

District 12-N NEWS & VIEWS

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District 12-N Dates to Remember 2018-2019

District 12-N Fall Workday at
Eyeglass Recycling Center
Roanoke, VA
October 20, 2018

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

September proved to be yet another successful month for District 12-N, as we finished another month in positive growth for the year. We are the only District in Tennessee to have positive growth at all this year, let alone three months in a row! I'm so proud to have finished the quarter out strong, but we need your help to continue this mission of bringing new members into our association.

One highlight of this month was attending the USA/Canada Forum in Columbus, Ohio. Several Tennessee Lions attended the forum, and I was honored to be able to present about recruiting younger members. Two thousand Lions from across North America came together for a weekend of fun, fellowship, and learning. If you've not attended a forum before, I cannot stress enough what an incredible experience it is. The next forum is in Spokane, Washington - so make plans now!

Our District Cabinet meeting last week was well attended, and quite efficient. We completed all business in less than two hours, and that included having an incredible guest speaker in Penny Kleinschmidt and her speech about Childhood Cancer.

This past month, I attended the Knoxville Tri-County, West Knox, Maryville, and Morristown Morris Blvd. clubs. Each is so incredibly unique, and doing wonderful things in our community. At this point, I have visited nearly every club. A few clubs have been visited on my behalf by our wonderful Vice Governors, and a few still have yet to be visited. If I have not visited your club yet, please give me a call. However, even if I have already visited your club, please keep me posted on what your club is doing. I want to come back and continue to support!

In Lionism,

-Brandon

CAROL CALLING!

102nd International Convention

Milan, Italy

July 5-9, 2019

(270 days and counting down)

Each year, more than 20,000 Lions from across the globe gather together to celebrate at our international convention. The convention offers an ideal setting to reunite acquaintances and make new friends. Learn about other club and district projects. And make personal connections with international leaders and representatives from headquarters.



Five exciting days to experience the best Lions have to offer. Amazing speakers. Interesting seminars. Service projects. Exciting exhibit hall.

Represent your state and country in the International Parade of Nations.

Trips, food and wine, museums, tours, sight seeing, street markets and flea markets.

Watch for more information!

Carol McDonald 1st VDG District 12-N



West Knox Lions Laura Horn, Terry Horn, Ron Riehn, Sue Buckley (not shown) and Mike Walker joined Club Vibes at a fun game of Beep Ball in Knoxville. Also shown is newcomer Lion Jason Eien from Boulder City Nevada, who is transferring his membership into the West Knox Lions Club!

MEMO FROM MILLIE



Dear District 12-N Lions,

October 15, 2018 is National White Cane Safety Day and October is Blindness Awareness Month. As Lions, Helen Keller challenged us to be Knights Of the Blind. In that role our District 12N supports many services which enable the visually impaired to lead more active and productive lives. District 12N Charities is able to help fund these services through your Club's White Cane donations. If it were not for your support many of these programs would not be able to help the visually challenged individuals in Eastern Tennessee. These services help the visually and hearing impaired clients to learn skills, training and employment.

I know many clubs are currently doing collections at football games and road blocks. I and the people served by these donations truly appreciate your hard work. I recently toured the Lions Volunteer Blind Industries in Morristown and saw firsthand the facility and how important it was to the workers there. You may contact Anthony Nead President of the Morristown Morris Blvd Lions for a tour of the facility twnead@gmail.com While you are there visit the Mattress Showroom.

Some of the other programs we support through White Cane collections are The Tennessee School for the Blind, Tennessee School for the Deaf, East Tennessee Lions Eye Bank, Learning Ally (formerly Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic), Leader Dogs for the Blind, World Services for the Blind and Diabetes Awareness.

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 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

LION TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

(District and International)

Emerging Lions Institute – November 3-5, 2018 - Leadership Skills at Club Level –
Chicago, IL

Advanced Lions Learning Institute – November 10-12, 2018 – Winnipeg, Canada

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

For further information on any of these sessions please contact GLT Coordinator, Paulette Bailey, at ladipee@gmail.com or 423/371-9738. Note: The Emerging Lions Institute and Advanced Lions Learning Institutes had application deadlines in August.

Lions Learning Retreat and District 12-N Convention

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!

District 12N Convention March 8-10 in Gatlinburg at the River Terrace Conference Center and Resort. You **DO NOT WANT TO MISS** this Convention! Our very own Int'l President Gudrun Yngvadottir will be our keynote speaker. She is the 1st female President in our 100 year old organization and besides that she is amazing! Get your room reservations in **EARLY** as there are only 36 in the bldg where the activities will be and 10 are already gone! We encourage you to come for the entire weekend but you may also come in for just Saturday. The morning session will begin either at 9 or 10 - stay tuned for more information on that. We are going to have lots of fun, learning and leisure opportunities and lots of interesting things to see with a myriad of vendors participating.

Stayed tuned for more but we encourage all Lions to try and attend both of these awesome events!

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 Form 990-N, Electronic Notice (e-Postcard) for Tax-Exempt Organizations Not Required to File Form 990 or Form 990EZ, must be submitted electronically. Online information for filing your Form 990-N can be found at

<https://www.irs.gov/charities-non-profits/annual-electronic-filing-requirement-for-small-exempt-organizations-form-990-n-e-postcard>

Paulette Bailey, District 12N Cabinet Secretary



MESSAGE FROM YOUR GLOBAL LEADERSHIP TEAM

All clubs are encouraged to assign a Club Service Coordinator because it provides leadership opportunities and helps with retention. If your club does not want a separate Service Coordinator, the Club Secretary should be named as such on MyLCI since they most likely do your reporting as Club Secretary. Clubs are encouraged to engage youth on their projects and try to always send a representative to Zone and District events. Reporting Service Coordinator ties on MyLCI or MyLion are key to club success because others can see what the club is doing and may become interested in participating in the club. Please try to support the five (5) LCI Global initiative areas: Vision, Hunger, Environment, Diabetes Awareness and Childhood Cancer.

more importantly try to meet the needs of your local communities first and report what you do.

2018 Fall Forum Cancelled - Sorry to see that we had to cancel this year's Fall Forum session. Unfortunately, there were not enough participant registrations to warrant putting the forum on. Thanks again to those that did register – refunds are on their way. We believe there were too many other activities going on the same day; i.e., Car Shows, Street fests and other events that precluded many from registering. Hopefully we will select a better date next year.

Thank you from your Global Leadership Team Coordinator, Paulette Bailey.

WELCOME 12-N's NEWEST LIONS!

Amanda S. Brackett – Clinton
James B. Bramlette – Clinton
Frank Carusone – Knox County North
Patricia L. Meyers - Rogersville

Newport Lions 70th Anniversary BBQ

The Newport Lions Club will be celebrating its 70th anniversary with a fundraising BBQ meal on November 13th at 6PM. The meal will be held at the Woodshed Restaurant 2593 Cosby Hwy, Newport, TN 37722. Tickets are \$25 a person. The famous Lions Club candy will be available for purchase on that date as well, at \$8 for 1 box or \$15 for 2 boxes.

For more information please contact Lion Wendy Hogan at 423-248-5939 or hoganwendy@hotmail.com

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