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District 12-N Dates to Remember 2019

Zone Chair Training
June 22, 2019
10:00 AM - Noon
LVBI Board Room

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

District Organizational
Meeting
Saturday, July 20, 2019
9:00 AM - Noon
LVBI

Officer Training Make-Up
Session
July 20, 2019
Noon-1:30 PM
LVBI

USA/Canada Lions
Leadership Forum
September 19-21, 2019
Spokane, WA

District 12N Fall Forum
October 19, 2019
Walters State
Community College



DG Brandon's Share

Lions,

Writing this message is so surreal to me. It's hard to believe that, after a year of serving as your District Governor, that this will be my last message to you all in this office. This year has been more rewarding than I could have ever imagined. Every single goal that we set at the beginning of the year has been accomplished, and I would like to highlight a few:

- 1) Leading the State of Tennessee in growth - we are currently at a +30 new members for the year!
- 2) Being a national leader in donations to our Foundation, raising over \$50,000 and having a Model Club.
- 3) Chartering a new Lions Club AND a new Leo Club in our District.
- 4) The largest District Convention in over a decade, with well over 200 people in attendance from more than 15 states.

With all of these accomplishments, though, I would have never dreamed that my year would end helping my own community recover from a natural disaster. A week ago, my hometown of LaFollette was hit with devastating floods. Lions were some of the first people helping to open up emergency shelters, and the District Emergency Fund was directed to help the area. Because of Lions Clubs work, we were able to make sure that 15 people had a place to sleep in a new transitional house after they lost everything in the floods.

This year has been rewarding in nearly every way imaginable. I want to thank each and every one of you for giving me this opportunity to serve. These years of training have made me a better Lion, friend, and leader. This has been the greatest honor of my life, and something I will forever treasure.

Your friend,
-Brandon

CAROL CALLING

ROAR Lions,

WOW! I know time passes quickly as we age but I can't believe the speed with which the past two years have passed. The International Convention is almost here, after which I will serve you as your District Governor.



There's so much to be done. Our Organizational meeting needs to be planned. It will be July 20th at LVBI, 9- to noon. For any new officers, or officers that just want to keep up with what has changed, there will be an opportunity to catch the last officers training. Or just sit in on a class you are curious about. For those who are staying we will serve pizza and soda for \$5.00.

Our District Convention needs to be planned. It will be February 21-22, 2020. (LOCATION AND DATE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. Because of the many difficulties, room wise, we are scouting out a new location, so the date might need to change to a time in March. The new information should be available at the Organizational Meeting.) I'd like it to be unique, interesting and informative.

PDG's (that's Past District Governors) When I was elected 2nd VDG I told you I would be calling on you for help. You are a storehouse of information and encouragement. You have been where I am going, survived, and now it's time to share your knowledge. 15t question (look for more in the future), What would you like to see at the 2020 District Convention? (Reply to: Carol McDonald, cdm02@juno.com or text/call 423-907-2430) By the way, if your not a PDG my ears are still interested in your answers to that question.

On a side note: I had the honor and privilege of installing new officers for the Sevier County Lions and the Knoxville Tri-County Lions. It's interesting how different we are as Lions. One club met on the Patio of a very nice restaurant and the other at the Smokies baseball game. Just goes to show, we can do the same things in our own special way. Let's embrace our differences this next year!

Open the windows and doors and let the state hear us roar!

Carol McDonald, DGE District 12N

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

MEMO FROM MILLIE

Dear District 12-N Lions,

I'd like to Thank everyone for making my year as 2nd Vice District Governor a Pleasure for me. I was able to visit about half of the clubs and was made to feel perfectly at home and part of the Lion family in all cases. I was honored to have been asked to induct new members and officers. It is my goal to visit the remaining clubs in the District during the coming year.



Being new to the District, I had a lot to learn about White Cane and the District 12N projects. I was able to visit the Tennessee School for the Blind and Lions Volunteer Industries as well as learn about the other projects. I plan to visit the Tennessee School for the Deaf and the Tennessee Lions Eye Bank this coming year.

I encourage Clubs to make visits as well. If a visit is not possible, please ask for people to come to your club to talk about these projects. I also want to Thank all of you for your help with the Reverse Raffle. Because of everyone's hard work on this it proves to be very successful this year. Since the funds are still coming in, I don't have a final amount at this time. I will share that information in the July issue.

I am looking forward to serving as Vice District Governor and my goal for this coming year is to visit the rest of the Clubs. I also welcome ideas as to Service Projects and fundraising efforts that are working along with any new ideas you may have to share. Please continue to send your information about Club activities to News and Views so others in the District can know what is going on. 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 Great State of Tennessee. Thanks so Much for your Service!

Millie Burke, 1st VDGE District 12-N

PAULETTE'S POST

2nd VDGE Paulette Bailey shared some fun/silly photos from the Maryville Lions Club Year-End Picnic of some of the thank you gifts she presented to the outgoing Officers. It's important for people to see Lions can/do have FUN too!



Tail Twister Reese Willis and Treasurer Karen Fontaine looking pretty spiffy.



Secretary PDG Chuck Bailey is either receiving the Club Life Saver Award or being arrested?



Lions Ron Hultgren, J V Britton, and Tom Miller, the Maryville Lions Vision Team, model the latest in fashionable eyewear.

Paulette Bailey

2nd VDGE District 12N

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OFFICER TRAINING (MAKE-UP)

Saturday, July 20, 2019

LVBI (Lions Volunteer Blind Industries)

**Following the District 12N
Organizational Meeting**

Fellow Lions – There will be make-up Officer Training sessions for Presidents, Secretaries, and Treasurers on Saturday, July 20th following DG Carol McDonald's District 12N Organizational Meeting. We will offer a light lunch for those staying for training and begin the 1-hour training after. We may also offer some MyLion training if there is a need. Please contact Paulette Bailey at ladipee@gmail.com or (423) 371-9738 if you have any questions.

USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum

September 19-21, 2019

Spokane, WA



It is NOT too late to register!

The mission of the USA/Canada Leadership Form is to develop, motivate and educate attendees, provide an open exchange of ideas, and support programs and goals of Lions Clubs International. You will have the opportunity to attend educational seminars, hear motivational speakers and most of all get to know your fellow lions through fellowship and sharing of ideas.

Visit lionsforum.org and the Forum's Facebook page for complete details and registration form.



DISTRICT 12N FALL FORUM
Saturday, October 19, 2019

Walters State Community College
500 So Davy Crockett Pkwy
Morristown, TN 37813

SAVE THE DATE! New Learning Opportunities being offered for all you NEW and SEASONED Lions! Below is a short survey to show you some of the possible seminar topics as well as to ASK you WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO HEAR ABOUT?

Club Officer Responsibilities Overview
Fund Raising/Service Projects
Lions Orientation

Membership Recruiting/Retention
MyLion
Social Media -Facebook, PR, etc.

Your Suggestions: _____

Please contact Paulette Bailey at [ladipee@gmail](mailto:ladipee@gmail.com) with your comments/response ASAP! Watch out for further details and registration form in the future.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – CLUBS IN ACTION

LIONS SPONSOR JULY 4TH EVENT IN NORRIS

The Norris Lions Club will sponsor an event called “Norris Day” on July 4th starting at about 8:30 and continuing through fireworks after dark.

The day includes activities for children, booths to visit around the Commons, and a barbecue dinner prepared by Lions.

Everyone is invited to come to this annual event which has been held for more that fifty years. More details are available on the Norris Lions website, www.norrislions.com, and on Facebook.

Lion Paul Waldroop

PDG Neal Vaughan has reported the sad news that Clinton Lions Club member Lion Paul Waldroop passed away early on June 14, 2019.

His obituary and funeral arrangements can be viewed at:

www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/knoxville-tn/paul-waldroop-8743749

CAMPBELL COUNTY LIONS STEP UP IN TIME OF NEED

LaFollette, TN was hit with devastating floods this month. The Campbell County Lions immediately took action, helping to open up emergency shelters. The District Emergency Fund provided funds to help 15 people to have a place to essential items to fill emergency needs after they lost everything in the floods. Pictures below show Campbell County Lions shopping for those in need.





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.



For more information about employment opportunities, please contact

Bill Martin at 423-586-3922 ext 112, or by email at: Bill.Martin@volblind.org.

Contact Us

District 12-N Web Page
<http://tnlions.org/>

District 12-N Facebook Page
<https://www.facebook.com/Lions12N/>

News & Views Appreciates Submissions of Announcements and Articles of Interest to Your Fellow District 12-N Lions. Please send event announcements at least 6 weeks in advance to be sure that they get in before your event. Send other articles by the 20th of each month. Send them to:

Mike Walker, Editor and Publisher



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



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and 1.4+ million members make us the
world's largest service club organization**