9:00 - 10:00 AM President, Treasurer, Secretary and Club Officer Overview

Generational Communications (Dale Carnegie Professional Presentation) 10:15 - 12:15 PM

12:30 - 1:15 PM Lunch – Enjoy camaraderie with fellow Lions

1:30 PM - 2:30 PM Awards and Recognition

Service Projects (choose 1)

> Social Media as a PR Tool 12N Charities Overivew

2:45 PM - 3:45 PM (choose 1) Remote Area Medical w/o Stan Brock

Childhood Cancer

NOTE: Room assignments will be designated the day of training

Mail registration form and check payable to:

LIONS DISTRICT 12-N

Attn: Chuck Bailey 709 Shannondale Way Maryville, TN 37803

Sevier County Lions Club Needs Your Help!

Sevier County Lions Club in cooperation with Remote Area Medical (RAM®) is holding a Vision Clinic on Saturday, May 18, 2019 from 7:00 to 4:00 in Sevierville at 441 Parkway (the old Goodwill Building beside of First Baptist Church) and we need your help. We need Optometrists, Ophthalmologists, Opticians, Refractionists, Nurses, EMT's, medical and/ or vision students, Interpreters, and all other general volunteers to help us to provide free eye exams and glasses to the citizens of Sevier County. If you are available to help us, or have additional questions, contact Ranee King at 865-453-5068 or Kim Osborne at 865-850-4419.

All Volunteers must register at ramusa.org
This will be a "scheduled appointment" type of clinic (no walk-ins).
We anticipate serving 200 patients, but the number of patients will be determined by the number of eye professionals that we can confirm.

Notice of upcoming Bylaws Revision Action at the MD-12 State Convention, May 3-5, 2019, Memphis, TN

The following resolution will be offered for approval at the 2019 MD-12 State Convention: Resolution Number: 2019-002, Change Bylaws to Increase State Convention Registration Fee. Sponsor: 2018-2019 Council of Governors:

Whereas the delegates of the State Convention have the right to amend the Multi-District 12 Bylaws at the State Convention (Article XII, Section 1); and

Whereas the Multi-District 12 Bylaws state "The amount of [registration] fee shall be set by the Council and shall not exceed \$10 per delegate." (Article VII, Section 2 (b) (1)) and

Whereas the Multi-District 12 Bylaws state "Fees are used to help defray actual costs of the Convention...:" (Article VII, Section 2 (b)(4)) and

Whereas the \$10 limit has been in effect for over 10 conventions and no longer sufficiently covers expenses,

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, to change Article VII, Section 2 (b)(1) to read "The amount of the fee shall be set by the Council and consider keeping cost as low as possible to encourage attendance."

ANNOUNCEMENTS - CLUBS IN ACTION

KARNS LIONS CLUB

65TH ANNIVERSARY

Monday April 29, 2019 6:30 PM, \$30.00/person Calhoun's Oak Ridge, 100 Melton Lake Peninsula, Oak Ridge, TN Contact Patricia Wayne at: <u>tishleen@yahoo.com</u> or 865-455-9125

Karns Shrimp Boil, Saturday June 8, 2019 6:30 PM. Pavilion in Karns Lions Community Park, 6618 Beaver Ridge Road, Karns, TN, \$25.00/person Contact Patricia Wayne at: tishleen@yahoo.com or 865-455-9125

POWELL LIONS CLUB

THIRD ANNUAL 5K RUN

6/1/20196:30AM EDT-11:00AM EDT

7:30AM EDT race time

One Life Church, 3503 W Emory Road, Powell, TN Registration \$25. Register on line at PowellRun.com

WEST KNOX LIONS CLUB

25TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Friday June 7, 2019 at the Lambert Aces Golf Course
Chipping Contest at 11:15 AM, followed by lunch and a shotgun start at
1:00 PM. Entry fee is \$80 Per Person, which includes a round of golf and
lunch with door prizes. Hole sponsorship is \$200 for a sign on the course,
and \$500 for a team of four golfers and a sign on the course.

Contact Lion Andy Stephenson at andyste555@comcast.net or Lion Ron Riehn at: ron.riehn@gmail.com

Happy Birthday, Jim Yankie!



Andy Gecelosky, the President of the Harriman Lions Club sent in a photo of Jim Yankie (center) and other members of the Harriman Lions Club. They celebrated Jim's 90th birthday in February. Jim joined the Lions on April 1, 1953, (no foolin'). That makes him a Lion for 66 years, quite an accomplishment. Andy believes he is the oldest serving member in all of 12N, maybe the whole state of Tennessee. Does any 12N club have a member that has served longer than 66 years?

TELLICO VILLAGE LIONS SUPPORT THE PHILADELPHIA SCHOOL LEO CLUB

Several years ago, the Tellico Village Lions assumed sponsorship of the Leo Club in the Philadelphia school. Currently the club has 21 members and Beth Sandidge, an art teacher, serves as sponsoring teacher. Also, thanks to the efforts of two members of the Tellico Village Lions, Rosie Sylvester and Ron Lockhart, working closely with MS Sandidge, the club has recently been reenergized and accomplished a number of significant activities, most focusing on the local community.

In order to maintain their membership in good standing the students are required to attend all meetings with only one absence permitted; in addition, they are required to perform 10 hours of community service each school year.

Recently the club completed or is planning for five major activities focusing either on in-school service or service to the community. The first school activity was "Creekfest." In this activity the club supported family night at the school doing face painting for younger children attending the event, operating a concession stand and performing a variety of miscellaneous chores to insure it was a smoothly operated evening. The funds that the club raised went toward replacing damaged playground equipment on the school grounds.

The second activity is called "Pride Patrol". This activity takes place each Friday and requires the club members to work with the school Police Liaison officer and an adult volunteer to look for safety issues on school grounds and correct them insofar as possible. This activity also requires the club members to assist in a Panther-Pack type program, where food is packaged for indigent children to take home and be able to have healthy meals on the weekend.

On an on-going basis the club members also provide assistance during parent-teacher conferences assisting parents in finding the correct rooms for their conferences and assisting in other ways to insure the evening runs smoothly.

The club on December 1 provided support to "Run LoCo". This was a full and half marathon and 5K race run in Lenoir City and Loudon County sponsored by the City of Loudon, Bus Max and WFIV 105.3 FM for the benefit of teachers and students in the Loudon County Schools; it also supports Leadership Loudon County. The Leos provided general support including traffic control of the runners, water distribution and other similar tasks that are deemed necessary by the sponsors.

The last activity, currently in the planning stage, is the annual school dance. Club members plan the dance and manage and operate activities that take place during the dance; these include various contests, a refreshment stand, DJ duties and other tasks as necessary to insure all attendees have an enjoyable evening. This event is a major fund-raiser for the club providing funds for ongoing activities as well as a year-end field trip the club takes.

Away from the school the Leo also help the Tellico Village Lions in two of the club's fundraisers, the Oktoberfest and the Chili/Soup dinner. In both the students work mainly in assisting attendees get into the Yacht Club or finding seating in the CLC.

An interesting aside on the impact that membership in a Leo club can have can be found in the current District 12N Governor Lion Brandon Johnson. He is one of the youngest District Governors in the country and got his start in Lionism as a Leo Club member.

The photos below shows the Tellico Village Club Sponsor, Rosie Sylvester standing with two club members, Addison Garner and Garrett Giles showing off their new club T-shirts.



AROUND THE DISTRICT

ETSU Lions Eye



Ed Gibbons shared this photo of three members of the ETSU lions club doing Eye screening at ETSU Little Bucs. They brought in 8 new Lion members this week.



We all wear our Lions pin with Pride to show we are a member of Lions

Did you know that Lion's 46,000 clubs and 1.4+ million members make us the world's largest service club organization

Motorcycle Ride

Fred Ride

A23-562-521



Car Cruise In Contact In 865.332.6882

Lions District 12-N Charities, Inc.

501(c)(3) EIN 62-170917

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June 15, 2019 12:00 - 7:00PM Drawing at 3:30PM

Tickets Only \$10.00!

Cash Prizes!

1st Prize = \$2,000 2nd Prize = \$1000

 3^{rd} Prize = \$500

Other Games & Prizes!

Club:

Location

Fountain City Park 5345 N Broadway St Knoxville, TN 37918

Events!

- Motorcycle Ride -
 - Car Cruise-In -
- Entertainment -
- Guide Dog Demonstrations -
 - Games -
 - Food & Refreshments -
- Mobility Demonstrations -

Lions District 12-N Projects

Lions Volunteer Blind Industries
East Tennessee Lions Eye Bank
Learning Ally (formally Recording for
the Blind and Dyslexic)
Leader Dogs for the Blind
Tennessee School for the Deaf
Friends of Tennessee School for the
Blind
World Service for the Blind

World Service for the Blind
Diabetes Awareness
Lions Quest
Direct Braille Slate
Childhood Cancer
Hearing & Speech Foundation

<u>Contact Your Lions</u> <u>District 12-N Club</u> <u>Today!</u>

www.tnlions.org

Phone:	



Lions Clubs International/Multi District 12 Tennessee

State Convention

May 3-4 2019

Fogelman Executive Conference Center

Memphis,

Past International President Wayne Madden Key Note Speaker

Name 1:	Title:				
Select one: Lion LEO Guest	Select one: Delegate Alternate Non Voter				
Name 2:	Title:				
Select one: Lion LEO Guest	Select one: Delegate Alternate Non Voter				
Club:	District				
Address:					
Email:	Phone				
Convent	ion Fees				
Registration: @ \$10/pp = \$ (Everyone must pay)					
Friday Night Social:@ \$25/pp = \$ (Heavy Appetizers)					
Saturday Lunch: @ \$30/pp = \$					
Saturday Night Banquet: @ \$35/PP = \$					
Total Paid \$					

Please make Checks Payable to LCI MD 12 Convention and Mail to

DG Glen Mullins 6120 Barkley Cove Bartlett, TN 38134

Fogelman Executive Conference Center and Hotel

330 Innovation Drive

Memphis, TN

Registration desk 901-678-5410

Room rate \$79 per night. Ask for Lions convention room block. Limited number of rooms available.

Over Flow Convention Hotel

Sonesta ES Suites

6141 Old Poplar Pike

Memphis, TN 38119

Registration Desk 901-685-9595

Room rate \$119 per night

Ask for Lions Convention room block.

CARNIVAL TIME!

The Loudon Lions Club is sponsoring its annual Carnival (club fund raiser) event May 8-12, 2019 (Wednesday thru Friday 5:00 pm till 9:00 pm; Saturday thru Sunday 1:00 pm till 9:00 pm). It will take place at the Loudon Municipal Park, 1470 Roberson Springs Road (off Hwy 72) in Loudon, TN. There will be rides for all ages, games, and fair food. Lots of family fun. Entrance fee is \$20.00.

Check Facebook (<u>ForeverYoungAmusements.com</u>) for discount coupons. Coupons must be printed and present at time of purchase. One coupon per person.







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