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CAROL CALLING

Roar Lions,

It has been an exciting and busy beginning. Since the first of July I have attended the International Convention in Milan, installed 2 sets of officers, inducted 2 new members, held my first cabinet meeting (Organizational meeting) and Multi District Organizational meeting. I visited 12 clubs; Fountain City, Knoxville East, Oak Ridge, Dandridge, Kingsport and Greenville in July. Johnson City, West Knox, Maryville, Knoxville County North, Campbell County and Hamblin in August. I have 6 more clubs to visit this month, Union County, Clinton, Rutledge, Elizabethton, Kingston and Sevier County. I even visited 1 club before it's actual scheduled meeting. Had a great lunch that day. Presidents, if you haven't scheduled my visit yet please contact me at 423-907-2429 or 2430. I don't want to miss spending time with you.



I can't begin to tell you how much I enjoyed visiting these clubs. Meeting new friends and old. Having a chance to learn about the great activities each club has done and is going to do. I always thought our District was mostly focused on sight projects, but I've learned that they do so much more. One club maintains a park and club house for their community. That's a full-time job. Another tutors students and helps the homeless with haircuts. A small club sponsors a basketball tournament. Two clubs are working together, along with other non-profits, to build an all-inclusive playground. Some are planning fundraising projects like White Cane. You roar Lions!

We are a busy district and we do so much more than just sight focused projects. It would be nice if every club reported their projects. Now with the MyLion app any Board member can make the report right after it's finished. Perhaps the Committee Chair should do it.

We do have a few problems though. Getting 990's and State filings done on time. Getting our reports in on time. Losing valuable Lions faster than we can get new ones. These are just a few, but an important few. I can't prioritize them because they are equally important. Perhaps this year we could work on seeing that these things are goals for each club.

We have lots of things to look forward to this year. I would especially like to remind you about the District 12N Convention at Best Western Plus at Morristown on Feb 21-22. The registration form is included in this News and Views.

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Carol McDonald, District Governor

MEMO FROM MILLIE

Lions Year 2018-2019 White Cane Year-end Report



I would like to take this opportunity to Thank All of the Lions in District 12N for being so supportive of White Cane in the 2018-2019 Lion year. Everyone working together helped District 12N Charities, also know as White Cane finish the year with increased donations over the prior year. Whether you donated a portion of your charity budget, or solicited from the public by collecting at road blocks and sports games, or sold tickets for the Reverse Raffle, your participation is very much appreciated by the people “We Serve”. There are many people in District 12N who are living better lives as a result of your generosity. Although the Tennessee School for the Blind is in Nashville, there were thirteen students from District 12N when I attended their Christmas Event the middle of December. Tennessee School for the Deaf helps hearing impaired students and the newly added Hearing and Speech assists people who need, but can’t afford hearing aids. When I needed to learn about the services provided in our District, I visited Lions Volunteer Blind Industries (LVBI) and saw first-hand the difference we were making in the lives of the people who had employment because of what do. I plan to continue to learn about other services provided by White Cane and encourage you all to do the same. You can ask for speakers for your Club and I know some Clubs have field trips or even plan a meeting at the Schools or LVBI. It is now time for me to pass the baton to the capable hands of 2nd VDG Paulette Bailey. Again, Thank-you all for making this past year so pleasurable for me to have served you. I look forward to this new Lions year as I continue to get to know the caring Lions in District 12N who do so much for their Communities.

Sincerely,

Millie Burke, 1st VDG Loudon Lions



**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**

PAULETTE'S POST

Wow – didn't our Lions year just start and here it is almost Labor Day! So far, I've enjoyed spending some time visiting with the Norris, Knoxville East, Fountain City, Halls and Loudon Lions Clubs sharing in fellowship and learning about the awesome service they are providing to their local communities and beyond! Depending on the size of our clubs we do what we can and I thank you all for your service.

As you may be aware, it is time to start collecting for our White Cane charities. By now you should have received a copy of the White Cane Flyer that can be distributed during your collections. If not, a copy is attached to this Newsletter. This flyer lets the public know what we are collecting for and whom the beneficiaries are. Many clubs collect outside Walmart or grocery stores and some conduct roadblocks - Whatever you do we appreciate your help. If you have not donated to the District 12N White Cane Charities before please give it consideration this year – these are important organizations that we support and they appreciate whatever amount we can donate. Stay tuned for more information regarding the June 2020 Reverse Raffle that will also be held to support our White Cane Charities efforts.

Yours in Lionism *Paulette Bailey*, 2ndVDG

District 12-N Dates to Remember

September 19-21, 2019 - 2019USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, Spokane, WA

September 28, 2019 - District 12-N Fall Cabinet Meeting, Walters State Community College

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

October 19, 2019 - District 12N Fall Forum, Walters State Community College

December 13, 2019 - Lions Day at Tennessee School for the Blind, Donnelson, 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 - District 12-N Reverse Raffle, Fountain City Lions Club, Knoxville, TN

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. This is a picture of The Lion City, Singapore. If you have ever wanted to visit Asia, this would be your opportunity to do so and experience a Lions International Convention as well!

Respectfully Submitted,
Millie Burke 1st VDG

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>.

USA/Canada Report



There is still time to register for the USA/Canada Leadership Forum in Spokane Washington, September 19-21, 2019. This is the best educational and motivating event that I have ever attended. You don't need to desire to become a leader, all you need is to want to learn more about Lions and gain ideas about

how to serve your community and the people who live there. I always come back energized and with new thoughts on how to serve.

And if you can't make it this year, the 2020 Forum will be held in Louisville Kentucky, so save the date September 17-19, 2020.

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

I hope to see you in Spokane and/or Louisville.

Millie Burke, 1st VDG

Lions District 12N 2020 Convention Report

Dear District 12N Lions,

The registration form for DG Carol McDonald's District Convention is attached. We will have more details as February 21-22, 2020 gets nearer, but we wanted to get this out to the District 12N members so you will be able to plan early and book your rooms. The Best Western Plus Morristown Conference Center Hotel is conveniently located right off of Interstate 85 and central to the clubs in District 12N. They have recently renovated and updated their facilities.

Saturday's Lunch speaker will be PID Gwen A. White of Columbia, North Carolina. She was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of Lions Clubs International at the 100th International Convention held in Chicago, Illinois, June 30-July 4, 2017. Director White is a motivational speaker and non-profit manager and is sure to spark enthusiasm!!

Saturday's Dinner speaker will be Lion Diane Corlew of Tennessee and always an inspiration to hear, so you will not want to miss this opportunity.

Call the hotel directly for room reservations and ask for the Lions rate which includes breakfast. Watch the News and Views each month for additional information and updates.

PDG Tim Hilliker - Convention Chair

12 N DIRECTORY CHANGES 2019-2020

(as of 8/16/19)

Page #	Change
N-14	Clinton Treasurer Jan Waldroop email is janwaldroop@gmail.com
N-17	Fountain Sec'y Penny Kleinschmidt cell is 660/707-5361
N-21	Johnson City Noon Treasurer – Ken Gough, 744 Meadowview Cr, Elizabethton Tn 37643 (C) 423-928-8134, Email – kdg@appmachprod.com
N-23	Kingston Pres email – sammysams1@comcast.net
N-25	Knoxville East Meeting location – 4610 Asheville Hwy, Knoxville
N-30	Oneida Meeting Location – First Baptist Church, 201 S. Main St., Oneida
N-33	West Knox Secretary – Remove (Anthony) he's her son, not husband
N-35	Anderson County Leo Sponsor – Mike Robinson, 205 W. Norris Rd., Email – mrobin1863@aol.com, Phone: 865-230-4618
N-35	Philadelphia Leo Sponsor – Rosie Sylvester, Email – kit-tycat2x2@gmail.com, Cell 715-880-0340

ANNOUNCEMENTS – CLUBS IN ACTION

CLINTON LIONS HONOR PDG NEAL VAUGHAN

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.

LOUDON LIONS BLESS BOX

The Loudon Lions recently installed a Bless Box in the Hope Haven housing in Loudon TN. The Bless Box was built by Lion Larry Hawk and Lion Bruce Clark. Lion Bruce Clark is in close contact with one of the Hope Haven residents who is providing the Loudon Lions with items that are needed to keep the Bless Box stocked. In addition to food the Loudon Lions also have provided much needed school supplies so that the youths of Hope Haven will be better equipped in the classroom. The residents are very appreciative of the assistance being provided to them. The Loudon Lions are glad to be able to help their local community with this ongoing project.





Lions Clubs of East Tennessee

Who are the Lions?

Lions are volunteer members of local clubs where they enjoy fellowship, develop leadership capabilities, and dedicate part of their free time to help those in need all over the world, while making their individual communities a better place in which to live. The clubs are chartered by Lions Clubs International, the world's largest service club organization.

Our Origin

In 1917 a Chicago, Illinois insurance agent named Melvin Jones founded Lions Clubs International to help the less fortunate. The organization was involved in various social projects until the 1925 International Convention when Helen Keller challenged Lions to become "Knights of the Blind in the crusade against darkness." This is still the main focus of Lionism within the local community and around the world. Even with this focus, Lions also meet a variety of other needs that are identified in their communities.

Our Motto: "We Serve"

The Lions of Tennessee have worked millions of hours and raised millions of dollars in our communities as we truly live our motto, "WE SERVE."

World Wide Growth

The International Association of Lions Clubs has grown to be the largest service club organization in the world, representing over 46,000 clubs with about 1,460,000 members in 212 countries and geographical areas around the world.

Vision Screening Children – A Major Project of the Tennessee Lions

In addition to the projects described on the other side of this sheet, and the many ways the local clubs serve their communities, the Lions of Tennessee have teamed up with the Department of Ophthalmology at Vanderbilt Children's Hospital with the goal of providing quality eye care for children statewide. Lions Clubs across the state raised over \$4 million for a project that created the Tennessee Lions Eye Center (TLEC) at Vanderbilt Children Hospital, a pediatric ophthalmology center.

From the beginning, an important part of this unique partnership has been the Tennessee Lions Eye Center Outreach Program, the "clinic without walls," a program of free vision screening of young children in their own neighborhoods, with evaluation of the screening and follow-up by professionals at TLEC. Trained Lions members screen children from 12 months to 72 months of age in their own neighborhoods to detect eye disorders that can lead to serious eye problems and/or blindness at an early age when treatment is most effective. The process is noninvasive which makes it ideal for use with young children. Vision screenings are evaluated by Vanderbilt physicians, and those who have potential eye problems are referred to ophthalmologists or optometrists in their local area for a more detailed examination.

Membership

Any person of legal majority, good moral character and good reputation in his or her community may be granted membership in a chartered Lions Club. **If there were more of us, we could help more people!**

To learn how you may become a Lion, contact a member of your local Lions Club or check out <http://tnlions.org> to learn more about a Lions Club in your area.



Lions Clubs of East Tennessee

White Cane Days

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.



DISTRICT 12-N FALL FORUM

Saturday, October 19, 2019

8:30 AM – 4:00 PM

(gathering at 8:30 AM)

Walters State Community College

500 S Davy Crockett Parkway

Morristown, TN 37813

Pre-Registration Deadline – October 12, 2019

NAME 1 _____

Check one Lion Leo Guest

NAME 2 _____

Check one Lion Leo Guest

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

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone _____ email _____

Registration Fee (includes lunch and hand-out materials): \$10 (this will be refunded if you show up)

NOTE: If you do not register ahead of time there will be NO lunch available for you

8:30 AM Gathering Fellowship

8:45 AM Welcome and Introductions

9:00 – 10:00 AM New Member Orientation

9:00 – 10:00 AM Diversity – Not what you think

10:15 – 11:15 AM Diabetes Alert Dog

10:15 – 11:15 AM Goal Setting

Noon – 1:00 PM Lunch w/Motivational Speaker (Childhood Cancer)

1:15 – 2:15 PM Servant Leader

1:15 – 2:15 PM So You Want to Teach a Class

2:30 – 3:30 PM Club Officer Overview

2:30 – 3:30 PM Member Motivation

Mail registration form and check payable to:

LIONS DISTRICT 12-N

Attn: Chuck Bailey

709 Shannondale Way

Maryville, TN 37803

LIONS DISTRICT 12N CHILDHOOD CANCER COLLECTION



A collection for Childhood Cancer was held at the July 20, 2019 District 12N Organizational meeting. Pictured at the left are the items collected for Niswonger Children's Hospital. And equal amount was collected for East Tennessee Children's Hospital. Both Hospitals are delighted that the Lions have chosen to support the children and families they service. Pictured Left to right Kim Osborne, Sevier County

Lions and Secretary 12N, Carol McDonald, DG and Campbell County Lions, Millie Burke, VDG and Loudon Lions, Chuck Osborne, Sevier County Lions, Nellie Harshbarger, Hearing Chair and Norris Lions, Carolyn Broyles, Greenville Lions, Ed Gibbons, PDG Johnson City Lions.

We want to Thank all of the Lions in District 12N for making this such a success!!!!!! Sincerely District 12N Cabinet

DISTRICT LIONS SUPPORT CHILDHOOD CANCER AT ST. JUDE CHILDREN'S RESEARCH HOSPITAL



Sevier County Lions members, in conjunction with Greeneville Lions and Johnson City Lions, delivered toys, gifts, and food items to the patients at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital (Niswonger) in Johnson City, TN. These gifts were made possible due to a donation drive that occurred at our recent District 12N Organizational Meeting. Representatives from Niswonger were excited by the items donated and wish to express their appreciation to all of the District 12N Clubs who made this donation drive such a success.

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'oeuvres</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.

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<https://www.facebook.com/Lions12N/>

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