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District 12-N Dates to Remember 2018-2019

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

It's December – which means we are officially half way through our Lions year. It has been such an honor to serve you all during this term. I'm proud to say that by nearly every metric available, our district is succeeding. I will add that, if you have not registered for the District Convention yet, it is imperative that you do. We already have nearly 50 rooms reserved at the hotel, and our block is close to full already!

I just returned from a week in England, where I was honored to be a faculty member on a Lions Clubs Learning Symposium. The other guest faculty member was from Denmark! All of the attendees were Lions for less than five years, and the content was something that I would like to see done here in Tennessee.

Clubs across our District are having their holiday parties this month. These are some of my favorite events in our association because it highlights the true friendships that are made in clubs.

The Christmas spirit was in full display at the recent Powell Lions Christmas Parade. I joined the club to hand out candy and fidget spinner toys to the hundreds of children in the crowd. I handed one of the toys to a young child in the crowd who looked up at me with the biggest smile and said “wow – a fidget spinner! This is all that I wanted for Christmas!” It touched me that something we were handing out hundreds of didn't just make a child's day, but seemed to make her whole holiday.

This just highlights what we as Lions do – serve others. From eyeglasses and hearing aids to toys, Lions are helping those regardless of their needs.

From my family to yours – have a wonderful holiday season.

In Lionism,

-Brandon

CAROL CALLING!



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

Milan, a metropolis in Italy's northern Lombardy region, is a global capital of fashion and design. Home to the national stock exchange, it's a financial hub also known for its high-end restaurants and shops. The Gothic Duomo di Milano cathedral and the Santa Maria delle Grazie convent, housing Leonardo da Vinci's mural "The Last Supper," testifies to centuries of art and culture.

Serve at the Convention

Go beyond the typical convention experience and participate in Convention Service Projects with Lions and Leos from around the world. You'll have the option to sign-up for a variety of hands-on service projects taking place at the MiCo Milano convention center and around Milan. Pre-registration is required and space is limited. Register online at LionsClubs.org and click on LCICON in the upper right corner.

Carol McDonald 1st VDG District 12-N



volunteer

We Need You...



MEMO FROM MILLIE

White Cane AKA 12N Charities

Get Ready for the 2019 Reverse Raffle

I'd like to start by thanking everyone for all that they do to support White Cane. Without your help we would not be able to assist the many recipients of the 12N Charities.



Beginning early in 2019 your club will be contacted by a representative of the 2019 White Cane Reverse Raffle committee. This representative will be sharing important information with your club about how every member of District 12N can help the committee make this a very successful fundraiser. The more funds we raise, the more people we will be able to serve. And since the Lion motto is "We Serve" I'm sure you will want to do everything you can to help.

As Chairperson of White Cane, I am asking that you find a space on your meeting agenda for the White Cane representative. As in the past there will be a profit sharing, so that your club will be able to earn a portion of the sales.

I am wishing everyone the Best for the upcoming Holiday Season and Wishing everyone a Happy Healthy New Year.

Millie Burke, 2nd VDG District 12-N

EAST TENNESSEE LIONS EYE BANK ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the East Tennessee Lions Eye Bank will be held Saturday, March 9, 2019 at approximately 7 PM (after dinner) at the River Terrace Resort, Gatlinburg 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.

Report submitted by PDG Clare Crawford, Vice President East Tennessee Lions Eye Bank

Lions Learning Retreat

Fellow Lions,

Please share the attached registration forms with your clubs:

LLR (Lions Learning Retreat) January 18-20 in Manchester, TN at the Coffee County Convention Center. A great weekend of seminars, motivational speakers and downright good fellowship with Lions from across the state and beyond! Remember, 1st timer registration fees are reimbursed after the fact! **LION TRAINING OPPORTUNITY**

For further information on any of these sessions please contact GLT Coordinator, Paulette Bailey, at ladipee@gmail.com or 423-371-9738.



Remember Leader Dogs for the Blind at Christmas this Year!

Would you know how to walk through you home with a blindfold on or you eyes closed? How about when the power goes out? A sight impaired person lives with it 24 – 7. They must be able to cook, bath and do all the normal activities as a sighted person. How do they get to work? Church? and even go grocery shopping? Without organizations like Leaderdogs for the Blind some of these activities would be impossible. Leaderdog empowers Individuals with sight issues the ability to do all the activities we have mentioned. All at no cost to the individual.

The travel and stay are completely provided for them at no expense to the client. They will be brought up to Leaderdogs in Detroit Michigan and trained to use the White Cane for mobility around the house and going outside of the home. Later if needed a Leaderdog can be provided along with the bonding and training necessary to move comfortably with a dog, still at no cost to the Client. These things don't come without a large expense to Leaderdog and this is where you as a Lion come in. Through the Lions District 12N Charities donations from Lions Clubs and Individuals we help to raise funds for the Mobility Training and Leaderdog procurement. If you would like information on the process to get mobility training for yourself and someone you know and or obtaining information on a Leaderdog please don't hesitate to contact me at email: bigmac12@juno.com or contacting Leaderdogs directly on line at Leaderdog.org. I would be happy to talk to any club about Leaderdog

PDG Bill McDonald

Around the District (and Beyond!)

DG Brandon really got around in November. Here are some pictures from his visit to England and the Powell Christmas Parade.



Photo bombed by the Tower Bridge!



The Big Man, Himself!



They don't see the alien orb sneaking up behind them! Oh, no! Watch out, Santa!



The Reason for the Season!

Diabetes



Environment



Hunger



Vision



Pediatric Cancer



Proposed District 12N Charities Budget

The below proposed budget was adopted by the Trustees/Directors of the District 12N Charities Board of Directors at its December 2, 2018 meeting for consideration by delegates to the District 12N Convention, River Terrace Resort, Gatlinburg, TN on March 8-10, 2019.

	Available Funds From 2017-18	2019-20 Allocation	Projected 2020-21 Allocation
Income			
White Cane	\$35,300.00		\$40,000.00
Special Projects			\$22,500.00
Disbursements			
Braille Slate		\$0.00	
Childhood Cancer		\$500.00	
Diabetes Awareness		\$2,300.00	
E. TN Lions Eye Bank		\$1,000.00	
Leader Dogs for the Blind		\$4,000.00	
Learning Ally		\$500.00	
Lions Quest		\$0.00	
Lions Vol. Blind Indus.		\$19,000.00	
TN School for the Blind		\$2,500.00	
TN School for the Deaf		\$2,500.00	
World Services for the Blind		\$0.00	
Special Projects		\$0.00	
DG Emergency Fund		\$1,000.00	
District Discretionary Fund		\$1,000.00	
Operation Expenses		\$1,000.00	
Total	\$35,300.00	\$35,300.00	\$62,500.00

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, PCC Dean Harshbarger, either by phone 865-494-7599 or email edharsh@bellsouth.net. Candidates for the Charities Board of Directors will have their names placed in nomination at the District 12N Convention, River Terrace Resort, Gatlinburg, TN on March 8-10, 2019 for election to fill four positions. Deadline for submission is Feb. 1, 2019.



IT'S TIME TO PLAN YOUR DIABETES SERVICE ACTIVITY.

November was National Diabetes Awareness Month and Diabetes Awareness is one of our District's White Cane Charities.

I received this information from Lions Clubs International in October and wanted to pass it along to everyone in the District, even though I know I for one don't have time to put anything together for this year. My suggestion is that should clubs wish to help their communities become more informed about Diabetes and services available, they start planning now so that they have information at events they will be doing in the future. I am pretty sure that each one of us knows of someone who has diabetes. You don't necessarily have to make it a big project. Just having Informational flyers at your Community Outreach events will be helpful and let people know that Lions are involved in Diabetes education.

From Lions Clubs International October 2018

Our Diabetes Service Journey website has been informing and inspiring Lions and Leos worldwide for two months now.

With World Diabetes Day just weeks away on November 14, 2018 it's time to start planning your club's diabetes service activity if you haven't already. We're here to help you with valuable planning resources, through our Diabetes Service Journey website.

Please encourage your club members to get involved and participating in at least one diabetes service activity. Through your participation, we can fulfill our mission to reduce the prevalence of diabetes and improve the lives of those diagnosed.

Thank you for taking steps to fight diabetes.

Thanks so Much for all that you do. I look forward to working with and getting to know everyone these next few years and beyond. I would love the opportunity to visit your club and get to know your members personally: so please contact me if you have a date that would work for you and your club members. I can be reached at gebgem@snet.net , 860-912-4171(Cell) or 860-326-0676 (Home). They are Connecticut exchanges, but I am not a telemarketer.

"We Serve".

Millie Burke, 2nd VDG District 12-N



Constitution & Bylaws

The Norris Lions Club has put forth a petition to the Constitution and Bylaws Chair to include the Hearing and Speech Foundation of Maryville, Inc. as one of the Designated Charities of District 12N Charities. Given that they followed the procedure prescribed by the District 12N Bylaws, the following resolution shall be put forward for delegates for consideration at the upcoming District 12N Convention, River Terrace Resort, Gatlinburg, TN, March 8-10, 2019.

Whereas, the Norris Lions Club of District 12N has requested that the Hearing and Speech Foundation of Maryville, Inc. be included as one of the Charities supported by District 12N Charities, and

Whereas, The procedures specified by the District 12N Bylaws ARTICLE XII for requesting such change were followed by the Norris Lion Club,

Now, therefore, District 12N Bylaws, ARTICLE IX (District Projects and Grants), Section 3. (Designated District Projects), is amended to include "12) Hearing and Speech Foundation of Maryville, Inc."

Call from the District 12N Nominating Committee

Any member of a Lions Club in Lions District 12N desiring to seek the office of District Governor, 1st Vice District Governor or 2nd Vice District Governor is hereby advised that the Chair of the Nominating Committee, PDG Diane Wilkerson, is now accepting applications. The qualifications for a candidate seeking nomination to the position of 2nd Vice District Governor are as follows;

- Candidate is an active member in good standing of a chartered Lions Club in District 12N
- Candidate is endorsed by his/her club or a majority of Clubs in District 12N
- Candidate has served as club president
- Candidate has served on its club's Board of Directors for 2 or more years non-concurrently with presidency
- Candidate has served in a District Cabinet position (Secretary, Treasurer, Region Chair or Zone Chair) non-concurrently with other elected positions
- In addition to the above, a Candidate seeking the nomination for the position of 1st Vice District Governor must have served in the position of 2nd Vice District Governor
- In addition to the above, a candidate seeking the nomination for the position of District Governor must have served in the position of 1st or 2nd Vice District governor.

If you are interested in having your name placed in nomination at the upcoming District 12N Convention, River Terrace Resort, Gatlinburg, TN, March 8-10, 2019, please forward your credentials to PDG Diane Wilkerson lucydw59@gmail.com no later than February 1, 2019.



Constitution & Bylaws

At the last District 12N Cabinet Meeting approval was granted to move proposed changes to the District 12N Constitution and Bylaws and Lions District 12N Charities Bylaws to the agenda of the District 12N Convention for delegates and members' consideration. Voters can adopt, reject, or amend the proposed changes by a majority of those present and voting during the District 12N convention, in Gatlinburg, TN on May 8-10, 2019.

Why are changes necessary and what are they? The current governing documents indicate that District 12N has the fundraising responsibility, via White Cane Collections and other projects, to provide money to District 12N Charities for safekeeping and disbursement by its Directors/Trustees in accordance with a budget adopted during a meeting associated with the District 12N Convention. In practice, one of those fundraising activities has been a gaming event (reverse raffle) which is authorized under Tennessee Law only to 501 (c)(3) charitable organizations of which Lions District 12N Charities is one. The proposed changes transfer the responsibility of fund raising for Lions District 12N Charities from the District 12N Constitution and Bylaws to Lions District 12N Charities in order to come into technical compliance with Tennessee Law. The proposed changes have three parts; 1) Transfer fundraising responsibility to 12N Charities, 2) Ensure continued oversight of the Charitable arm by District 12N Lions of East Tennessee, and 3) Election of the President of Lions District 12N Charities by its members rather than by its Directors/ Trustees.

While the concept and rationale for the proposed changes are simple in concept, the enabling language in each of the effected documents is beyond what can be published in the News & Views. The cabinet, therefore, has allowed the proposed documents to be posted on the District 12N Website (<http://tnlions.org/district/constitution-by-laws/>) where they can be read and or printed for perusal by anyone interested who may intend to participate in the action concerning them at the upcoming District 12N Convention.

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



LIONS DISTRICT 12-N CONVENTION

EAST TENNESSEE LIONS EYE BANK ANNUAL MEETING
DISTRICT 12-N CHARITIES ANNUAL MEETING

March 8-10, 2019

Featuring

Lions Clubs International President Gudrun Yngvadottir

as Keynote Speaker



River Terrace Resort & Convention Center
240 River Road
Gatlinburg, TN 37738
(865) 436-5161



Room Reservation Deadline — February 1, 2019

Please call the River Terrace Resort directly for room reservations. (Group Code 62-879 option 3 then 1)
ROOMS ARE LIMITED – free parking guaranteed only to those who have hotel rooms.

NAME 1 _____ Current Office/Position: _____
Circle one: Lion Leo Guest

NAME 2 _____ Current Office/Position: _____
Circle one: Lion Leo Guest

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

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone (best number to reach you) _____ Email _____

Registration Fee \$20.00 EACH X _____ = \$ _____
(Registration fee mandatory for all attendees)

Friday - Hors D'oeuvres \$15.00 EACH X _____ = \$ _____

Saturday Lunch \$20.00 EACH X _____ = \$ _____
(Choose One: Ham, Turkey, Roast Beef)

Saturday Banquet Dinner - Italian Feast X _____ = **COMPLIMENTARY**
(Compliments of East Tennessee Lions Eye Bank)

Sunday Breakfast Buffet \$20.00 EACH X _____ = \$ _____

TOTAL = \$ _____

Special Dietary Needs (be specific): _____

Mail registration form by February 1, 2019 and make checks payable to LIONS DISTRICT 12-N

Mail to: PDG Diane Wilkerson, Convention Chair
P.O. BOX 1688, Powell, TN 37849

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

Beyond the Horizon

Name: _____

Badge Name (if different): _____

Please Circle: Lion Leo Lioness Non-member

District: _____ Club: _____

Highest Office Held _____ Current Office _____

First Time Attendee at LLR? Yes No

Mailing Address _____

Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

REGISTRATION FEES:

Saturday only: Available until December 1, 2018. \$80.00

Includes Saturday Seminars, Lunch & Banquet. Does NOT include any Friday or Sunday activities

Full registration:

Early (Post marked by 11/1/2018) \$100.00

Regular (After 11/1/2018) \$120.00

On-site \$130.00.

Includes all seminars, Friday dinner, Saturday Lunch, Saturday Banquet, & Sunday Brunch.

Amount included \$ _____

Make checks payable to LIONS LEARNING RETREAT. Mail to: LLR/ PDG Jim McFarland, 8030 Whitestone RD, Knoxville, TN 37938-3833 *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.

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

\$4 convenience fee for credit card will be added. This option is new this year.

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

Special Conditions/participation: (Check all that apply)

I have Dietary restrictions. Please list:

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

We are asking that each club bring a gift basket that represents the club or their community. The value of the baskets should be \$25-\$50. The baskets will be auctioned off on Saturday Night.

I would like to participate in the LLR chorus on Sunday morning _____

Practice is Friday Night. The Chorus will sing Saturday Night and Sunday Morning.

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)

The LLR received an allotment of 40 Rooms at the adjoining Holiday Inn Express, 111 Hospitality Blvd, Manchester Tennessee 37355. The Lions Rate is \$99/night standard (not including taxes) based upon one or two people per room. Call 931-728-9383 and ask for Lions Rate. Rates will be \$139 and up after our allotment is gone.

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 Speaker will be **PID Ed Cordes**.

He will also conduct a KidSight Seminar

Helen Keller and Women in Lions **1st VDG Jackie Christensen**

For new members – PCC Dianne Pitts ·

Global Action Team- PCC C. David Lloyd

Lions Quest – PCC Dick Kulp

LCIF · PCC Ron Birdwell

First Aid for Ailing Clubs –PCC Joe Pitts

Much More

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