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District 12-N Dates to Remember 2018-2019

USA/Canada Forum
Columbus, OH
September 20-22, 2018

District 12-N Fall Forum and
Cabinet Meeting, Walter's
State, Morristown, TN
October 6, 2018

District 12-N Fall Workday at
Eyeglass Recycling Center
Roanoke, VA
October 20, 2018

Lions Learning Retreat ,
Manchester-Coffee County
Convention Center
Manchester TN
January 18-20, 2019

District 12-N Convention
River Terrace Resort
Gatlinburg TN
March 8-10, 2019

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



DG Brandon's Share

Lions,

Wow - what an honor to officially address you as District Governor! I spent 12 days in Las Vegas at the International Convention for training before taking the helm of District 12-N. The days in class were long, and the temperatures were high, but it was a great experience all around!

As many of you know, our new International President is Gudrun Yngvadottir from Iceland. She is our first female International President, and I am incredibly honored to serve under her. I'm thrilled to announce that President Gudrun will be our District Convention Guest Speaker this year! Having the sitting International President is a huge honor for our District, and I hope this will encourage you to attend.

Club visits are well underway, and I started by visiting my home club of Campbell County. This year, I will be giving special Lions as District Governor's Medal. I'm proud to say that the first award went to my father, who is a proud Campbell County Lion.

I've also visited Fountain City, Hamblen County, East Knox, Tellico Village, and Newport. It was a busy July!

We ended July by having our organizational meeting, called "Lions on the Lake." Nearly 75 Lions attended our gathering, and enjoyed quality fellowship and food. If our first meeting's attendance was any indicator of how this year will be, then it's going to be great!

In Lionism,

-Brandon

CAROL CALLING!



Roar Lions,

Most of us became Lions because we wanted to help our communities and make them a better place to live. Both our surroundings and the people in them. We all have our niche where we are most comfortable. But sometimes to benefit our communities we must step outside our comfort levels. Both in service and leadership. We have many opportunities to learn new ways to serve our communities.

Lions Learning Retreats give us the opportunity to learn new ways to do what we do. Or challenge us to try new things and give us suggestions and support.

Many times, Lions from over the state of Tennessee asked me when I was going to run for the office of District Governor and I told them, no way. I'm shy, I only have a High School education. I am not eloquent or quick witted.

I enjoy learning, so I attended as many Learning Retreats as I could. (Some Lions really had to encourage me to attend the South Eastern Lions Learning Retreat.) It was at the last USA/Canada Forum I attended when someone asked me THE question and I gave them all the usual reasons why not. I listened to the speaker at one of the lunches when I realized I had no reason to continue to say no. The speaker was a middle-aged man who worked in a crew for a race car driver. He had wanted to be a race car driver all his life. That was his passion. One day while he was working a tire blew up in his face and he lost his vision, but not his passion. He found a way to be involved, even if he couldn't be a driver. Blindness was not an obstacle for him. He learned to do what he needed to do to continue doing what he loved, working with race cars and those who drove and repaired them. He stepped up and was able to learn to work as a mechanic in the pits as an intrinsic member of a race car crew. That's when I accepted the challenge.

Maybe there's a challenge you need to accept but you've been making excuses instead. Or you just want to be a better Lion. I challenge you. Go to the USA/Canada Forum. Listen to the speakers. Learn from classes of your choice, and there are many to choose from. And see what exciting things await you.

Carol McDonald, 1st VDG District 12-N



*2018 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum
September 20-22, 2018, Columbus, Ohio
Registration; \$280.00 (on line)*

MEMO FROM MILLIE

Dear District 12-N Lions,

I'd like to introduce myself and ask for your help and support of the Lions District 12-N White Cane Days. I am Millie Burke 2nd Vice District Governor and Chair of White Cane. The District 12-N White Cane Charities rely on the

support provided by your fundraising efforts.

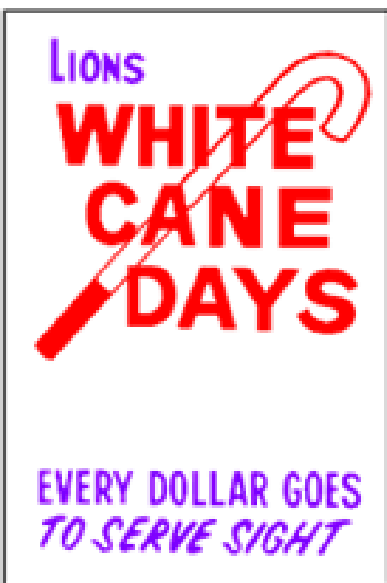
Some of the organizations we support through White Cane Donations are Tennessee School for the Blind, Tennessee School for the Deaf, East Tennessee Lions Eye bank, Lions Volunteer Blind Industries, Learning Ally (formerly Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic), Leader Dogs for the Blind, World Services for the Blind, Diabetes Awareness, Lions Quest and Pediatric Cancer.

I would be more than happy to visit your club and have the opportunity to talk to your members and personally Thank them for their hard work. I also welcome ideas as to fundraising efforts that are working along with any new ideas you may have to share. I look forward to working with and meeting everyone these next few years and beyond.

I can be reached at gebgem@snet.net , 860-912-4171(Cell) or 860-326-0676 (Home). They are Connecticut exchanges, but I now count myself as a proud member of the Volunteer State.

Thanks so Much.

Millie Burke, 2nd VDG District 12-N



LION TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

(District and International)

District 12-N Fall Forum/Cabinet Meeting – October 6, 2018 – Walter State Community College

Lions Learning Retreat – January 18-20, 2019 – Coffee County Convention Ctr – Manchester

USA/Canada Forum – September 20-22, 2018 – Columbus, OH

Emerging Lions Institute – November 3-5, 2018 - Leadership Skills at Club Level – Chicago

Advanced Lions Learning Institute – November 10-12, 2018 – Winnipeg, Canada

For further information on any of these sessions please contact GLT Coordinator, Paulette Bailey, at ladipee@gmail.com or 423/371-9738. Note: The Emerging Lions Institute and Advanced Lions Learning Institutes have application deadlines in August.

Around the District

District Governor Brandon and about 70 of his closest Lion Friends at the Lions on the Lake District 12-N Organizing Meeting.



DG Club visits are very cool! Brandon has been to see Knoxville East, Fountain City, Hamblen County, Newport and Tellico Village this month.



District Governor Brandon presented his father, Lion Tony Johnson, with DG Brandon's first personal District Governor Pin.

At the International Convention in Las Vegas last month, DG Brandon was installed as District Governor of Region 12-N for 2018-2019. He took the opportunity to take a picture for us. He cleans up pretty well!



WELCOME 12-N's NEWEST LIONS!

Rachelle Byrd – Elizabethton
Judaun Alison – Johnson City
Patricia Ramsden – Knox County North
Eric Lunsford – White Pine
Casey Ford – West Knox
Karen West – West Knox
Chis Hall – West Knox
Brian Hood – West Knox

District 12-N Convention Confirmed Speaker

Guðrún Yngvadóttir
INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

March 8-10, 2019 in Gatlinburg, Tennessee



**Our new International President
Guðrún Yngvadóttir will be our
District 12-N Convention Guest
Speaker this year!**



**DISTRICT 12-N CABINET MEETING/
FALL FORUM**

Saturday , October 6, 2018
10:00 AM – 4:00 PM
(gathering at 9:30 AM)



Walters State Community college
500 S Davy Crockett Parkway
Morristown, TN 37813

Pre-Registration Deadline – September 15, 2018

NAME 1 _____
Check one ☐ Lion ☐ Leo ☐ Guest

NAME 2 _____
Check one ☐ Lion ☐ Leo ☐ Guest

Club (Name 1) _____ Club (Name 2) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone _____ email _____

Registration Fee (includes lunch and hand-out materials): \$20

District 12N Cabinet Meeting – 10:00 AM – Noon

Noon – Lunch w/Motivational Speaker

Seminar Titles (may change): 9 Seminars in PM following Cabinet Meeting and Lunch

Awards and Recognition
Club Officer Responsibilities Overview/Zone Meetings
District Charities – Who are they?
Fundraising/Service Project Ideas
Membership Recruitment
Membership Retention
MyLCI Reporting
Public Relations
Social Media – Facebook, Twitter, etc.

Mail registration form and check payable to:

LIONS DISTRICT 12-N
Attn: Chuck Bailey
709 Shannondale Way
Maryville, TN 37803

Happy High School Reunion?



Help the Harriman Lions Club celebrate Roane County with *the reunion to end all reunions!*

Join us as we celebrate high school - -- murder mystery style.

Enjoy food, friends, and murder at
the American Legion Hall, 624 Morgan Street,
in historic downtown Harriman.

Show Date:

Saturday, August 25, 2018

7:00pm

Tickets: \$40.00 per person

Ticket includes: full dinner buffet, dessert bar, adult beverages,
live interactive murder mystery, and more...!

Tickets are available at the Roane Alliance office, N. Kentucky St., Kingston or visit Harriman Lions Club fb page for more info. (*Event proceeds benefit Harriman Lions Club's community projects)



EYEGLOSS RECYCLING (Day with the Lions)

October 20, 2018

Please join us at the Eyeglass Recycling Center in Roanoke, VA for a "Day with the Lions" where we enjoy good Lions fellowship sorting, cleaning, measuring, packaging and boxing glasses to be distributed to various missions around the world. For further information contact Harry Ennis at hrennis@chartertn.net or at 423-239-7681.

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