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CAROL CALLING

Roar Lions,

Why did any of us want to become a Lion? When I first joined, I joined for social reasons. We had recently moved to a new community and I only knew one person, my mother-in-law. During the year we held our fundraisers but had no requests from the community for eyeglasses or other help. However, at the end of the year we emptied our community account by donating to certain District charities, Leader Dogs for the Blind, Camp Tatiyee-Handicap and White Cane. This was when I became a real Lion. It was the first time I realized I could help improve someone's life.

Now Bill and I raise Future Leader Dog puppies and have raised eight puppies for Leader Dog. Five of which are helping to help make someone's life brighter, safer and happier. Currently Leader Dog needs puppy raisers. The mamma dogs have given birth to more than they have raisers to raise. They need you. Do you feel you could sacrifice a year of your life to raise a puppy that will help make someone's life brighter, safer and happier? You won't be sorry. For information and an application to be a puppy raiser contact leaderdog.org. Bill and I will be picking up a puppy in November, earlier than we had planned. Her name is Nova. She is a yellow lab.

I want to remind everyone that the District convention is not as far away as it seems. Now is the time to register and reserve your room if you need one. The registration form is available at the end of this publication. Dress is casual or Lions t-shirts except for Saturday evening dinner. Dressier clothing is requested. Also remember to bring loads of white socks of all sizes for our Warm Feet for the Cold Streets project. I am looking forward to seeing you there. It is a good idea for new members to accompany their sponsors to the convention..

Carol McDonald, District Governor

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MEMO FROM MILLIE

International Convention 2020

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

USA/Canada Report

The USA/Canada Leadership Forum in Spokane Washington was very well attended and I had the opportunity to meet a lot of new people. This year brought out a lot of new ideas that Lions Clubs International is bringing out to reinvent the organization. One of the main focuses is to Serve your community and the people who live there. As usual I came back energized and with new thoughts on how to serve.



The 2020 Forum will be held in Louisville Kentucky, so save the date September 17-19, 2020. Unfortunately, the registration pamphlets were not available. As soon as I get the information, we will be posting it. Remember there are discounts for registering early and Louisville is within driving distance. In the meantime, you can visit the Forum Website below.

For more information visit <https://lionsforum.org/>

I hope to see you in Louisville, Kentucky. *Millie Burke*



PAULETTE'S POST

I continue to enjoy visiting many of the clubs in District 12N. Though there is some commonality among our clubs, we are so diverse in the activities we do in our communities. And that's what it is all about – serving the needs of our local communities in addition to helping the District, State and International where we can.

Hopefully your clubs are well under way with your White Cane Collections as this is the time of year most clubs do some kind of activity. Our charities depend on our generous donations to help them stay in business. Meanwhile, a big thank you to those clubs who have already made their very generous White Cane donations for

this year. Some clubs present their checks to the District Governor or other District Officer on their visits while some clubs present their checks at the District Convention. Whichever way you prefer is most appreciated!

I will continually remind you that the Reverse Raffle for 2020, now being called “Day with the Lions” will be held June 20, 2020 from noon – 5:00 at the Fountain City Lions Club. We are encouraging clubs to participate with games, food, etc. and go back to making it a truly fun-filled family event in addition to the chance to win money with the raffle.

Just a quick aside - this temporary photo on my Post was from a wonderful trip to Alaska we took this September with family and friends. This is a 5-week old mix-breed puppy that will most likely become an Iditarod sled dog! For those that don't know what the Iditarod is – it is a 938 mile sled dog race from Anchorage in the South – Nome in the Northwest. It takes 12-16 dogs to pull the 85+ pound sled. They run 90+ miles during a 24-hour period and consume 10,000 calories. They are bedded down on hay during rest periods and receive some one-on-one attention and loving. Just a little tidbit from Alaska!

Yours in Lionism, *Paulette Bailey*, 2ndVDG

Dates to Remember

November 27, 2019 - Pancake Breakfast at Tennessee School for the Deaf, Knoxville, TN

December 13, 2019 - Lions Day at Tennessee School for the Blind, Nashville , TN

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

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

March 19-22, 2020 - TLLI – Tennessee Lions Learning Institute, Dubose Conference Center, Monteagle, TN (Note: Date and Location are tentative, pending confirmation.)

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

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

NOTICES

EAST TENNESSEE LIONS EYE BANK ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the East Tennessee Lions Eye Bank will be held Saturday, February 22, 2020 at approximately 7 PM (after dinner) at the Best Western Plus, Morristown, TN, in conjunction with the District 12-N Convention. The business to be conducted will be annual reports and the election of five (5) members, for a three (3) year term, to the Board of Directors of the East Tennessee Lions Eye Bank. Any District 12-N Lion who wishes to serve on the ETLEB Board of Directors should contact PDG Clare Crawford at 865-607-1898 or at lionclare1987@gmail.com to be included on the ballot for consideration.

Don't forget to file your IRS Form 990-N to preserve your club's Tax Exempt status

Most small tax-exempt organizations whose annual gross receipts are normally \$50,000 or less are required to electronically submit Form 990-N, also known as the *e-Postcard*, unless they choose to file a complete Form 990 or Form 990-EZ instead. Most Clubs in our district are 501 (c)(4) organizations under the IRS Tax Code and are exempt from federal income taxes so long as they file the required form 990 annually.

If you do not file your *e-Postcard* on time, the IRS will send you a reminder notice, however, club treasurers and secretaries often change frequently leaving the IRS with a bogus address . There is no penalty assessment for late filing the *e-Postcard*, but an organization that fails to file required *e-Postcards* (or information returns – Forms 990 or 990-EZ) for three consecutive years will automatically lose its tax-exempt status. Losing tax exempt status may require your club to pay back taxes on moneys your club took in even though it was used for administrative or charitable purposes.

The *e-Postcard* is due every year by the 15th day of the 5th month after the close of your tax year. For Lions Clubs the tax year ends June 30, therefore the tax filing date is November 15. It is a simple process if you have your club's tax number (EIN). You just attest that your club did not have revenues exceeding \$50,000.00 Online access for filing your Form 990-N can be found at <http://epostcard.form990.org>.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – CLUBS IN ACTION

TELICO VILLAGE LIONS EXPAND HEALTH FAIRS

For several years the Tellico Village Lions have conducted Health Fairs at two locations: The Good Samaritan Center in Lenoir City and The Good Shepherd Center in Madisonville. At the former three checks are performed, blood pressure, glucose and vision screening. At the latter only two are done, blood pressure and glucose, however vision screening has also been recently added at this location.

Where problems are detected the individuals are advised to seek further medical help. In the case of vision screening, the process is somewhat different. If the individual with the problem meets US government poverty guidelines they are treated by the team. The Lions team has an optometrist as a member. He provides a detailed examination, prescribes and orders glasses for the individual. Both the examination and the glasses are provided free of charge.

Over the course of the last several years an average of approximately 115 free examinations and eyeglasses have been provided at Good Samaritan; in its relatively short history the rate at Good Shepherd is about 10 patients per session or about 90 per year. The total cost of the examination and the glasses averages about \$115, an annual cost to the club of about \$23,000, a not insignificant expenditure for the club.

Fortunately, the club has several lucrative fund raising events: a Chili/Soup Dinner, an Oktoberfest, a Golf-for-Sight Outing and a flyer delivery program. Thanks to great support from Tellico Village residents and local businesses and very hard work by club members, all are quite successful enabling the club to raise the funds necessary to finance its Health Fair Programs as well as school system vision programs, support to 12N Charities and donations to a number of other east Tennessee and national vision-related organizations.



With programs such as these, the Tellico Village Lions are truly carrying out the motto of Lions "We Serve."

DISTRICT 12N LIONS EYEGLASSES RECYCLING TRIP

22 Lions from District 12N travelled to Roanoke, Virginia on October 12 for the Fall Trip to the Eyeglass Recycling Center. They carried about 60,000 pairs of eyeglasses to the center with them. From these pictures it is pretty clear that in addition to doing great LIONS SERVICE, a good time was had by all!



PTCA's
60th Annual
Pancake Sausage Day
Tennessee School for the Deaf

Wednesday, November 27th 2019
7:00am until 11:30am Serving Time

Delicious Pancake & Sausage Breakfast!

Free Admission

Breakfast Ticket \$5.00

Children 10 and under \$2.50

Door Prize - Silent Auction - Crafts
White Elephant Booth - Baked Goods
and More...

* Purchase required for Door Prize entry

Address:

Tennessee School for the Deaf - Dining Hall
2725 Island Home Boulevard, Knoxville, Tennessee 37920
www.tsdeaf.org - (865) 579-2500

Dear Lions Club,

The Parent Teacher Counselor Association of the Tennessee Schools for the Deaf annually hosts a Pancake & Sausage Breakfast at the Knoxville campus. This year is milestone - our 60th annual breakfast! This is a fun event where our students and staff can serve and sell crafts that help support our school. Every year we look forward to seeing our community members, alumni, business owners, and important stakeholders like you.

This year's event is on Wednesday, November 27th, 2019, from 7:00a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Dining Hall on our campus.

Please join us in celebrating this special 60th annual event and our 175th year of educating our Deaf and Hard of Hearing students. Enclosed you will find a complimentary meal ticket for a free breakfast a flier you are welcome to post in your establishment. We look forward to seeing you November 27th.

Sincerely,



Dr Vicki Kirk



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

Name: _____

(CIRCLE ONE) Lion Leo Lioness Non-member

District: _____ Club: _____

First time attendee at LLR? Yes No

Mailing Address _____

Phone: _____

E-mail address: _____

REGISTRATION FEES:

Saturday only: Available until December 1, 2019 \$70.00

Includes Saturday seminars, lunch & banquet. Does NOT include any Friday or Sunday activities

Full registration

Early (Post marked by 12/1/2019) \$100.00

Regular (After 12/1/2019) \$110.00

On-site \$125.00

Includes all seminars, Friday dinner, Saturday lunch, Saturday banquet, & Sunday brunch if reservation is made at least 2 weeks prior to the 17th. Meals will not be provided if not registered by January 3

Type of registration: Saturday only Full

Amount included \$ _____

All reservations are on a first-come-first-served basis. Individual seminar or meal tickets will NOT be available.

*Make checks payable to LIONS LEARNING RETREAT. Mail to: LLR/ PDG Jim McFarland 8030
Whitestone Rd. Knoxville, TN 37938 or*

Credit Card # _____ EXP _____ 3 digit Code _____ Billing Zip _____

\$4 convenience fee for credit card will be added.

**Note: As an added attendance incentive, prizes will be given away Friday and Sunday after the meal. You must be registered and be present to win.*

Special Conditions/participation: (Check all that apply)

_____ I have Dietary restrictions. Please list: _____

_____ I will be bringing an entry for the Club Basket Contest.

_____ I would like to participate in the LLR chorus

_____ I will be at the first-timers orientation at 6 p.m. Friday

I will not be at the Friday Night Dinner _____ I will not stay for Sunday brunch _____ I will not stay for the Saturday night Dinner _____ (This is for meal planning purposes only and will not affect the cost of the seminar)

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
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Manchester-Coffee County Conference Center, Manchester, TN
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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 Hor d'ocurves</u>	\$15.00	X _____	-\$ _____
Saturday Lunch	\$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.



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/>

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