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## DG Millie's Memo....

Dear District 12N Lions,

First, I wish to thank all of the District 12N Lions for being so proactive during the Covid 19 pandemic. I am very encouraged that Clubs are staying active by continuing to meet be it in person or Zoom, Clubs are serving their Communities safely in a variety of ways,

and Clubs are forging on holding fundraisers. All of this goes to show that the Lions of District 12 N serve and care for one another and the people they help. Keep up the GREAT work you are all doing and share your stories with the rest of the District by sending articles to News & Views. If you need ideas or help PLEASE do not hesitate to reach out to us and we will do our best to help you achieve your goals.

Second, I am asking for Lions to consider stepping up to serve as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor. PDG Michael Vudragovich has the guidelines listed later in this newsletter. We initially were looking for candidates to be considered at the District 12 N Convention February 19 and 20, 2021. Now due to the recent resignation for personal reasons of 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Mike Walker, we will need to fill the remainder of his term as well. Please contact me, Michael Vudragovich or Paulette Bailey for more information concerning job duties and/or prerequisite service needed to be considered for this position.

Looking toward the future the District really is encouraging interested people to gain the needed skills to help keep the Clubs in District 12N strong by having people move into leadership positions. Thanks so much for your consideration. Sincerely, Millie Burke DG

### UPCOMING EVENTS

10/17/2020

District Charities  
Board Meeting at  
9:00am

District Cabinet  
Meeting at 9:30am  
followed by  
District Emerging  
Lions Institute  
(DELI)  
Registration form  
(DELI on pg 13)

Location:  
612 16th St  
Knoxville, TN 37916  
(no food or  
beverages allowed  
in Building)

# Vice District Governors' Musings



## Paulette's Post

Did you know that October is Vision Awareness month and October 8<sup>th</sup> is "World Sight Day"? All Lions clubs are encouraged to

sponsor an event on this day such as: screenings, eyeglass recycling, reading to children or seniors, or a walk for the blind. The walk could actually double as a fundraiser.

**WE SERVE** to prevent avoidable blindness and improve quality of life for people who are blind and visually impaired. Many of our clubs in District 12N do an amazing job of serving the vision needs of their community through vision screening, eyeglass recycling and helping individuals get needed glasses or eye surgeries - thank you for serving.

LCI has a partnership with "Bookshare" the world's largest online accessible library of books for people with print disabilities. By reaching out to our Veterans, seniors and students we Lions can raise awareness about the "Bookshare" program. For more information go to [www.bookshare.org](http://www.bookshare.org) or look at the LCI website at [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org) for other vision related programs.

Yours in Lionism,  
*1VDG Paulette Bailey*

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## October 15th is White Cane Safety Day.

White Cane Safety Day increases awareness about the white cane and encourages the progress of blind people into full participation in society. We hope clubs are planning or have already held an event for White Cane collection this year. The LCI White Cane Safety Day page is chock full of great activity ideas for Lions and has links to some neat resources. The link is <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/white-cane-safety-day>

October is traditionally White Cane Collection time. In District 12-N, the White Cane fund supports Lions District 12N Charities through YOUR CLUBS' donations. These charities would struggle to help communities in East Tennessee without our help. All of us are working with extra challenges right now and these charities are no different.

The charities we support are not limited to aiding the visually impaired. White Cane supports Childhood Cancer, Diabetes Awareness, East Tennessee Lions Eye Bank, Lions Volunteer Blind Industries, Learning Ally (Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic), Leader Dogs for the Blind, Lions Quest, Tennessee School for the Blind, Tennessee School for the Deaf, The Hearing & Speech Foundation, and World Services for the Blind. Learn more and download a customizable flyer at <http://tnlions.org/projects/white-cane-days/>

# Around The District

Although most normal activities have been curtailed, the **Clinton Lions Club** was invited to The Tennesseans 4 Living History Re-Enactment at David Hall Cabin in Clinton. The Club was asked to provide food for the event, selling soft drinks, ice cream and their famous burgers and dogs. It was welcomed by all the hungry participants to the event.

The club again is partnering with the Anderson County Schools in providing their annual student health assessments. With the generous help of the **Norris Lions Club** we are doing vision screenings for grades K, 2, 4, 6, and 8, Last year between Anderson County and Clinton City Schools, HeadStart and day cares, the club provided over 2800 screenings.

The club is also looking forward to starting its annual Pecan Sale in early November.

## VERY IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

IRS Form 990 filing for all Lions Clubs is mandatory. The link has changed to

<https://www.irs.gov/990n>.

The deadline for this filing is **November 15th**. Go ahead and file this form now.



# Lions Clubs International Foundation

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) is the charitable arm of the Lions Clubs International and since 1968, LCIF has provided grant funding for global and local humanitarian efforts, and funded entirely by charitable donations from Lions and our friends and partners.

This year will be tough on all of us because of the pandemic. Many of our fundraisers have been or will be cancelled. But our charities need us more than ever. We are all doing the best we can, and having as much fundraising as possible. Recognizing this, the LCIF International Board of Directors has added another year to Campaign 100 time period without raising the objectives. We now have until June 30, 2023 to make our Campaign 100 goal. So far, we have \$5186 towards this year's goal of \$30,000.00

I am proud to announce that we now have three Model Clubs: Knox Tri-County, West Knox, and Norris. We will give special recognition to our Model Clubs at the Cabinet meetings and at our District Convention.

Ron Riehn

12-N LCIF Coordinator



**We Serve**

# MORE AROUND THE DISTRICT

## The Power in Teamwork

With teamwork, the near impossible can not only become possible, but a reality. This was borne out recently with regard to an abandoned low vision reading instrument in Knoxville, an astute new Lions Club member, information gleaned from a Lions Club zone meeting, a dedicated Lions Club District Governor, and an ophthalmologist in Rogersville.

Mary Simpson, a new Lion with the **Knoxville Diversified Lions Club**, was helping a friend clean out a relative's house in order to put it on the market. This is where the abandoned low vision instrument was found. A little research indicated that the machine was still sought after and was worth \$3,400. Pam Maples, President of the Knoxville Diversified Lions club, took pictures of it and sent them to Lions Club 12N District Governor Millie Burke to see if she might find it a new home.

At about the same time, District 12N Lions Club 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor Paulette Bailey was taking part in a Lions Club zoom meeting and learned about an individual in Rogersville who was in need of a device that would allow him/her to read again. Paulette mentioned this need to Millie in passing, and Millie sent the President of the **Rogersville Lions Club**, Tim Seaton, information and pictures of the Knoxville find. Tim, in turn, contacted Dr. Eddy Abernathy, a Rogersville ophthalmologist, and as luck would have it, the abandoned instrument was exactly what his patient needed, but couldn't afford to purchase. Now, through Lions Club teamwork, the recipient can enjoy reading once again.

When the individual no longer needs the instrument, it will come back to Knoxville Diversified Lions Club and another individual with a need for it will be found. In this way, the instrument will be kept in use throughout its lifetime. This process could be referred to as Lions Tethered Teamwork – just one more highly effective way to serve our communities.

Submitted by: Lion Pat Wininger



# LOW VISION DEVICE IMAGES



Merlin HD OCR Low Vision  
Reading Device  
Model : MR2E1E24A

Knoxville Diversified Lions Club Members surrounding DG Millie Burke who transported the device to Morristown. Tim Seaton drove the device on to the Opthamologist who will train the recipient in its use.



## Dandridge Lions Club Happenings

The **Dandridge Lions Club** is having their White Cane Day in downtown Dandridge on October 2, 7:00am - 5:00 pm. Proceeds will go to fund the various charities under the White Cane list of charities. Last year \$5000 was raised. While the Leos will not participate this year and Walmart and Food City have requested we not use their properties to solicit money for White Cane, we remain optimistic about the outcome.

The Dandridge Lions Club's David DeZan Charities Golf tournament was a success. Fifty-one winners and players donated their winnings back to the club. 236 service hours were logged for this event.

A park bench is being placed downtown by the Dandridge Lions Club with their logo on it so visitors may sit and enjoy the town.

The KidSight program will be offered in October to area Day Care Centers, Mother's Morning Out programs, and Pre-K and Kindergarten children.

In November the club will be delivering hot Thanksgiving dinners to those who cannot come to the Brazelton Lodge to eat. Last year over 100 dinners were delivered.

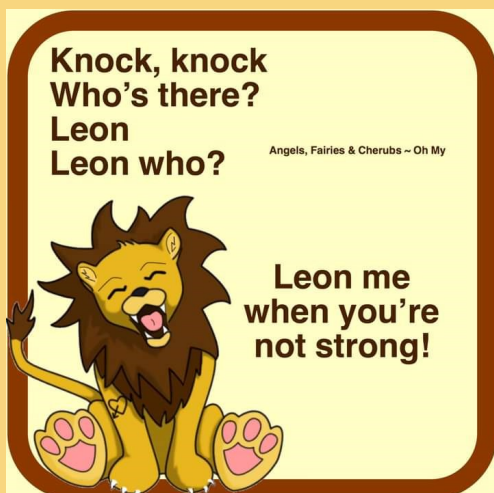


Submitted by: Lion Carolyn Rinehart

# MORE CLUB ACTIVITIES

Despite the restrictions of COVID, the Inskip Lions Club helped get the school year started! In August,

- The club donated to Inskip Elementary School a large supply of pencils, markers and glue sticks.
- When an Inskip school administrator requested help to secure extra masks for students, the club through the ***The Great American Mask Drive*** ([masks.com](https://masks.com)), led the school in launching a drive for cloth masks made by Hanes at \$1.50 each. Word of mouth and social media promotions resulted in the donation of 2,000 masks by friends in Tennessee and beyond. The school should soon be well prepared for the year as shipments to participating schools have begun.
- Members of Cedar Lane UMC added to our drive by sewing customized masks, featuring the school mascot, for the youngest students.\*
- In the hectic days before school opened, Inskip Lions members visited and provided snacks for school staff.
- The club is now organizing a coalition composed of Lions, community churches and organizations to collaborate/coordinate support for the school.







# Lions Clubs of East Tennessee

## White Cane Days

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**THANK YOU!** Your contribution helps these Lions Projects:

- **Childhood Cancer**  
An initiative to expand access to life-saving treatment and provide support to the children and families who face childhood cancers.
- **Diabetes Awareness**  
A program designed to bring awareness of Juvenile and Adult diabetes; early detection and treatment for a disease that is the number one cause of blindness within the USA.
- **East Tennessee Lions Eye Bank**  
A Knoxville clearinghouse between persons donating their eyes after death and the recipients of corneal transplants. ETLEB has been ranked within the top ten in the world.
- **Lions Volunteer Blind Industries**  
An agency providing rehabilitation services, employment and training opportunities for hundreds of blind East Tennesseans annually.
- **Learning Ally (formerly Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic)**  
Learning Ally records printed texts for educational and personal pursuits providing classroom material for student with print disabilities.
- **Leader Dogs for the Blind**  
This agency provides guide dogs for blind persons at no cost, aiding the recipients in their mobility and independence. Several local Lions raise puppies to become leader dogs.
- **Lions Quest**  
A comprehensive youth development program involving home, school and community which helps to cultivate strong character in healthy young people through life skills education.
- **Tennessee School for the Blind**  
A state-operated school for visually impaired children located near Nashville providing educational opportunities through 12th grade. Lions fund the Boy and Girl Scout troops and provide \$50.00 for each student at Christmas.
- **Tennessee School for the Deaf**  
A state-operated school for children with hearing impairments located in Knoxville providing educational opportunities through 12th grade. Lions help fund personal needs for some students and the summer camp programs that are not state funded.
- **The Hearing & Speech Foundation**  
Empowering individuals with communication deficits to live their lives to the fullest by giving children and adults the gift of sound through hearing aids and services.
- **World Services for the Blind**  
A comprehensive rehabilitation center for blind adults that provides counseling for emotional and psychological adjustments to blindness as well as vocational training.



The Lions of District 12N are benefitting from our recent partnership with the Knoxville Academy of Medicine's Knoxville Area Project Access (KAPA) program. We are now able to provide free eye surgeries for up to 30 clients per year from all over our District.

The East Tennessee Lions Eye Bank (ETLEB) has provided from their reserve funds a yearly "Partnership fee" to KAPA which allows the Lions to serve in ways which were too expensive in the past but now there is a way to do so.

Patients are referred through any of the District 12N Lions Clubs. A very detailed application is required and is verified by KAPA social workers. The fully completed application then goes to a Special Services Committee at ETLEB for scrutiny and approval. It is then sent on to KAPA which within 24 hours the patient is contacted and the eligibility screening process begins.

Eligibility criteria is as follows:

1. Patient must NOT be eligible for any type of insurance or Government sponsored healthcare programs
2. Household income at or below 200% of the poverty level

If the social workers can find insurance for these individuals they set them up for coverage. If they are determined to be KAPA eligible, they are set up for a medical evaluation appointment. All services are provided in Knoxville so the patient is required to have services provided in Knoxville. If patient is a Knox County resident, the process is shortened as they can contact KAPA directly. To learn more, contact either Clare or Dave Crawford at 865-607-1898.

# CALLING ALL DISTRICT 12N LEADERS !!

## ARE YOU QUALIFIED TO BECOME 2<sup>ND</sup> VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR NEXT YEAR?

Are you an active member of your club?

Have you been club president?

Have you been a board member of a club for two or more years?

Have you been a zone chair, region chair, district secretary or treasurer?

Are you willing to accept the challenge and become our District Governor in July 2023?

For more information and details, please contact PDG Mike Vudragovich at 412 304 5863,

or DG Millie Burke at [gebgem@snet.net](mailto:gebgem@snet.net), or

1st VDG Paulette Bailey at [ladipee@gmail.com](mailto:ladipee@gmail.com)

The deadline for articles and photos to the **News & Views** newsletter is the **20th** of the month. In the event that you need to submit a time sensitive event after the 20th of the month, please contact Pam Maples, Editor at 770-548-1690 or **[12Nlionsclub@gmail.com](mailto:12Nlionsclub@gmail.com)**



## INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION PIN DESIGN

In case you missed the detailed pin design information in last month's News & Views, here is the criteria for acceptable Multiple District Pin Design:

1. Contain the Lions Clubs International Logo
2. Contain the outline of the state of TN with the word "Tennessee" inside the outline
3. Contain the "Tennessee Lion" or cat as many refer him as
4. Indicate the year of the Int'l Convention (2021)
5. Contain a representation of where the Int'l Convention is being held (Montreal, Canada)
6. Include "MD12" somewhere within the design

Designs are required to be submitted by October 1st to PDG Clare Crawford at [lionclare1987@gmail.com](mailto:lionclare1987@gmail.com).



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### DEADLINE EXTENDED

It's not too late to submit a design for the annual Tennessee pin. The design should honor the location of the next convention Montreal-- and should be based on "Mr. Lion" otherwise known as the "Tennessee Cat". It does NOT need to include the Lions logo or any wording at all.

Deadline to submit a design is OCTOBER 10.

Send designs to PDG Clare Crawford, [LionClare@gmail.com](mailto:LionClare@gmail.com) or 6812 Hunters Trail, Knoxville, TN 37921. Call 865-607-1898 if you have any questions.





## DISTRICT 12 N'S

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## DISTRICT ENHANCED LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

Directly following Cabinet Meeting (11:00 AM – 3:00 PM)

Scottish Rite Hall  
612 16<sup>th</sup> Street  
Knoxville, TN 37916  
**Registration Deadline — October 1<sup>st</sup>**

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 \$10.00 EACH X\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Registration fee mandatory for all attendees)

**TOTAL** = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration deadline October 1, 2020 and make checks payable to LIONS DISTRICT 12-N**

Mail to: Lion Brandon Johnson  
145 Hope Lane  
LaFollette, TN 37766

### Want to register online?

Scan this QR Code with your phone's camera, or visit:

<https://forms.gle/7qMYrnnvDdvkLbMPA9>

Paypal: [BrandonJohnson1994@gmail.com](mailto:BrandonJohnson1994@gmail.com)



# Did You Know.....

## FUN FACTS ABOUT OCTOBER

According to folklore, if the deer have a **gray coat** in this month you should expect a hard winter.

The **zodiac signs** for October are Libra (September 23 – October 22) and Scorpio (October 23 – November 21).

The birthstones for October are the tourmaline and the opal.

The traditional flower for October is the calendula symbolizing comfort, healing, protection and grace.

Special Holidays in October include:

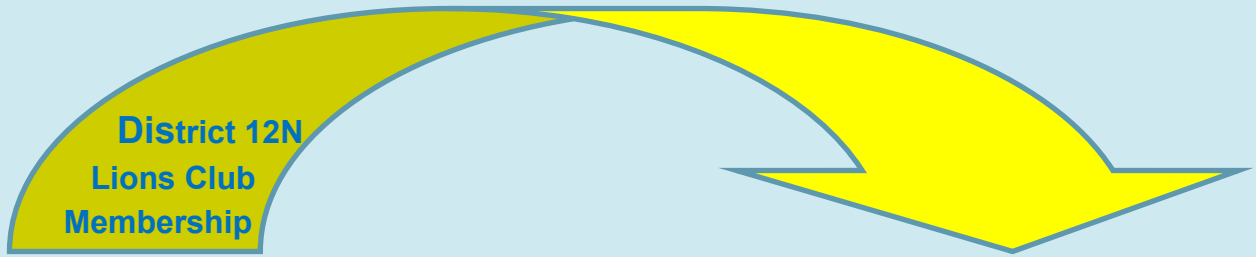
- International Peace Day - Oct 2
- Columbus Day—2nd Monday in Oct
- White Cane Day Oct 15th
- Halloween—Oct 31



Happy Birthday  
Lions born in October



The winner of the September 2020 Find Tartan contest is Emma Cosigua from the Knoxville Diversified Lions Club. Way to go Emma!!!



## Welcome to our Newest Members

Jose' Alfaro - Knoxville Diversified

Vivian Loudy – Campbell County

Susie Jarnagin – Dandridge

Darthy Omega Nicely – West Knox



## Remembrance of Our Deceased Lions

No deaths to report



## Lions Volunteer Blind Industries

Since June 4, 2012, Lions Volunteer Blind Industries, Inc. has maintained an Annual Employment Scholarship Giving Program: called: **PROJECT PAYCHECK.**

While many of our blind workers meet or exceed expected job standards, there are others who strive daily to meet those goals in spite of disabilities. LVBI's "Project Paycheck" giving program helps those workers through an Employment Scholarship, which pays each worker A competitive wage as they learn to earn.

Lions Volunteer Blind Industries must remain competitive in the market place. However, we have accepted the added challenge of providing equality in employment opportunities for our blind citizens.

The cost of the Employment Scholarship program continues to rise. The cost of supporting this program is \$300,000. - \$500,000, depending on levels of blind employment. Approximately 25% annually coming from sponsoring Lions Clubs and the balance of donations and our own operating income.

As a business partner with LVBI, you can take advantage of an opportunity to strengthen our relationship, and at the same time, take advantage of tax benefits through your contribution. Lions Volunteer Blind Industries is a 501 (C) 3 not-for-profit organization, and as such, all donations are tax-deductible. All donations into this fund go directly to eligible blind workers in the form of scholarship wages.

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**To Support this Mission please Call Monday-Friday between 8 AM and 4:30 PM  
423-586-3922**





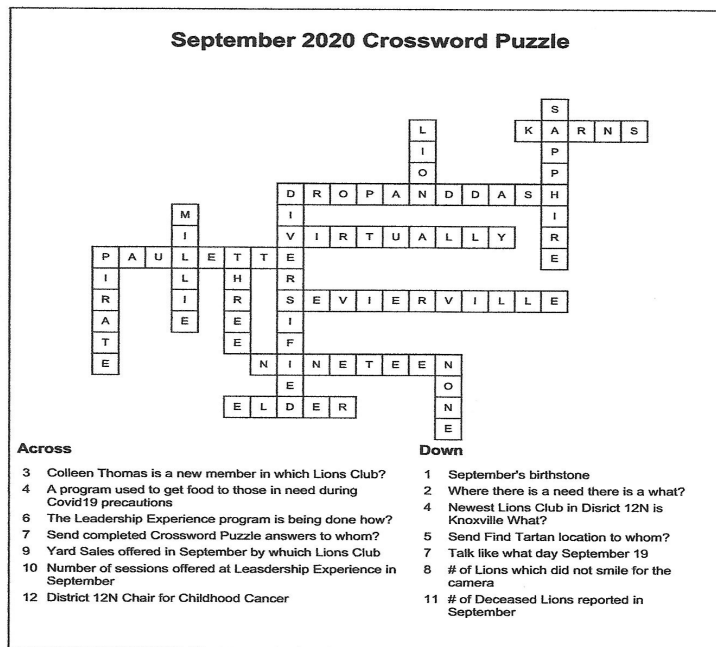
# FUN & Games

The points for reading News and Views will be tracked monthly if you submit your response by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. Find Tartan respond to DG Millie Burke at [gebgem@snet.net](mailto:gebgem@snet.net) and for the Crossword Puzzle respond to [ladipee@gmail.com](mailto:ladipee@gmail.com)

Q. Why did the lion lose at Poker?

A. He played with a Cheetah

Looking for people to play Social Bridge in the Knoxville area? We would like to find people who like to play Social Bridge— even the inexperienced player would be welcome! Call Pam Maples at 770-548-1690.



Q. What is a lion called with chicken pox?

A. A dotted lion.

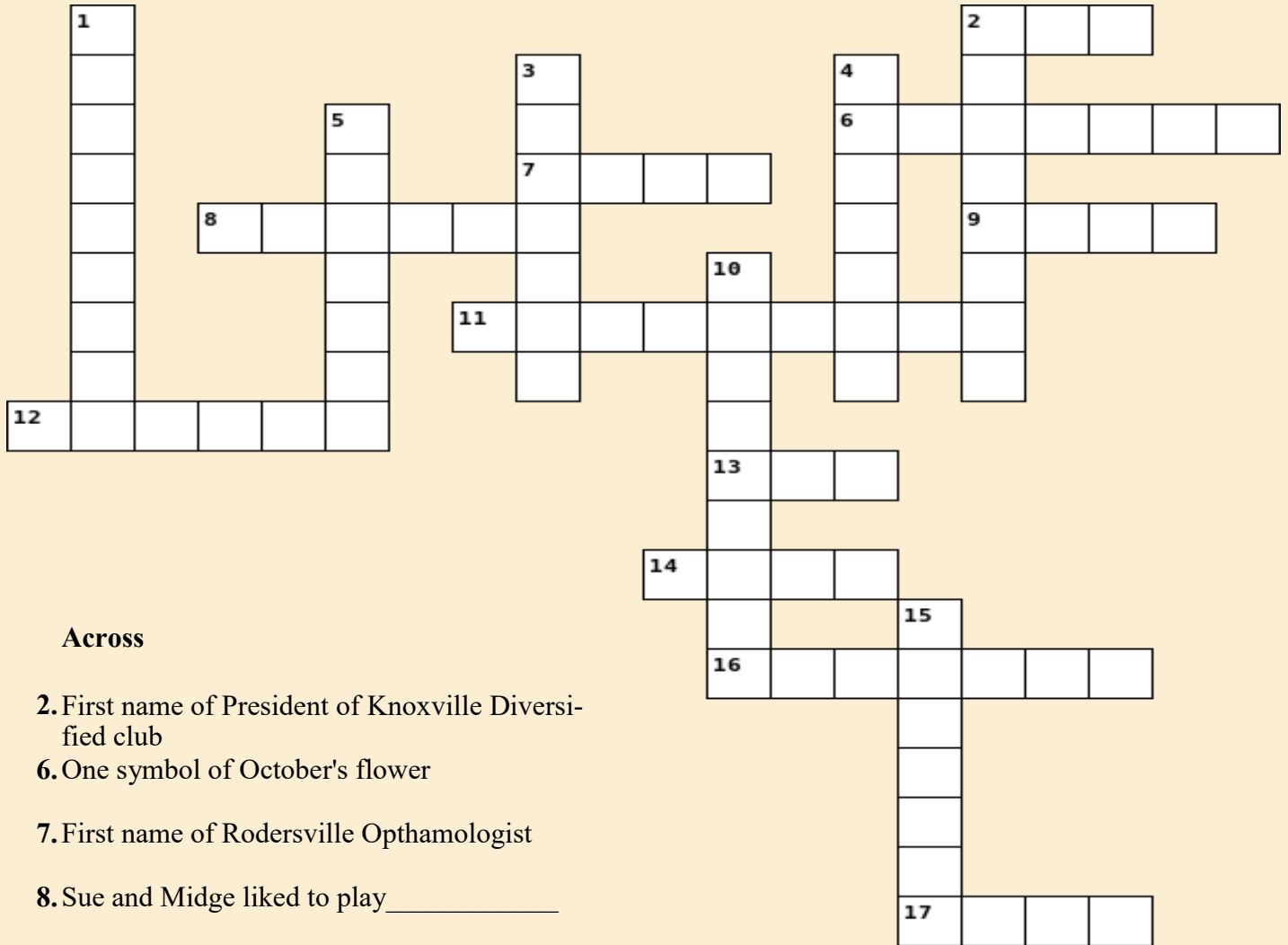
## A Way to Recruit New Members

There once was a Lion named Sue,  
Who needed something social to do.  
She decided upon Bridge,  
Found a partner named Midge,  
Now Midge is a Lion member, too.

By Pat Winger

# FUN & Games

## October 2020 Crossword Puzzle



### Across

2. First name of President of Knoxville Diversified club
6. One symbol of October's flower
7. First name of Rodgersville Opthamologist
8. Sue and Midge liked to play \_\_\_\_\_
9. Medical group providing free eye surgeries
11. October 31st is what?
12. Low Vision Device's name
13. First name of President of Rogersville Lions Club
14. First name of new member of Knoxville Diversified
16. Dandridge's golf tournament was a \_\_\_\_\_
17. October's birthstone

### Down

1. Club that placed park bench in downtown area
2. used to make Jack-O-Lanterns
3. The lion played poker with a \_\_\_\_\_
4. This issue of News and Views is about which month
5. Which club holds an annual pecan sale
10. Clubs support White Cane through what
15. One of the zodiac signs of October



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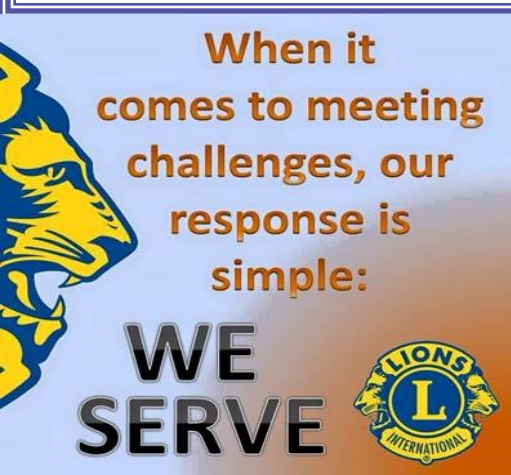
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