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UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 15-17th
USA/Canada Forum
Omaha, Nebraska

SEPTEMBER 24th
Eyeglass Recycling
Roanoke, VA

OCTOBER 1st
Farragut Lions
Car Show

OCTOBER 8th
Fall Forum
Walters State
Comm.

DG Paulette's Post

What a great month August was getting to visit some of the clubs in our District. The exciting thing about club visits, other than talking with club members, is the variety of projects the clubs do for their communities. Even the smallest of clubs serve and make a difference in the lives of others. Kudos and hats off to Knox North, Halls Community, Clinton, Inskip, Kingsport, Loudon and Rutledge – thanks for a great visit. I am anxious to get around to more clubs in September and see what exciting projects they are working on. **Centennial Celebration Service Project** – I am purchasing cards that depict the American Flag with the phrase “*Thank You for Your Service*” on the front, blank inside, with the message on the back stating “*The Lions Clubs of East Tennessee appreciate your service?*” I would like the clubs to purchase 100 cards from me for \$100 and write personal messages to our service men and women. I am working with a couple different organizations for distribution of these cards unless you have a contact that we could use. In addition to the purchase of the cards, distribution is what the rest of your money would be used for. The other option is to write the cards to our men and women in Blue (police, EMTs or firefighters). It is your club’s choice but your club would do the distribution for this option. Thanks to Inskip and Kingsport for purchasing the first two sets of cards. Please let me know if you would like to participate.



DISTRICT GOVERNOR VISITS

September 1
Johnson City
Bulls Gap

September 7
Morristown Blvd.
Morristown Cher.
Hamblen Co.

September 14-17
USA/Can. Forum

September 20
Maryville

September 22
Elizabethton

September 24-25
Roanoke
Recycling

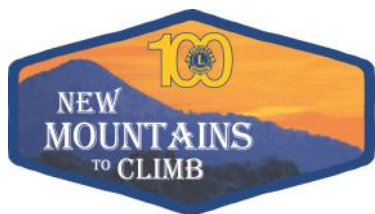
September 26
Dandridge

September 27
Farragut

I challenge each club to do something related to our 100 year Centennial Celebration. It can be as simple as passing out 100 bottles of water at a community event, handing out 100 lions brochures, or serving 100 individuals in another manner. The key is reporting your activity at least to me if nothing else but on line would be preferable.

Yours in Lionism,

DG Paulette



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HISTORY OF THE WHITE CANE

In 1921, James Biggs, a photographer from Bristol, England, became blind following an accident. Because he was feeling uncomfortable with the amount of traffic around his home, he painted his walking stick white to be more easily visible.

In 1930, Lion George A. Bonham, President of the Peoria Lions Club (Illinois) introduced the idea of using the white cane with a red band as a means of assisting the blind in independent mobility. The Peoria Lions approved the idea, white canes were made and distributed, and the Peoria City Council adopted an ordinance giving the bearers the right-of-way to cross the street. News of the club's activity spread quickly to other Lions clubs throughout the United States, and their visually handicapped friends experimented with the white canes. Overwhelming acceptance of the white cane idea by the blind and sighted alike quickly gave cane users a unique method of identifying their special need for travel consideration among their sighted counterparts.



The president of the United States annually recognizes White Cane Day by the Blind Americans Equality Day proclamation on October 15th to acknowledge the abilities of people who are blind and to promote equal opportunities as any other American.

The mission of White Cane day is to educate the world about blindness and how the blind and visually impaired can live and work independently while giving back to their communities, to celebrate the abilities and successes achieved by blind people in a sighted world and to honor the many contributions being made by the blind and visually impaired.



For more than 25 years, millions of children from nearly 100 countries have participated in the [Lions International Peace Poster Contest](#). Purchase a Peace Poster Contest kit to sponsor a contest in your community, and encourage children to express their thoughts on peace through art. The deadline to purchase a kit for the 2016-17 theme, "A Celebration of Peace," is October 1, 2016. The kit is available in all 11 of our official languages, and costs US\$11.95 plus shipping, handling and applicable taxes. To order online, go to the [Club Supplies Store](#) (Item Search: Peace Poster Kit). Don't forget to share your #PeacePoster photos on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter!

Adam's Archive

On our recent trip to visit the *Leader Dogs for the Blind* campus in Rochester Hills, MI, Carol and I were able to spend time with other Lions from several states. All five 1st VDG Lions from TN were there to soak up information regarding Leader Dogs' programs. We listened as a unique professional staff and dedicated volunteers explained the programs available to their clients. These consist of 1) training guide dogs and then training their blind or visually impaired new owners to work with them as a team, 2) training guide dogs for the deaf-blind and their new owners, 3) training the legally blind in an accelerated orientation and mobility (O&M) course for cane travel, 4) GPS skills training, and 5) summer experience camp for legally blind teens ages 16 and 17. All programs are offered at a no-charge basis to the client once accepted into the program. In fact, there is no charge for travel (from a North American location), nor for food and lodging for any client whether from the U.S. or another country. Each client is given a private room with appliances and entertainment such as TV, internet, etc. Also on campus are lounges, computer stations, a library, and dining hall. Most of the training takes place there at the new Polk Residence and Training Center and at nearby locations such as streets and malls. We Lions found out that both the client and the dog are equally important for a successful client future. As such the staff closely monitors the relationship between the dog and client for the 26 days that the client is in residence. If remedial training for either is required, a plan is put into action either at the client's home or back at the training center. Any client can request additional help at any time after returning home.

Leader Dogs for the Blind was founded in 1939 and today operates at no cost to the client due to generous donations of individuals, foundations, corporate support, and community service clubs such as Lions Clubs. Purina, for example, provides for free all of the dog food for the guide dogs and puppies while in training. If your club has a candidate in need of Leader Dogs' services, please contact your District Governor and/or Leader Dogs direct at [248-651-9011](tel:248-651-9011) or leaderdog@leaderdog.org. Please continue to support our District 12-N and Multiple District 12 charities which supports Leader Dogs.



KARNS LIONS BREAK GROUND

A groundbreaking ceremony was held Thursday, August 25th for the Karns Lions Club All Inclusive Playground that will serve all children including those with disabilities, wheelchairs and vision impaired. The playground will provide social interaction between children with and without disabilities. It was well attended by Government officials, media, sponsors and fellow lions from various clubs. This is a huge \$500,000 project and the club is well on it's way with fundraising, an LCIF grant, an East TN Lions Eye Bank Grant, and large Sponsor and City donations . However, they still request further donations to help make this project a true quality playground for the children of Karns and the surrounding communities. Contact Rick or Monica Dailey of the Karns Lions Club for further information.



REMINDER

**October 8, 2016 – 8:30 AM –
3:30 PM**

District 12N Fall Forum

**Walter State Community Col-
lege**

**500 S Davy Crockett Parkway
Morristown, TN 37813**

**Registration Form on District
Website: <https://tnlions.org>**

Deadline: September 15, 2016

DISTRICT 12N DIRECTORIES AVAILABLE

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LIONS EYE GLASS

RECYCLING WORK DAY

Roanoke, VA

Saturday, September 24, 2016



Lions will meet at the Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center (501 Elm Ave) around 8:30 AM. We'll work, have lunch, work some more and leave about 3:00 PM to head home. It's a fun and rewarding time sorting, cleaning, reading and packaging used eyeglasses for beneficial reuse. The 12N Lions are the stars of the Center – we get more done and do a better job than any of the other groups up there. Let's have a great turnout, and show the true volunteer spirit of 12N Lions. For more information contact Lion Harry Ennis at hrennis@chartertn.net or 423/239-7681.

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