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CAROL CALLING

Roar Lions.

Finally, the District convention is finished, for this year. Believe it or not planning for it took months and consumed all my time and energy for two months. I was so nervous. I didn't expect that. When I sing, I'm generally not nervous, but then, I'm a singer not a speaker. I want to thank you all for coming and not making me feel bad about all the changes, and especially the forgotten spots.



I hope you had a good time. If you came Friday night, then I know you did. Aaron T & Music on the Go were amazing. I haven't done the Limbo or the Twist since I was a teenager.



ID BJ Blankenship and his wife PDG Carolyn were wonderful speakers but I think the part I liked the best was when ID BJ sat down and talked with us about some of the things LCI is thinking about for the future. There will be an increase in membership dues coming and a program to help us revitalize our Clubs and our District. I'm looking forward to

seeing our Clubs grow stronger.

Lion Dianne Corlew told us about some of her experiences while traveling with her husband,

International President Bob Corlew, along with some great pictures. They had so many chances to share in "Kindness Matters". Small deeds make big differences.



The theme "Kindness Matters" will continue at least through

2020-21. It's something we can all embrace. I wonder how many of our clubs have Lions that have left our clubs because of discord within our clubs. It's so easy to let our respect for our fellow Lions lapse when we're discussing something we're passionate about. What's more important, our passion or the service our club is going to be doing. Our service is how we show our kindness to our community, how we change lives for the better. We need all our Lions to do that. What a better subject for February.

Kindness Matters!

Roar Lions. Roar with all your heart!

Carol McDonald, District Governor



MEMO FROM MILLIE

International Convention 2020

Dear District 12N Lions,

The 2020 Lions International Convention will be held June 26-30, 2020 in Singapore. Singapore, officially the Republic of Singapore, is an island city-state in Southeast Asia. It lies one degree north of the equator, at the southern tip of the Malay Peninsula. Below is a picture of The Lion City, Singapore featuring the Merlion statue. The Convention will be right in town, so you will be able to sightsee as



well as experience all that will be offered on the agenda. If you have ever wanted to visit Asia, this would be your opportunity to do so and experience a Lions International Convention as well!

Future Lions Clubs International Conventions dates are below.

2021 in Montreal, Canada

2022 in New Delhi, India

2023 in Boston, Mass.

2024 in Melbourne, Australia

2025 in Mexico City, Mexico

2026 in Atlanta, Georgia

Respectfully Submitted,



Millie Burke, 1st VDG District 12N

Notice of Newsletter Publication Date

The next News and Views issues will be a combined issue for May/June. The deadline for submissions for that issue will be April 20th. In the event that you may need to issue a "blast notice" for a time sensitive event during this period, please contact the editor, 2ndVDGE Mike Walker, at appinscot@outlook.com or at 865-332-6882,

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PAULETTE'S POST



Thank you to the awesome Lions of District 12N for electing me to serve as your First Vice District Governor for the 2020 -2021 Lions' year. I will do my absolute best to work with District Governor Millie and 2nd Vice District Governor Mike to serve the needs and goals of our District.

As you know, our District Membership is down from where we began the year – let's every club try to get a "Plus 1" over the next couple months to end out the year with a positive membership number. We can do this by hosting membership events as some of the clubs are planning or inviting community members to help us with a service project where they can see how the Lions make a difference in their communities and we can have fun doing it!

White Cane Event Reminder – the Day with the Lions event is scheduled for Saturday, June 20, 2020 from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM at the Fountain City Lions Club. In addition to the Reverse Raffle benefiting the White Cane Charities, there will be live entertainment, food vendors, a bake sale, mascots, games and other activities for the whole family. Please encourage your club to participate in some manner – it would really be great if all clubs could do something!

Paulette Bailey, 2ndVDG

MIKE'S MUSINGS

I want to thank the Lions of District 12N for electing me to serve as your Second Vice District Governor next year. I am honored to be elected and already know that incoming District Governor Millie and 1st Vice District Governor Paulette are planning to work hard to serve District 12N clubs, members, and communities. I hope that they have time to teach me, because I am a project in and of myself!

The first order of business for me is training and more training. We have formal training coming up in Nashville for the DG elects, but I think the best training will come from you, the Lions of District 12N. You can count on me to be out there soon with eyes, ears, and heart open to hear what I can do to help you.



See you soon!

LION MIKE, 2ND VDGE, (865)332-6882 or appinscot@outlook.com

DATES TO REMEMBER

April 18, 2020 - Roanoke Eyeglass Recycling Center

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

New Officer Training 2 Dates are scheduled (see article on next page for details):

- May 30, 2020 9:30 AM, Powell Presbyterian Chuch, 3019 Emory Road, Powell,
 TN
- June 6, 2020 9:30 AM, First Baptist Church Sevierville, 317 Parkway, Sevierville, TN

Zone Chair Training (see article on next page for details):

 June 6, 2020 - 1:30 PM, First Baptist Church Sevierville, 317 Parkway, Sevierville, TN

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

June 26-30, 2020 - 2020 Lions International Convention, Singapore

OPPORTUNITY TO HELP EAST TENNESSEE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

Submitted by 1st VDG Millie Burke

One of the best parts of attending any LION Convention is having the opportunity to network with other Lions and hear how they are serving the community. Lion Larry Elder shared what the Tellico Village Lions are doing to help East Tennessee Children's Hospital. Some of the Tellico Village Lions took a tour and during the tour learned that the Hospital was looking for volunteers to help direct people to their employee parking garages prior to University of Tennessee home games. All that is required of the Lions is to be at their designated spot with the sign provided, smile and direct people. All of the organizing is done for you and you get to wear your Lions vest or shirt, so people see the Lions helping. Lion Larry reported that East Tennessee Children's Hospital earns about \$7000.00 from parking fees for each game. What a GREAT, easy and no cost way to help!!! Any interested club or Lion may contact Lions Larry Elder for more information as to how to help with this.

Lelder49@gmail.com (C) 865-441-5037 (H) 865-657-9722



ELECTION OF 2020-2021 CLUB OFFICERS

Club Officers for the new Lions year (2020-2021) are to be elected during the March/April timeframe and 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.

2020-2021 OFFICER/ZONE CHAIR TRAINING

Saturday, May 30th - Powell Presbyterian Church



Saturday, June 6th – First Baptist Church - Sevierville

The 2020-2021 Officer Training sessions for President, Secretary and Treasurer will be held on the above two dates. There will be hand out materials available for Membership Chair and Service Chair but a specific class session is not scheduled at this time.

9:30 AMWelcome - Meet & Greet

10:00 AM Officer Training Sessions

11:15 AM Navigating the LCI Website (see below description)

12:15 PM Light lunch being offered

1:30 PMZone Chair Training – Saturday, June 6th Only

"Navigating the LCI website" – a session on the basics of how to find things through the various resources and search mechanisms available.

Note: All Lions are eligible to attend any of these sessions whether you are an Officer or not – perhaps you're thinking down the line you may be interested or just want to see what it's all about. Come and join us!



WAYS TO HELP THE TORNADO RECOVERY

This past week Districts 12L, 12l, and 12O have all be seriously impacted by a series of tornadoes. Many lives were lost and many more people were injured. Homes, schools, churches, and businesses were lost or damaged. People lost their workplaces and their income. As we always do, the Lions immediately went to work. Volunteers turned out as early as 3:00 AM on the night of the storms. Districts 12L, 12l, and 12O have all requested emergency grants from LCI. So much more will need to be done. So, how can we help here in District 12N?

First of all, please contribute to LCIF! But for immediate needs, I suggest you read an email sent on Wednesday March 4th by DG Lelia Gibson of District 120:

Good evening. Thank you so much for inquiring about how you can help MY community during this difficult time. My heart has been overwhelmed with the outpouring of offers to help. So far, I have told you I just did not know yet what was needed. Today, I met with people at the distribution command center to discuss what was needed. The Lions Clubs of Putnam County will be working jointly together to collect the needed items and distributed them.

Items of most needed right now:

- Plastic totes
- · Flashlights
- · Batteries (all sizes)
- Work gloves

In addition, a website has been setup that is constantly updated to include items needed and not needed. It is: https://www.tntech.edu/volunteer/donate.php

Items can be sent or dropped off at the following:

King Lion Patt Judd Algood Lions Club c/o Judd's Antique Mall 644 W. Main Street Cookeville, TN 38506

OR

King Lion Rachel Moses Cookeville Lions Club 1138 Blaine Avenue Cookeville, TN 38506

In addition, the following Facebook page has been setup to provide updates on our efforts!

https://www.facebook.com/Lions-District-12O-Disaster-Relief-Committee-2020-107963114149915/

Lelia F. Gibson

Governor, District 120 leliafgibson@gmail.com

Your Assistance is Needed

Sevier County Lions Club

is holding a

Vision Clinic on Saturday, May 9, 2020 from 7:30 to 5:00 in Sevierville at 441 Parkway (the old Goodwill Building beside of First Baptist Church)

and we need your help.

We need Vision Professionals, Nurses, EMT's, medical and/or vision students, Interpreters, and all other general volunteers to help us to provide low cost 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.

You can also email us at SevierLions@gmail.com

All volunteers need to confirm with us in advance.

Breakfast, lunch, and snacks provided for volunteers.

This will be a "scheduled appointment" type of clinic (no walk-ins).

Appointments (250 patients) will begin scheduling in

early-mid April of 2020.

We also have limited vendor space available for organizations wishing to offer information to patients.

~~Thank you for your consideration~~

LIONS IN ACTION

WEST KNOX LIONS KIDSIGHT

The West Knox Lions have been involved in children's vision screening for over 20 years. We began with an old Polaroid type instrument and now use the PlusOptix machine which is a less invasive and easier to use instrument. We currently have 12 members in the club who are either involved in KidSight screening or have been active in the program in the past. The longest serving members on our team are Lions Nancy Hall and Jim McFarland. The newest member of our screening team is Lion Carmita Wright.

KidSight is important to our club because we know that early detection of vision problems, and helping make certain a child has good vision, is imperative to making sure they have a chance to succeed when they enter first grade.

Our club's screening goal for this school year is to screen at least 2,500 children in the Knoxville, Knox county area.

Those who have been involved with KidSight screening are shown in this photo. From left to right they are, Lions Mike Walker, Nancy Hall, Ron Riehn, Ron Welch, Laura Horn, Carmita Wright, Shaaron McFarland (seated), Sheila Wittke, Nicholas West, Sue Hilliker, Terry Horn, and Jim McFarland. -Submitted by Lion Ron Welch



LION PEGGY CHANDLER HONORED



It was my pleasure to present to Jefferson County Schools Lion Leo Advisor Peggy Chandler with the Founders Tribute Silver Plaque the second highest award from Leader Dogs for the Blind for the furthering

of their mission and Goals. During the past several years the two Leo Clubs have jointly provided Leader Dog with over \$2000 in collections. Keep up the good work Lion Peggy and to all the Leo's of District 12N



Thank You.

CLINTON LIONS KIDSIGHT

The Clinton Lions Club has been very busy this fall, traveling from Clinton, to Andersonville, to Norris, Heiskell, Oliver Springs, and Rocky Top to perform vision screenings at no cost to schools in order to support the efforts of Anderson County Schools, Clinton City Schools, and the Anderson County Head Start Program in their efforts to ensure the health of our school age children. Additionally, they conducted vision screenings for preschoolers at Second Baptist Church in Clinton.

Because of their efforts as part of the Lions Kidsight USA Screening for Children, a total of 2822 kids were screened by the Clinton Lions this fall, with 287 referred for further testing by their eye care professionals.

Utilizing advanced screening technology (Plusoptix Vision Screener), the Lions were able to screen for some of the most prevalent eye disorders as early as possible. The screening is non-invasive. The child merely looks at the camera and is screened for such conditions as near or far sightedness, muscle imbalance and other eye disorders. Laura Roberts of Clinton City Schools notes the cameras they used were a great time saver. "They were able to screen over five hundred students in three schools in less than three days!"

Educational experts note that the majority of our learning is visual. If a child can't see well, a child can't learn very well. That is why the Clinton Lions Club is working with our school systems and others to ensure that children receive proper eye screenings and follow up care as necessary.

Anna M. Hurt of the Anderson County Schools Office of Coordinated Health noted "In addition, the Lions Club offers financial support to students that cannot afford additional exams or corrective lenses. The Lions club is an invaluable partner for the school district and we truly appreciate their immense support!"

For further information about this or any other activities of the Clinton Lions Club, please contact PDG Mike Vudragovich, mvudragovich@gmail.com

12N WORKDAY AT THE ROANOKE EYEGLASS RECYCLING CENTER

The 12N workday at the Roanoke Eyeglass Recycling Center will be Saturday April 18. For additional information, please contact:

Lion Harry Ennis

12N Eyeglass Recycling Chair

423 292 4161

hrennis@chartertn.net

YOU'RE INVITED! MARK YOUR CALENDAR

MORRISTOWN HAMBLEN LIONS CLUB SPRING CARNIVAL

Week of May 13th, 2020 - Walter State Community College Main Campus in Morristown. For more information contact Lion Gene Honeycutt at (423) 3126972 or email genlin6564@att.net

KNOXVILLE TRI-COUNTY LIONS CLUB PICNIC AND BALLGAME TENNESSEE SMOKIES GAME OUTING

The Knoxville Tri-County Lions Club will hold its annual picnic and ballgame outing at the Tennessee Smokies Stadium in Kodak on June 8, 2020, and invites all Lions and friends to join us. The \$30 cost includes the picnic and ballgame. Included in the buffet are mouth-watering dishes such as smoked pork barbeque, smoked barbeque chicken, baked beans, coleslaw, spinach artichoke dip with tortilla chips, a hot dog bar, chocolate chip cookies, and Pepsi products/bottled water!

The game features the Smokies vs. Jackson. It's a fun nine-inning vacation, so come out and enjoy the game! Please contact any member of the Tri-County club for reservations.

CLINTON LIONS CLUB 80TH ANNIVERSARY

The Clinton Lions are celebrating their 80th Anniversary (July 2, 1940) on August 8, 2020 at the Museum of Appalachia, 3 to 8 PM. Dinner served at 6 PM.

Tickets are \$35.00 each and children 12 and under are free. Cost of the ticket includes access to all of the Museum areas.

Catering will be by Buddy's Bar-B-Q. The menu will be Hickory Smoked Pulled Pork Bar-B-Q (Bar-B-Q sauce on the side), Grilled, Boneless Chicken Breasts; Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Potato Salad, Potato Chips, Hamburger Buns, Cookies (Chocolate Chip and Oatmeal Raisin), Banana Pudding, Chocolate & White Cake, Iced Tea – Sweet & Unsweet, Lemonade, and Water.

There will be entertainment and speakers.

Contact PDG Neal Vaughan for tickets and/or information.

865-457-4664 or E-mail: neallion@comcast.net

2020 LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL PEACE PRIZE POSTER GRAND PRIZE WINNER

Congratulations to the Peace Poster Contest Grand Prize Winner Zhuo Zhang, age 12, sponsored by Shaanxi Datang Lions Club (China)

"We are not afraid to face darkness. The forces of justice will break through darkness and peace will come."





WELCOME NEW LIONS!

District Governor Carol McDonald inducts new Lions at the Charter Night for the Knox-Vol Lions Club.



Lion C. B. Willis

Clayton Bryan Willis Jr of Johnson City died at 4:05 a.m. on January 29 at NHC in Johnson City, TN after a period of extended illness. He was 95. C.B.'s life will be celebrated in a memorial service at Covenant Presbyterian Church, 605 Sunset Drive, at 1:00 p.m on February 29. Family will receive visitors one hour before the service. Immediately following the service internment will be held at Monte Vista Memorial Park with full military honors. Rev. Paul Helphenstine will officiate.

C.B. was the son of Clayton B. Willis, Sr. and Estelle Johnson Willis of Johnson City. He was predeceased by his adored wife of 67 years, Martha Rose O'Brien Willis; twin brothers, James Henry Willis and John Jack Willis of Mitchell County, NC; twins, Phyllis Willis Gardner of Johnson City and Philip Burns Willis formerly of Johnson City. Surviving family members include two sons-Steven Charles Willis and his wife Angela (Brown) Willis of Monetta, SC; Dr. Robert Clayton Willis and his wife Patricia Ruth Willis of Modoc, SC.; daughter, Carol Willis Neas and her husband Ronnie Neas of Greeneville, TN. C.B. leaves behind 13 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews to celebrate his homegoing.

C.B. served his country proudly in the United States Army during WWII serving in the Pacific. He was awarded various campaign ribbons and other awards. After the war he attended ETSU for two years, then transferred to the University of Miami where he majored in accounting. While attending The University of Miami he met his life companion (Rosie), where they both were students. After graduation, C.B. was employed by General Motors Acceptance Corporation in Tennessee, Georgia, and South Carolina over a period of 35 years. Over the years C.B. was very active in the communities in which he lived. He was a 45-year member of the Lions Club in Johnson City and Columbus, GA, and in 2014 was inducted into the Tennessee Lions Club Hall of Fame. A City of Johnson City Mayoral Proclamation named May 17, 2019 Lion C.B. Willis Day and acknowledged his efforts in conjunction with Vanderbilt University to start the Johnson City Lions Club Children's Eye Screening program. He frequently served as a fundraiser for the United Way, rang the bell for the Salvation Army, and was very active as a volunteer in Johnson City Medical Center's Mended Hearts. C.B. was a certified Dale Carnegie Instructor and taught these courses for over 20 years. He was very proud to have donated in excess of 10 gallons of blood to the American Red Cross, continuing until prescribed medication prevented further donations. He was a member of Covenant Presbyterian Church for over 40 years, having retired as an Elder, committee member, and church leader.

C.B. was one of the founders of Old Timers Hiking Club of Johnson City and served as secretary as long as he was able. For many years in retirement, he hiked the trails in mountains of Tennessee, the Georgia, and Virginia Carolina. encouraged others to love and enjoy the beauty of the Mountain Empire. His love for the mountains compelled him to devote more than 1,000 hours to trail maintenance on the Appalachian Trail. C.B. was very thankful that he was able to pass on his deep appreciation to the environment to his children.

Lion C.B. Willis and PDG Brandon Johnson

SOME PICTURES FROM THE DISTRICT 12N CONVENTION



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ETLEB DINNER

Multiple District 12 Registration 102nd Tennessee Lions State Convention May 1-2, 2020

Riverview Inn 50 College ST Clarksville, TN 37040

931-552-3331

Lions Room Rates-- Only \$92 plus tax Riverview Inn does offer a free breakfast for Hotel Guests

Keynote Address. Past International President Jimmy Ross Friday Entertainment -Steve and Annie Chapman

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Make payment to Lions MD12 State Convention and mail to: Lion Jerry Fagg, 1991 ifagg@comcast.net Bellwood CT, Greenbrier, TN 37073

Please contact Lion Ed Lantz with any questions at 407-376-3188 or edlantz2001@yahoo.com PDG Phil Barnes will be the chair of the Golf Tournament

Tee off time will be May 1 @ 8:30 AM at Swan Lake Golf Course, 581 Dunbar Cave RD Clarksville

There will be a reception for our guests on Thursday Evening from 6 PM-9 PM. No cost with Convention Badge.

"It's Great to Be a Lion"

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Louisville, Kentucky
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Closing Banquet - Saturday, September 19, 2020

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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

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