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## **CAROL CALLING**

### **Roar Lions,**

We have come to the end of another year. We, as Lions, are halfway through our year. Every year we grow smaller. How long before we are unable to be of service to our communities? I received this from PDG Ed Lantz as part of his membership report and I thought it might encourage each of us to go the extra degree to make our clubs, district and state better. I hope it does.

This is a great book, 212 The Extra Degree by Sam Parker. At 211 Degrees water is hot. At 212 degrees, it boils. And with boiling water, comes steam. And Steam can power a locomotive.

Seemingly small things can make tremendous differences.

Just a small change in the way we act or react with our fellow Lions could make a big difference.

Just a small change in the way we approach friends and family members about being a Lion could make a big difference in our clubs.

Just a small increase in commitment could make a big difference in your club.

The average margin of victory for the last 25 years in all major Golf Tournaments was less than 3 strokes--Less than one stroke per day.

The average margin for victory for the past ten years in the Daytona 500 and Indy 500 has been 1.54 seconds. The prize money for second place was less than half the winners.

To get what we've never had, we must do what we've never done.

Success in anything has one fundamental aspect - effort. To achieve exponential results requires additional effort.

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## **We Mourn**

At this time of year many of us pause and reflect on those who have gone before us, and this year is especially difficult because this month we have lost four Lions who are our friends and neighbors and have made such a difference with their service. Their obituaries follow in the newsletter. Please keep them in your prayers.

# CAROL CALLING (continued)

We need to offer **212-DEGREE SERVICE** to our club and community

We need to have **212-DEGREE ATTITUDE**

We need to offer **212-DEGREE LEADERSHIP**

We need to offer **212-DEGREE KINDNESS**

We need to have **212-DEGREE COMMITMENT**

We need to have **212-DEGREE BELIEF IN OURSELVES**

We need to have **212-DEGREE FOCUS**

We need to have **212-DEGREE PERSEVERANCE**

We need to take **212-DEGREE ACTIONS**

We need to have **212-DEGREE REFLECTIONS**

“It is one of the most beautiful compensations in life...we can never help another without helping ourselves.” Ralph Waldo Emerson

Belief fuels enthusiasm, and enthusiasm explodes into passion. It fires our souls and lifts our spirits.

“Whether you think you can or think you can't...you're right.” Henry Ford

And then some...These 3 words are the secret to success. The spirit of service is summed up in these 3 words... **AND THEN SOME**

It's time to turn up the heat in Lions. We can grow. We must grow to provide the increased service our communities need.

Beginning membership (07-01-19) 1000

Added members 40

Dropped members 55

Deceased members 9

Current membership (12-31-19) 977

Loss 23

We wish each of you a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

**Carol McDonald**

**District Governor**

**cdm021948@gmail.com**

**423-907-2430**

What do you think? Are you satisfied with our membership results for the first 6 months? Are you satisfied with the service you are providing your community? Are you satisfied with the camaraderie in your club? Is it possible that things could be improved?



# MEMO FROM MILLIE

## International Convention 2020

Dear District 12N Lions,

I hope every one has had a Good Holiday Season! As we start a new calendar year 2020, I personally will be spending the first six months preparing for the New Lions year which officially starts July 1, 2020. In the past eighteen months, I've had the opportunity to visit many Clubs and had the pleasure of getting to know many of the Lions in District 12N. I truly want to visit the remaining Clubs and need your help to reach my goal.



I also am actively looking for Lions to serve on the 2020-2021 Cabinet in District 12N. If you have a desire to serve as a Committee Chair or Zone Chair, please contact me. I have spoken to a number of people, but due to the fact that I am relatively new to Tennessee, I am sure there are Lions in the District that I have not yet met. Perhaps, you aren't sure you are ready to step up to a higher level which is why I am planning on having not only Committee Chairs, but Co-Chairs as well. I am a huge proponent of job sharing and believe that by sharing the duties we all and the people "We Serve" gain. We are all volunteers and give of our time and talents when we can. My hope is that in doing this, more people will be willing to help District 12N become stronger. Many years ago, I took an eight-hour job I wasn't sure that I would like thinking I would just try it. If I didn't like the job, I could simply quit and stay in my regular position. I found that I loved the job and stayed in it until I retired and moved. So, all I am asking is for people to think about trying something new. Who knows, you like me may find something you can grow with.

My home phone is (860) 326-0676 and my cell is (860) 912-4171. My email is [gebgem@snet.net](mailto:gebgem@snet.net). If I don't catch you, I will leave a message and I hope to hear back from you so that we can arrange for a visit or a position on the District 12N Cabinet.

Sincerely,

***Millie Burke, 1st VDG District 12N***



# PAULETTE'S POST



The Lions Motto “We Serve” is our way of giving thanks to our communities through service. We often reflect on what we are thankful for such as family and friends, food and shelter, health, financial and personal accomplishments, military victories, the end of a drought or rainy season and sometimes life in general. Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life and turns what we have into being enough. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, or a stranger into a friend. We should not only be thankful for what we have but give of ourselves to those who do not have. We should always make a habit to serve others without the expectation of receiving anything in return.

PDG Chuck and I had the privilege of going to the Tennessee Armory to help with the Empty Pantry Fund during their food packing night. It was crazy wild but also a wonderful experience to see all of the volunteers working together to serve the less fortunate in our community. That evening 1400 large potato sacks were packed with each bag providing enough food to feed a family for a week. I was particularly touched by the families working together and teaching their children the importance of helping others less fortunate. I talked to several of them that said they do it together as a family every year. It truly touched my heart and, other than the religious importance of Christmas, I believe giving and serving others is the gift I most appreciate during this season.

Happy New Year to you and your families.

*Paulette Bailey, 2ndVDG*

## Dates to Remember

January 17-19, 2020 -Tennessee Lions Learning Retreat, Manchester, TN

February 1, 2020 - Knox-Vol Lions Club Charter Night, Bridgewater Place, Knoxville, TN

February 21-22, 2020 - District 12-N Convention, Best Western Plus, Morristown, TN

February 22, 2020 - East Tennessee Lions Eye Bank Annual Meeting, Best Western Plus, Morristown, TN

March 19-22, 2020 - TLLI – Tennessee Lions Learning Institute, Dubose Conference Center, Monteagle, TN

May 1-2, 2020 - State Convention and District Cabinet Meeting, Riverview Inn, Clarksville, TN

June 20, 2020 - A Day With the Lions and District 12-N Reverse Raffle, Fountain City Lions Club, Knoxville, TN

# 2020 District 12N Convention

## Elections

The Nominations Committee chair, PDG Diane Wilkerson, announces that she has received information from candidates endorsed by their club and meeting all of the qualifications for the office they are seeking. The Nominations Committee hereby places 1st VDG Millie Burke into nomination for the position of District Governor, 2nd VDG Paulette Bailey into nomination for the position of 1st Vice District Governor and Lion Mike Walker into nomination for the position of 2nd Vice District Governor. All candidates have decided to forego nomination and seconding speeches.

Since no bylaws amendments have been proposed, at registration each certified delegate will be given a paper ballot on which to cast their vote for each of the three Certified Officer Candidates. After completing the ballot, delegates will deposit their ballot into the sealed designated container for processing by the election committee.

## Delegates and Alternates to 2020 District 12N Convention

Clubs are reminded to notify PDG Diane Wilkerson of their members selected as delegates and alternates to the District 12N Convention by February 1, 2020. Certified delegates and alternates will receive their credentials and ballots at the convention. Email her at [lucydw59@gmail.com](mailto:lucydw59@gmail.com) or contact her at (865) 640-1053 if you have any questions.

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**YOU ARE INVITED!**

## KNOX-VOL LIONS CLUB CHARTER NIGHT

District 12N's newest Lions Club has finalized plans for their charter night. The Knox-Vol Lions Club, based on the UT Knoxville campus, will host its charter night on Saturday, February 1, 2020. The venue is Bridgewater Place, 205 Bridgewater Road, Knoxville, TN. The menu features a full pasta bar with salad and drinks.

The tickets will be \$40.00. Knox-Vol Lions Student Members will be charged \$25.00. This is an important fund raiser to help this club get started, and clubs are encouraged to make donations to help get it established.

The members will be formally inducted in the Lions and their charter will be presented.

Send reservations to Club President Megan Patterson at 3918 Cherokee Woods Way, Apt 201, Knoxville, TN 37920. For more information you can email her at [mpatte43@vols.utk.edu](mailto:mpatte43@vols.utk.edu).

# LIONS IN ACTION

## MAKING A DIFFERENCE

On December 17, 2019 Smoky Mountain Lions Charities Mobile Vision Lab with members from Knoxville East Lions Club, West Knox Lions Club and Dr. Jeffery Silbernagel, OD, met at Sarah Moore Greene Magnet Academy to provide eye examinations and fit for glasses, if needed, for fourteen of the students that had not passed the vision screening test performed by the Knoxville East Lions Club on November 11. Eleven of the fourteen students will receive eyeglasses provided by the Essilor Vision Foundation via the Smoky Mountain Lions Charities Mobile Vision Lab.



Left to right PDG Jim Mcfarland, Dr. Jeffery Silbernagel, Angela Patrick, Leonia Johnson, Mary Wells (standing behind James Hudson), James Hudson, Derek Tate, Sharon Harrell, Myra Richardson, and Linda Stacy.





# District 12N Charities Board of Directors Openings

Each Year four of the Charities Board of Directors' 3-year terms expire. The nominating committee is seeking candidates to replace those members leaving the board. If you would like to serve on the Charities Board of Directors please submit your interest to Chair of the Nominating Committee, PDG J. W. (Jim) McFarland, either by phone 865-556-9091 or email [tnlionjim@gmail.com](mailto:tnlionjim@gmail.com). Candidates for the Charities Board of Directors will have their names placed in nomination at the District 12N Convention, Best Western Plus Morristown Conference Center on February 21-22, 2020 for election to fill four positions. Deadline for submission is Feb. 1, 2020.



## 1st IVP Haynes Townsend

Haynes Henton Townsend, 64, of Dalton went home to be with his Lord and Savior on Tuesday, December 17, 2019.

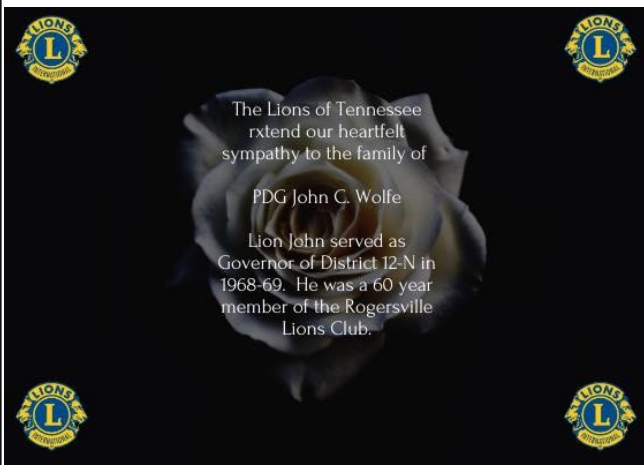
He was the son of the late Clifford and Evelyn Townsend and was also preceded in death by his uncle, Emmett Henton.

Haynes had a servant heart and a love for community. He started working at Fraker Hardware at age 15 and later served as Chief Magistrate Judge for Whitfield County for 22 years. He was the current First Vice President of Lions Club International and was to be named president at the international convention in

June. He was an outstanding friend, loved photography and loved his family deeply. He loved to read and had an incredible sense of knowledge. Haynes believed kindness matters and was an example of how kindness can change the world.

He is survived by his loving wife of 40 years, Donna Lord Townsend; daughter and her fiancé, Morgan Townsend and Travis Vitali; daughter and son-in-law, Madison and Kenneth Rutledge, Jr.; mother-in-law and father-in-law, Henry and Becky Lord; aunt, Geneva "Nene" Henton; cousins, Brian and Teresa Henton and Debra and Chuck Harris.

The family requests that memorials be made to the Lions Club International Foundation, 300 W. 22nd Street, Oak Brook, IL 60523.



## John Charles Wolfe

February 14, 1931 - December 17, 2019

John Charles Wolfe, age 88, of Rogersville, passed away on Tuesday, December 17, 2019, at his home. He was a son of the late Dana and Nannie Lou Maddox Wolfe. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Ruth Rader Wolfe; sister, Marie Newberry; and brothers, Roy Wolfe and Dana Wolfe, Jr.

Mr. Wolfe was a member of Caney Creek Baptist Church and owner of Big John's Restaurant. He held several offices in the Lion's Club, past president and coach of the Rogersville Little League, and enjoyed cooking, reading cookbooks, and watching college sports, especially the Lady Vols. He proudly served his country in the U.S. Navy, where he was a cook. Survivors include his loving children, John Charles Smith and wife Janice, John Wolf, Jr. and wife Pam, Linda Simas and husband Mike, Robert Wolfe and wife Phyllis, Lisa Hensley and husband Bobby, Ronnie Lawson and wife Glenda, and Donnie Lawson; 12 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren; 2 great great-grandchildren; and a sister, Lois Carpenter. \

Memorial contributions may be sent to the Lion's Club. Online condolences may be sent at [www.christiansells.com](http://www.christiansells.com).

Lion John was a 59 year Lion and a member of the Rogersville Lions Club.



## Benjamin "Benny" Easterday

Knoxville - Benjamin Howard "Benny" Easterday Jr., age 77, of Knoxville passed away Sunday evening, December 15, 2019.

Benny was a veteran of the U S Army and a resident of Fountain City. He was a member of the Fountain City Lions Club.

He is preceded in death by his mother, Mary Alice Hall Easterday. Benny is survived by his sons, Jeremy Easterday of Knoxville, Jeffrey (Nicole) Easterday of Chattanooga; grandchildren, Courtney, Connor and Trevor Easterday,

Sophie and Anabelle Easterday; sisters, Virginia (Thomas) Smith and Brenda Smith; half brother Ronnie (Glenda) Easterday; several nieces and nephews and many beloved friends.

Lion Benny was an 13 year Lion and a member of the Fountain City Lions Club.





## Lon Fugate

Maryville - Lon Henly Fugate, 87, died peacefully at home, Thursday, December 19, 2019. Born December 20, 1931, in Claiborne County, his family moved to Blount County in 1937. A graduate of Friendsville High School, he began work at the Aluminum Company of America (ALCOA) before enlisting in the U.S. Navy as machinist's mate first class during the Korean War from 1952 to 1956. After his honorable discharge, Lon returned to ALCOA, retiring as a metallurgical technician in 1992 with 38 years of service. He farmed part time and assisted his siblings with their farms. In 1966, he married Marjorie (Marge) McClellan Prather, and together they raised a daughter and three sons.

In retirement, Lon was a carrier for The Daily Times, where neighborhood families invited him for coffee and conversation. Lon enjoyed traveling with Marge to historic sights and abroad. A member of Blount County Young Farmers and Homemakers (YFH), he served as a state president of YFH and received the Order of the Golden Rule Award. Lon was a member of the George Washington Lodge, ALCOA 25 Year Club, Blount County Democrats, Spares and Pairs Class at Fairview United Methodist Church, East Tennessee Historical Society, and Maryville Lions Club. An articulate conversationalist, Lon loved telling stories and sharing his depth of knowledge of the historic events and families that settled this area of East Tennessee. He always shared a firm handshake and bright smile with everyone he met.

He was preceded in death by his parents Elisha Franklin Fugate and Jennie Edds Fugate; siblings Earl Fugate, Don Fugate, Wilma Akers, Mary Alice McCall, and Betty Ann Taylor; and son David Prather.

He is survived by his wife Marjorie McClellan Prather; children Steven Prather, Jennifer (A.J.) Ottinger, Clinton (Amy) Fugate; grandchildren Sarah Ottinger, Rachel Ottinger, and Henly Fugate; sister, Jimmie Louise Mize; brothers and sisters-in-law Bob and June Fugate, Gerald and Mary Hazel Fugate, Mike and Sheila Fugate; and many nieces and nephews.

The family sincerely thanks the University Palliative Care team of UT Medical Center and caregivers Linda, Debbie, Ramona, Karen, and Cassie for their love and care of Lon.

Memorials may be made to the Maryville Lions Club, Attn: Secretary, 1117 Mercer Dr., Maryville, TN, 37801.

Lion Lon was a 27 year Lion and a member of the Maryville Lions Club.

# 2020 LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Attached on the following pages are registration forms for two great Learning Opportunities coming up in early 2020:

**The LLR (Lions Learning Retreat) is January 17-19, 2020** at the Coffee County Convention Center in Manchester, TN. This is a great opportunity to share in fellowship and learning with Lions from across the state. It's a weekend of seminars, motivational speakers, good food and fun events such as the Friday evening newcomers "getting to know you" and the Saturday night live auction of all the beautiful baskets that people bring – Don't forget yours!

**The TLLI (TN Lions Learning Institute is March 26-29, 2020** at the DuBose Conference Center in Monteagle, TN. This is a great opportunity to learn more about the Lions organization and your place in it as a Lion. Again, this is an opportunity to share in fellowship and learning with Lions from across the state. All Lions are welcome but this weekend is geared more towards those individuals who have been Lions for less than 5 years. Classes being offered are Lions Fundamentals, Diversity, and Working in Teams to mention a few. The classes are very interactive and we learn off each other as well as garnering some good information from the faculty. The faculty for this Institute are from out of state.

District 12N is offering Scholarships for these institutes as follows:

**LLR – First Timer Scholarship –** The registrant pays up front and is reimbursed registration fees only, if they show up

**TLLI –**The 12N District Governor Team has agreed that the first 10 registrants who complete the Institute will be reimbursed 50% of the Institute cost. Paulette Bailey, District 12N Global Leadership Coordinator, will request the District Treasurer, Chuck Bailey, to send out the reimbursements once the Institute has been completed.

I hope you will plan on attending one or both of these Institutes.

*Paulette Bailey, District 12N GLT Coordinator*

BE A PART OF THE BIGGEST SERVICE COMMUNITY- JOIN **LIONS CLUB**





## 2020 Tennessee Lions Learning Institute (2020 TLLI)



**Thurs. evening - Sun noon, March 19-22, 2020**

**A 3-day institute designed for Tennessee Lions with less than 5 years as members  
in Lions Clubs International**



**635 College St. Monteagle, TN 37356  
(I-24 midway between Chattanooga and Manchester)**

**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:** 2020 TLLI is subsidized by a grant from LCI and your Multidistrict 12N 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 \$160.00 (double occupancy), for 3 nights lodging, Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner on Friday and Saturday and Breakfast on Sunday. (If you desire to be a student but find the cost to be beyond your means, contact your zone chair, scholarships may be available to you.)

### **SCHEDULE:**

**Thurs, March 19**

**3 – 6:00 PM** Check-in, room assignments, receive schedules and materials, meet the faculty

**6 – 8:00 PM** Dinner on your own

**8:00 PM** Opening Session

**Fri, March 20**

**7:30 AM** Breakfast

**8:30 AM** Morning Sessions

**Noon** Lunch

**1:00 PM** Afternoon Sessions

**6:00 PM** Dinner

**7:00 PM** Group Activity (TBA)

**Sat, March 21**

**7:30 AM** Breakfast

**8:30 AM** Morning Sessions

**Noon** Lunch

**1:00 PM** Afternoon Sessions

**6:00 PM** Dinner

**7:00 PM** Homework assignment

**Sun, March 22**

**7:30 AM** Breakfast

**8:30 AM** Morning Session

**10:30 AM** Closing Session

**Noon** Completion of TLLI





## 2020 TLLI Enrollment Registration



Mail this Registration form along with a check of \$160.00 per registrant made payable to: 2020 TLLI and mail to:

Lions District 12N Charities, Inc.  
c/o C. A. Bailey  
709 Shannondale Way  
Maryville, TN 37803

For more info or questions call  
Chuck Bailey at 423.371.9737

### 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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Dietary Restrictions? _____			
Mobility Issues? _____			
Roommate Preference? _____			

### 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? _____			
Mobility Issues? _____			



Rooms are on hold at the adjoining Holiday Inn Express, 111 Hospitality Blvd, Manchester Tennessee 37355 until December 20, 2019. Rates are \$104.00 per night standard (not including taxes) based upon one or two people per room. Room reservation can be made at: 1-931-728-9383 Ask for the Lions' rate.

**LIONS Learning Retreat**  
January 17-19, 2020  
**Manchester-Coffee County Conference Center, Manchester, TN**  
*We Serve through  
Diversity*

***Other hotels in the area:***

Sleep Inn & Suites	84 Relco Drive	931-954-0580
Comfort Suites	152 Hospitality Blvd.	931-728-1301
Microtel Inn & Suites	201 Expressway Drive	931-723-7001
Red Roof Inn	126 Expressway Drive	931-728-7551
Ambassador Inn	925 Interstate Drive	931-728-2200
Best Value Inn	95 Expressway Drive	931-728-5177
Budget Inn Motel	2029 Hillsboro Blvd	931-728-3118
Hampton Inn	33 Paradise Street	931-728-3300
Motel 6	2430 Hillsboro Blvd	931-728-5257

**Seminars & Speakers**

**Keynote Speakers will be PID Bruce Beck and PID Jerome Thompson**

**A sampling of the seminars planned- Service including: Childhood Cancer, Diabetes, Environment, Hunger, Vision, Strengthen Membership through Diversity, Grants, Leadership, MY Lion, Certification for Kid Sight (self training module), GAT at the Club Level, Marketing and Communication, New Member Orientation, Secretary Training, Treasure Training, President Training and more**

**Annual Basket Contest**

We asked each club to bring a gift basket that represents the club, their community, or IP Jung-Yul Choi –“We Serve Through Diversity” international theme. Suggested price of the basket: \$25-\$50. The baskets will be auctioned off on Saturday night with all proceeds going to offset the cost of the LLR.

**Lions Pride Choir**

**Enjoy singing? Join the Lions Pride Choir. Practice Friday evening and perform Saturday evening and Sunday morning.**

**First Timers Event**

**First time to Retreat? You can look forward to a special seminar. Friday evening at 6:00 pm.**

**Many Lions Districts in Tennessee run promotional rates and arrangements to come to the Tennessee Lions Learning Retreat. Check with your District LLR Chair or District Governor for more information about how your District supports members.**



# LIONS DISTRICT 12-N CONVENTION

12-N EAST TENNESSEE LIONS EYE BANK ANNUAL MEETING

12-N CHARITIES ANNUAL MEETING

February 21-22, 2020

Best Western Plus Morristown Conference Center Hotel

130 Cracker Road Morristown, TN 37813

Phone (423) 587-2400

Keynote Speaker: Saturday Lunch PID Gwen A. White Columbia, NC

Saturday Dinner Lion Diane Corlew

Registration Deadline For Rooms & Meals —Feb. 1, 2020

Call Best Western Plus Morristown Conference Center Hotel directly for room reservations.

Ask for the Lion rate \$102.69 which includes taxes and Breakfast.

NAME 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Circle one--- Lion    Leo    Guest  
NAME 2 \_\_\_\_\_ Circle one--- Lion    Leo    Guest  
Club (Name 1) \_\_\_\_\_ Club (Name 2) \_\_\_\_\_  
Address(Name 1) \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone (best number to reach you (Name 1) \_\_\_\_\_  
Email (Name 1) \_\_\_\_\_

<u>Registration Fee</u>	\$20.00 each	X _____	= \$ _____
<u>Friday Heavy Hors d'oeuvres</u>	\$15.00	X _____	= \$ _____
<u>Saturday Lunch</u>	\$17.00	X _____	= \$ _____

Lunch Choice **please circle** Ham & Swiss Hoagie or Turkey & Cheese Hoagie

We NEED TO KNOW IF YOU ARE ATTENDING The SATURDAY DINNER

Saturday Dinner Plated **Compliments of East TN Lions Eye Bank for Lions** X \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 0 \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Dinner Plated for Guests \$30.00 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Dinner Choice **please circle**: Roast Beef or Chicken Breast and Rice **TOTAL** = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Special Dietary Need (be Specific) \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail registration form by February 1, 2020 and check payable to LIONS DISTRICT 12-N**

VDG Millie Burke, Registration Chair  
7319 White Wing Road  
Lenoir City, TN 37771-7420

8/22/19



**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/>***



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).



For more information about employment opportunities, please contact

Bill Martin at 423-586-3922 ext 112, or by email at: [Bill.Martin@volblind.org](mailto:Bill.Martin@volblind.org).

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<http://tnlions.org/>

District 12-N Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/Lions12N/>

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Mike Walker, Editor and Publisher



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with Pride to show we  
are a member of Lions**



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world's largest service club organization**