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CAROL CALLING

**Roar Lions,
Roar Lions,**

There are no words to express how much I have enjoyed visiting you. Each club is unique and serves their community in their own special way. I have had the pleasure of visiting 24 clubs. My goal is to visit all 43 clubs before December, and it looks like I will almost reach that goal. I have one club scheduled for the spring and only four left to schedule. After all the clubs have been visited, I would like to celebrate being a Lion with you, so let me know when you will be holding a celebration or activity, I might join you in. "Spoiler alert," We expect to charter a campus club sometime in January. The Knox Vol club still needs their charter night.



As I have visited many of the clubs, I've noticed a problem with what I call "Ghost Lions". These are members who joined our clubs but do not participate with our clubs. Just think how great it would be if most of our Lions could be counted on to participate in an activity.

When a new Lion joins our clubs, their sponsor should get them involved in club and district activities. Be sure our new members get to know their club members, attend the club meeting of a different club, attend a zone meeting, a district meeting and be sure they help with an activity. If the new member has a suggestion for a new project let them be the chairperson of a committee to try it.

Maybe some of our regular members are absent. Do they have a problem? Has anyone contacted them to see how they are? Sponsors, that's your job too.

Remember, the only time we fail is when we do nothing. Let's make sure our communities hear us ROAR!

By the way, our district is still at a minus seven in membership.

Carol McDonald, District Governor

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MEMO FROM MILLIE

Hello District 12N Lions,

I hope everyone has had a good summer. In August, I had the opportunity to visit Leader Dogs for the Blind and came away with added knowledge about Guide Dogs. These dogs are placed with visually challenged people absolutely free of charge. One of the Keynote speakers was a young woman who is going to college assisted by her Leader Dog. Her life would be much more difficult without her dog's help. She is very appreciative of the support given by Lions. Contact PDG Bill McDonald and I'm sure he would be more than happy to visit your club on the behalf of Leader Dogs.



I have been visiting Clubs and attending Zone meeting, this is very helpful to me in getting to know the people and Clubs in District 12N. I truly appreciate how friendly and welcoming everyone has been to me. I have attended some functions that Clubs have hosted and would very much like to attend more, so please send your information about upcoming events to me and News & Views. I really want to support the Clubs in District 12N, unfortunately I often hear of things that have already taken place.

Now I am off to the USA/Canada Forum in Spokane, Washington and looking forward to bringing back new ideas and information about the 2020 USA/Canada Forum in Louisville, Kentucky.

I look forward to visiting more Clubs and can be reached at gebgem@snet.net or 860-326-0676 (home) 860 (912-4171)

Thank you all for everything you do for Lions and your Communities.

Millie Burke, 1st VDG Loudon Lions



Without community service, we would not have a strong quality of life. It's important to the person who serves as well as the recipient. It's the way in which we ourselves grow and develop.

PAULETTE'S POST



I am really enjoying visiting with many of the clubs in our District. 1st VDG Millie and I have been tasked to split up the clubs in the District and visit you during our progression to DG so that you can see that we really do care about what is going on in your communities and we can provide guidance and help if you ask! Please let us know of your upcoming events – that is where we really get to know the club - working with you at an event!

It's White Cane Collection time! Did you know that October 15th is Int'l White Cane Safety Day ? This day is an opportunity to increase awareness about the white cane and recognize



the movement of blind people from dependency to full participation in society. White cane laws are on the books of all states in the U.S. and a few countries providing persons who are blind a legal status in traffic.

Hopefully your clubs are considering planning or have already held an event for your collections this year. Our charities depend on our generous donations to help them stay in business.

The Reverse Raffle for 2020 will be held June 20, 2020 from noon – 5:00 at the Fountain City Lions Club. The event is to be called “Day with the Lions” and the Reverse Raffle is the fundraising part of the event. 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.

Yours in Lionism, *Paulette Bailey*, 2ndVDG

Dates to Remember

October 12, 2019 - District 12-N Workday at Eyeglass Recycling Center, Roanoke, VA

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

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

2020 LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

LLR – Lions Learning Retreat

January 17-19, 2020

Manchester-Coffee County Conference Center, Manchester, TN. A great weekend of Lions camaraderie with good food, motivating seminars and speakers and some service projects to participate in as well. If able, please bring a “theme” basket or one with items from your community for the auction. An exciting LIVE auction of the baskets is held Saturday evening – it’s quite entertaining to watch the Lions or clubs trying to outbid each other. Funds raised are used to help defray some of the administrative aspects of running the retreat to help keep the cost reasonable.

Registration form included in this Newsletter

NEW for 2020 – TLLI – Tennessee Lions Learning Institute

April 16-18, 2020

Montgomery Bell State Park – 1020 Jackson Hill Rd., Burns, TN 37029. Another great weekend of Lions camaraderie and motivating seminars. All Lions are invited to attend but our target audience is a Lion of 2 years or less and Lions interested in moving up the leadership ladder at the club level or beyond. Course material for this weekend include things such as Lions Fundamentals, Working in Teams, Valuing Member Diversity and Motivating Club Members to name a few. These classes allow for a lot of class participation which always helps to bring in different perspectives and experiences which in itself is a learning opportunity. The faculty/instructors will be from out of state so please support them with a strong attendance.

The registration form and course materials are still being put together and will be available ASAP so stay tuned for more information in the near future.

Districts are already encouraged to offer scholarships for the LLR and they are encouraged to do the same for the TLLI as well.

NOTE: This Institute by no means is meant to be in competition with the already excellent LLR put on every January. They are two very different events. Please consider attending both!



DISTRICT 12N CABINET MEETING – SEPTEMBER 28, 2019 WHITE CANE REPORT

Submitted by: 2nd VDG Paulette Bailey

International White Cane Safety Day - October 15th, adopted by the International Federation of the Blind, is an opportunity to increase awareness about the white cane and is observed worldwide to recognize the movement of blind people from dependency to full participation in society. White cane laws are on the books of every state in the U.S. and a few other countries providing persons who are blind a legal status in traffic.

Throughout the world, the long white cane is used by people who are blind or visually impaired as a tool for safe and reliable navigation. However, interestingly enough only about 8% of the visually impaired use white canes – they use guide dogs or a sighted guide. Some white canes are going high-tech with ultrasonic devices that detect obstacles up to nine feet away.

There are three different kinds of white canes. Standard mobility cane used to navigate, the support cane used by visually impaired who also have mobility challenges and the ID cane, a small, foldable cane used by people with partial sight to let others know they have a visual impairment. Today's modern lightweight canes are usually made from aluminum, fiberglass or carbon fiber and can weigh as little as seven ounces. Some white cane users prefer the straight canes which are more durable while others prefer the collapsible canes.

DISTRICT 12N WHITE CANE COLLECTIONS

We hope that your club is considering planning or already held an event to conduct White Cane Collections this year. The following charities depend on our generous donations and white cane collections are our means to be able to help:

Childhood Cancer
Diabetes Awareness
East Tennessee Lions Eye Bank
Leader Dogs for the Blind
Learning Ally
Lions Quest

Lions Volunteer Blind Industries
Tennessee School for the Blind
Tennessee School for the Deaf
The Hearing and Speech Foundation
World Services for the Blind

DISTRICT 12N WHITE CANE REVERSE RAFFLE

The 2020 Reverse Raffle event is scheduled for Saturday, June 20, 2020 at the Fountain City Lions Club. This event is not in place of your White Cane Collections, it is in addition to so that we may provide the above charities with the money they request. We are looking to the 2020 Reverse Raffle to be really special with more games, entertainment, food vendors, car show etc. Your raffle committee would like to see this be a family event and encourage more club participation. The committee promises the drawings will be held earlier. More information to come!

ANNOUNCEMENTS – CLUBS IN ACTION

SEVIER COUNTY LIONS CLUB FALL YARD SALE

The Sevier County Lions Club will be holding a Yard Sale on Saturday, November 16th from 8 AM – 2 PM. at Highlands Union Bank, 1824 Veteran's Blvd., Sevierville. In addition, we will be making spaces available to rent to any vendor: small business, food, crafters, or yard sale enthusiasts. The cost for space rental is \$20 for two parking spaces. Proceeds from the yard sale and rental spaces will benefit Lions charity projects. This is a great opportunity for you to make some extra money, increase your business or hobby, or just clear out space in your home or garage. Please contact Stacie Buss, Treasurer for Sevier County Lions Club at 865-274-0312 and leave a message if interested in renting a space. Certificate of Excellence awarded to Club Secretary PDG Neal Vaughan of the Clinton Lions Club for successfully completing the 2018-2019 online Lions Club Activity Report.

NORRIS LIONS CLUB SPONSORS INTERNATIONAL DOT DAY

On August 13, the Norris Lions Club, in partnership with Norris Elementary School participated in International Dot Day. Dot Day is inspired by a children's book, The Dot by Peter H. Reynolds. It is the story of a young girl, Vashti, who believes that she has no artistic ability. Her teacher encourages her to just make her mark by putting one dot on a piece of paper. Through that simple step, Vashti begins to believe in herself.



All 240 students at NES took part in adding their dots to a mural that is being created in a tunnel that connects the school with the Norris Commons. This tunnel is used daily by student who walk to and from school. The project was a great success due to the enthusiasm of the students and the many volunteers which included teachers, parents, Norris Lions, and the community.



DANDRIDGE LIONS AND LEOS SUPPORTING WHITE CANE

Lion Carolyn Rinehart announced that the Dandridge Lions will be collecting donations for White Cane charities in downtown Dandridge on Friday, October 4, 2019 and Lion Peggy Chandler announced that the Dandridge Leo clubs will be collecting for White Cane Day on Saturday, October 12, 2019 and will be selling mops and brooms.

JOHNSON CITY NOON CLUB TURTLE DERBY

Johnson City Noon President, Debra Shipley invited all to attend the upcoming Turtle Derby to be held on Saturday, November 9, 2019, at the Boys & Girls Club in Johnson City.

NORRIS LIONS CLUB TURKEY SHOOT

The Norris Lions Club will be holding its annual Turkey Shoot on three Saturdays: November 2, 9, and 16 from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. The event is held on Highway 61 between Norris and Andersonville. Watch for signs to direct you to the site.

There are 12 shooters per round and someone wins a turkey or ham each round. The cost is \$4.00 per shot for turkeys and \$5.00 per shot for hams. Morning competition is for unmodified, factory stock, standard shotguns. Shotguns equipped with scopes may be used only after noon on all days. The morning rules also apply to youth rounds. For questions about other rules, call Roy Langheld at 494-5853 or Ron Forrest at 513-324-9273.

Adults and youth are welcome at the Turkey Shoot which raises money for Lions charities, particularly for sight conservation. There are special rounds for youth so that they are competing against their peers.

Food Bank Challenge



This is a District challenge.

Every day put one non perishable item in a box. Around the first of November, take that box to the nearest food bank in your neighborhood. Remember to report your donation to your club secretary. Your DG team will be looking for your activity report on MyLion.

WARM FEET 4 THE COLD STREET (FOR THE HOMELESS)



PROJECT: COLLECT WHITE SOCKS

(IF YOU ALREADY HAVE COLORED SOCKS BRING THEM ANYWAY)

OF ALL SIZES

WHEN: FEBRUARY 21-22

WHY: DISTRICT CONVENTION

WHERE: BEST WESTERN PLUS

MORRISTOWN

(SEE REGISTRATION FORM IN

NEWS & VIEWS)

IMPORTANT TIDBITS FROM THE LIONS DISTRICT 12N FALL CABINET MEETING

DG Carol reminded clubs to bring a basket for auction to the LLR and to also bring items to be donated for the Silent Auction at the District Convention.

PDG Chuck Bailey reviewed the process for clubs to be able to obtain a camera to use with the KidSight vision screening process, and suggested that any club interested in applying for a grant to obtain a camera needs to speak with him.

2nd VDG Paulette reminded us that when a new club charters then a Charter Night Celebration needs to occur within 3 months of chartering, and that other Lions clubs should support the newly chartered club by their presence and their gifts at the Charter Night Celebration.

2nd VDG Paulette Bailey reminded members that the Worldwide White Cane Day is October 15, 2019 and encouraged clubs to continue to support the White Cane effort by sending in donations. She reminded us that the Reverse Raffle to support our White Cane Charities will be held on June 20, 2020 at the Ftn. City Lions Club building and will be known as "Day With the Lions". Hours are 12:00 – 5:00 PM and families are encouraged to attend. DG Carol reminded members to express to their clubs that the Reverse Raffle donations are in addition to our regular club White Cane donations (and not in place of our White Cane donations). PDG Ed Gibbons asked if donations to White Cane could be given today, and the answer was "yes". President of the Johnson City Noon Lions Club, Debra Shipley, presented a White Cane check for \$1,000. to PDG Cabinet Treasurer Chuck Bailey. Cabinet Secretary Kim Osborne explained that the money raised from the sale of the Lions Lenses jewelry today by the Sevier County Lions Club would also be donated in the future to the White Cane charities.

Tennessee Lions Learning Institute (TLLI) ~ April 16-18, 2020 at Montgomery Bell State Park. This will be the first one held in many years in TN and is open to all Lions. 2nd VDG Paulette encouraged members to attend, especially new Lions and Lions who may be interested in moving into leadership positions. PDG Chuck reported that the cost for the Institute will be announced at a later time and that the cost will be funded partially by LCI, in addition to District scholarships being considered. 2nd VDG Paulette reiterated that this TLLI is not meant to be in competition with the upcoming Lions Learning Retreat that is scheduled for January 17-19, 2020 in Manchester, TN.

Peace Poster Contest - Lion Nellie Harshbarger reminded clubs that the postmark deadline for submitting a Peace Poster winner to DG Carol McDonald is November 15, 2019. Peace Poster kits must be purchased from LCI by October 1, 2019. DG Carol encouraged all clubs to consider participating in the Peace Poster contest.

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

Make Your Mark for World Diabetes Day

In an effort to increase awareness around a disease that affects 1 in 11 people, Lions Clubs International has challenged us to hold an activity on November 14th, to help members of our community to better understand, prevent and care for persons with type 2 diabetes.



world diabetes day
14 November



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/>



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Mike Walker, Editor and Publisher



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



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