

Lions Clubs

District 12L

“Toolbox”

Resources for helping Lions to help their communities
and their clubs



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*Chairmen contact information is located in our District directory

Campus Clubs

Chairman: PDG Robert Hurt

This committee helps those clubs in college areas to set up Lions Clubs on college campuses. Campus club's student members do not pay District membership fees.

By establishing Lions Clubs on college campuses, we give students the opportunity to provide services within their area, and help spread Lionism in other areas as they graduate and move to their post-graduate communities.

Contests and Awards

Chairman PDG William "Bill" Boughton

There are a wide variety of contests throughout the District and International levels that may be of some interest for Lions members.

For this year there are two (2) new District contests. These contests may, or may not, be continued on in following years, depending on the desires of future District Governors and the membership. Though these may be elements of the "Lion of the Year" and "Club of the Year" contests, they will stand alone as to prizes. I hope that these "contests" will be fun and will promote Lions meeting, and working with, other Lions here in West Tennessee and around the world.

1. **The visitation contest.** Each club is receiving 10 "postcards" to be given to those members who are interested in traveling to other clubs. Every time a member visits another club, here in our District, or throughout the world, all they have to do is have the postcard filled out by the visited club, put postcard postage on it and put it in the mail. The mailing address has already been printed on the postcards. Prizes will be awarded to the Lion who traveled the furthest to visit a club, the Lion who has visited the most clubs, and the Lions Club who had the highest percentage of members visit another club. The prizes will be awarded at the Organizational Meeting to be held in July, 2012. If anyone needs more postcards, just give me a call at 731-415-3979, or you can send a standard postcard with the same information. Cabinet members and committee chairmen are not eligible for this contest.
2. **The membership contest.** Any Lions member who sponsors a new Lion during the Lion year beginning July 1, 2011 and ending on June 30, 2012 will have their name entered into a drawing for a \$100 prize. The drawing will be held at the Organizational Meeting in July, 2012. The information entered by your club secretary on the Lions International reporting website will be used to identify those new members and their sponsor, so it is vital that club secretaries get the new member's information into the membership report. A sponsoring Lion's name will be put into the drawing for every new Lion sponsored. i.e.; Lion X sponsors 1 new Lion during the year. His name is entered 1 time. Lion T sponsors 10 new Lions during the year. Her name will be entered 10 times. This is a passive contest in that the information for entry will come from membership roster comparison throughout the year. Due to the transient style of Campus Clubs, they are not included in this contest.

Other District contests that have been around for quite some time include: “Lion of the Year”, “Lion of the Decade” and “Club of the Year”. There are 3 levels of “Club of the Year” – small clubs, medium clubs and large clubs. The contest winners from each District are then forwarded to the State level contests.

The “**Lion of the Year**” and the “**Lion of the Decade**” Contests involve the club secretary or club contest and awards chairman submitting the name of a qualified candidate to the district contest and awards chairman. Forms outlining the information to be submitted to the district follow this page.

The “**Club of the Year**” Contests rely on information provided by the Club Secretary to the District Contest and Awards Chairman. The form to be submitted to the district follows this page.

Submitting a “**Trading Pin Design**”. Each year the incoming 1st Vice District Governors choose a trading pin for them to use at the International Convention the year they are to become District Governor. This year the design done by a Lion from the Trimble Lions Club in District 12L was chosen for the Tennessee trading pin for the International Convention to be held in Busan, South Korea in 2012. Pin designs can be submitted for entry into this contest through the District Governor or our trading pin chairman, it is then put forward to our state pin trading committee for approval of the designs and then to the 2nd Vice District Governors for final selection for production as the official Tennessee International Convention pin. The next trading pin to be designed will be for the International Convention in Hamburg, Germany in 2013. Entries must be submitted by January, 2012 for consideration.

These are just some of the contests and awards that currently exist. Please read the “Untwisted Tale” and “Lion” magazine for other opportunities to participate in exciting contests.

DISTRICT 12L "LION OF THE YEAR CONTEST – 2012"

NOTE: The Club and Lion must be in "good standing" with all dues paid in order to be considered.

Contest covers the time period of January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011. Entries in this contest must be postmarked no later than **February 29, 2012**.

Up to six (6) additional pages of information and a small picture of the candidate may be attached to this form.

NAME OF NOMINATING LIONS CLUB _____ DISTRICT # _____

NAME OF CANDIDATE FOR "LION OF THE YEAR" _____

HOME ADDRESS FOR CANDIDATE _____

AGE _____ OCCUPATION _____ SPOUSE'S NAME _____

How many years has this Lion been a member of your club? _____

- (1) SERVICE RENDERED TO YOUR LOCAL LIONS CLUB BY YOUR CANDIDATE DURING THE PAST YEAR. Include offices held and other responsibilities assumed by your candidate during the past twelve (12) months, i.e.; projects chaired, accomplishments, awards received, meetings attended, perfect attendance, members sponsored, etc. (This portion counts for up to 50 points out of 100).
- (2) SERVICE RENDERED TO YOUR COMMUNITY BY YOUR CANDIDATE DURING THE PAST YEAR. Include local community service outside Lionism, i.e.; church, youth recreation, volunteer health drives and various other humanitarian services. (This portion counts for up to 40 points out of 100).
- (3) Why, in the opinion of your club, should your candidate be considered an outstanding Lion by our district? Please include a detailed recommendation signed by the club's Lion of the Year chairman or secretary. (This portion counts for up to 10 points out of 100).

Respectfully submitted:

Lion of the Year Chairman or Club Secretary

Address

Home phone number

Business phone number

DISTRICT 12L "LION OF THE DECADE CONTEST –

January 1, 2002 - December 31, 2011"

NOTE: The Club and Lion must be in "good standing" with all dues paid in order to be considered.

Entries in this contest must be postmarked no later than **February 29, 2012**.

Up to eight (8) additional pages of information and a small picture of the candidate may be attached to this form.

NAME OF NOMINATING LIONS CLUB _____ DISTRICT # _____

NAME OF CANDIDATE FOR "LION OF THE DECADE" _____

HOME ADDRESS FOR CANDIDATE _____

AGE _____ OCCUPATION _____ SPOUSE'S NAME _____

How many years has this Lion been a member of your club? _____

- (1) SERVICE RENDERED TO YOUR LOCAL LIONS CLUB BY YOUR CANDIDATE DURING THE PAST TEN YEAR PERIOD. Include offices held and other responsibilities assumed by your candidate during the past ten years, i.e.; projects chaired, accomplishments, awards received, meetings attended, perfect attendance, members sponsored, etc. (This portion counts for up to 40 points out of 100).
- (2) SERVICE RENDERED TO LIONISM BEYOND THE LOCAL CLUB LEVEL BY YOUR CANDIDATE DURING THE PAST TEN YEAR PERIOD. List all offices, committees served on, committees chaired, etc., in the District and beyond. List dates served in these capacities. List all awards received for service to Lionism. (This portion counts for up to 25 points out of 100).
- (3) SERVICE RENDERED TO YOUR COMMUNITY BY YOUR CANDIDATE DURING THE PAST TEN YEAR PERIOD. Include local community service outside Lionism, i.e.; church, youth recreation, volunteer health drives and various other humanitarian services. (This portion counts for up to 25 points out of 100).
- (4) Why, in the opinion of your club, should your candidate be considered an outstanding Lion by our district? Please include a detailed recommendation signed by the club's Lion of the Decade chairman or secretary. (This portion counts for up to 10 points out of 100).

Respectfully submitted:

Lion of the Decade Chairman or Club Secretary

Address

Home phone number

Business phone number

DISTRICT 12L – CLUB OF THE YEAR CONTEST FORM

This form (consisting of three (3) pages, plus any additional pages necessary to provide the required information) shall be completed monthly by the Club Secretary and mailed to the District Contest and Awards Chairman by the 5th day of the following month.

Club Name: _____, District 12L For the month of: _____

A-1 April 30, 2011 – Monthly Membership Report. Membership # _____

(Report on May worksheet only)

A-2 Members added: _____ Members dropped: _____ Ending membership # _____

B-1 Dollars spent on Sight and/or Hearing \$ _____

B-2 Dollars spent on projects other than Sight and/or Hearing \$ _____

B-3a Lion hours spent on fund raising projects (non-administrative money) _____

B-3b Lion hours spent on service or community projects _____

Fund raising event(s) accomplished this month. Use back of form for additional space.

Type of fund raising event	Gross \$s	Net \$s Raised	Lions' hours
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Service project(s) sponsored this month – group by types. Use second page if necessary.

Type of service project	Dollars Spent	Lions' hours
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Community service sponsored by the club this month – group by type. Use second page if necessary.

Type of community service	Lions' hours
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

B-4 Number of eye-will/donor cards report by the club this month _____

Number of used eyeglasses, pair of lenses or frames (only) turned in by the club this month. _____ glasses _____ lenses _____ frames

Number of used hearing aids turned in by the club this month _____

B-5 Number of ink jet cartridges _____ number of laser toner cartridges _____

Number of cell phones _____

B-6 Number of screening sessions by Operation Outreach Screening Program (KidSight) _____

B-7 Number of children screened through Operation Outreach Screening Program (KidSight) _____

B-8 Number of new Clubs sponsored this month _____

B-9 Number of new Leo Clubs sponsored this month or existing Leo Clubs on May 1st, 2011 _____

B-10 Lion of the Year/Lion of the Decade competition (month of February)

B-11 Melvin Jones Fellows this month _____

B-12 Date International 1st semi-annual dues paid _____

Date International 2nd semi-annual dues paid _____

Date District 1st semi-annual dues paid _____

Date District 2nd semi-annual dues paid _____

B-13 Number of Club Programs presented this month _____

(Maximum of two (2))

C-1 Lions visiting another club, attending zone/region meetings, attending district meetings/conventions, attending MD-12 (State) meetings/conventions, attending an International Convention and/or visiting Lions International Headquarters.

(Use back of form or additional page for more space).

Lion name

Function attended

C-2 Date New Officer's Report form (PU-101) mailed or entered online. (Only if done before March 31, 2012). _____

International Contests

Every year Lions Clubs International provides information in the Lions Magazine regarding a **photograph contest**. The current International President names the theme for the contest and the timeline. Each club may ask their members to submit photographs that comply with the requirements set out, they then choose a winning photograph for submission to the District level. The District chooses a winning photograph, which is then entered into the State level contest, it is then submitted to International for entry into the final stage of the contest. Pictures entered must be taken in the District that the Lion belongs to.

There are other contests, such as this, that Lions Clubs International announces through the "Lion" magazine that we receive periodically. If you are not receiving this magazine, please contact me, or International directly to begin receiving it.

Conventions and Forums

District Conventions Chairs - 2nd VDG Anita Taylor and Cab. Sec. Kelly Campbell

International Convention Chair - PDG David Butler

State Convention Chair - PDG Floyd Schriber

USA/Canada Forum Chair - PDG Floyd Schriber

The District Organizational Meeting will be held at the Star Center on July 30, 2011 beginning at 8:00 a.m. Breakfast will be hosted by the Bruceton Lions Club. There is no charge to those Lions attending this meeting, the costs are covered by your District membership dues. This is a great opportunity to meet other Lions from around District 12L, partake of club officer training and to meet our district officers and committee chairmen.

The Fall Conference will be held on October 22, 2011 at the Star Center beginning at 8:00 a.m. Breakfast and lunch will be provided by the Carroll County Humane Society. There will be a small registration and meal charge to cover the costs.

Our Spring Convention will be held on February 24-25, 2012 at the Paris Landing State Park. We are planning some fun entertainment at this beautiful facility. There will be registration fees and meal charges, as well as hotel room costs for those attending. Conventions are another great opportunity to learn more about Lionism here in our district and state. Details are currently being worked out for this event.

All District Lions are encouraged to attend our district events. Non-Lions are also very welcome.

The next time our District will host the MD12 (State) Convention will be April 24-27, 2014 in Memphis at the Hilton Hotel.

The next International Convention will be held in Busan, South Korea in July, 2012. The following one will be held in Hamburg, Germany in July, 2013.

The USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum is held every year, usually in late-September. Lions from Bermuda, the Bahamas, Puerto Rico, all cross the United States and Canada meet and learn from each other during this event. In 2011 this will be held in Anchorage, Alaska. In 2012 it will be held in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. In 2013 it will be held in Kansas City, Missouri. In 2014 it will be held in Puerto Rico.

Diabetes Awareness

Chairman Lion Lynn Smith

Diabetes is the leading cause of preventable blindness in the United States. Many people who are diabetic are not aware that they are affected by this disease.

In order to raise awareness of the dangers of this disease in our communities, we are implementing a new program here in our District.

We are working with Bayer HealthCare Diabetes to have glucometers to District 12L. These, and the supporting informational packets, will be available to any club who wishes to provide a “Diabetes Screening” in their community. Training in the proper use of the equipment, as well as the appropriate procedure for doing the screenings will be available prior to the event.

*We are trying to get these glucometers at the time of writing this document.

Information Technology

Chairman Lion Carl Gibson

Lions District 12L has a website that is used to relay information throughout our District. The District newsletter, “The Untwisted Tale”, is available for review on this website, along with links to other items of interest to our members.

Our District Lions website address is: <http://www.wtnlions.org>

Something that may be of interest to those Lions Clubs looking to set up their own website is the free Club website tool offered by Lions Clubs International. You can set up the website by visiting <http://www.e-clubhouse.org/>. Many Lions Clubs here in Tennessee use this service, along with many clubs from around the world.

KidSight Outreach

District Coordinator - Lion Tom Palmer

Area 1 Coordinator – Lion Kenneth Perry

Counties: Gibson and Madison Clubs: Bradford, Dyer, Humboldt, Jackson Downtown, Jackson-Old Hickory, Medina, Milan and Rutherford

Area 2 Coordinator - Lion Lawrence L. "Larry" Niemi

Counties: Henry, Lake, Obion and Weakley Clubs: Cottage Grove, Dresden, Greenfield, Martin, Paris, Puryear, Tiptonville, Troy, Union City Casey Johnson

Area 3 Coordinator - Lion Carolyn Bowers

Counties: Chester, Fayette, Hardeman and McNairy Clubs: Adamsville, Bolivar, Chester County, Middleton, Oakland, Selmer

Area 4 Coordinator - Lion Mary Ann Kelley

Counties: Benton, Carroll, Decatur, Hardin and Henderson Clubs: Bruceton, Camden, Huntingdon, Lexington, McKenzie, Parsons, Savannah, Scotts Hill

Area 5 Coordinator - Vacant

Counties: Crockett, Dyer, Haywood and Lauderdale Clubs: Alamo, Dyersburg, Newbern, Trimble

Area 6 Coordinator - Vacant

Counties: Shelby and Tipton Clubs: Bartlett, Collierville, Covington, Germantown, Lakeland, Memphis Bluff City, Memphis Downtown, Memphis Southern College of Optometry, Memphis Whitehaven, Millington

KidSight Outreach is a Tennessee Lions program that has spread globally. Lions here in Tennessee work to screen eyes in preschool age children to try to catch visual problems early enough to correct them. According to the website for the Children’s Hospital at Vanderbilt, an estimated 3% of the children born here in Tennessee suffer from an eye condition that can be found and corrected with proper screening.

Lions District 12L has many eye screening instruments available for clubs to use in setting up screening for preschool age children. We also provide the training and forms necessary to carry out these events here in West Tennessee.

After the screening event is held, the forms are forwarded to the Vanderbilt Children’s Hospital for review and contact with the parent or guardian for follow-up where necessary.

Leader Dogs for the Blind

Chairman Lion Herman "Smitty" Carter

Based in Rochester, Michigan, Leader Dogs for the Blind was founded in 1938 by 3 Lions members. These three Lions were moved to action because a man, interested in getting a service dog, was denied access to one. The Uptown Detroit Lions Club wanted to sponsor the man in getting the dog and the training he needed, but they were told that the school would not accept a "sponsorship" by a club for a student. They turned this rejection around and Leader Dogs for the Blind became a reality.

Today, Leader Dogs for the Blind continues to provide guide dogs, training in the use of white canes and GPS instruments for ease of travel. There is no charge to the students for any of these services.

The facilities in Rochester house all aspects of the operation, from breeding to the final stages of training with the student. The only exception to this is the time that the dogs spend with a "host" family as they grow from a puppy to about 1 year-old.

There are many ways that we can help support Leader Dogs for the Blind. Obviously through our financial support, but also by becoming "puppy raisers" or by hosting breeding dogs. We can help spread the word about the valuable services that this organization provides.

Their website is: www.leaderdog.org

Leo Clubs

Chairman PDG Robert Hurt

Seven years after the first Leo Club was started in 1957 in Pennsylvania, it became an official program of Lions Clubs International. Today there are more than 144,000 Leos in 139 countries!

Leo Clubs are sponsored by their local Lions Club, with a designated Lion from that club serving as an advisor and an in-school employee acting in a guidance capacity.

The Leo motto is: Leadership, Experience and Opportunity. By establishing a Leo Club in your local school you promote leadership qualities in our youth through service-oriented activity.

Working with the young people in our communities, and helping them to develop and grow, is a very rewarding project. Involving them in your projects as a part of your team strengthens our clubs and communities.

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF)

Chairman: Vacant

Lions Clubs International Foundation is the charitable arm of our Lions Clubs. It is how we reach out to our communities locally and globally in times of disaster and for assistance in large humanitarian projects. Getting money where it's needed costs the Foundation \$0.08 for every \$1.00 provided.

Since the establishment of LCIF in 1968 Tennesseans have donated right at \$3,000,000 and have received over \$2,750,000 back in grants. Those grants have helped to set up the KidSight Outreach Program through the Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt in Nashville, provided funds to the Mid-South Lions Sight and Hearing Services in Memphis and have been distributed throughout Tennessee for assistance in tornado and flood recovery.

LCIF reminds me of the story my mom used to tell me called "Stone Soup". Though it's great to be able to contribute \$1,000 for a Melvin Jones Fellowship, it's not always financially possible. But, if we remember that every little contribution that is made goes into the pot, along with all the other "little" contributions, pretty soon we have a large amount of money to help in times of need.

Check out the impact that we have when our money is pooled together at the International level by going to the Foundation's website: www.lcif.org. You will also see the good we are doing around the world, and here in our own back yard, in every issue of "Lion" magazine.

Lions Mobile Eye Clinic

Lions Mobile Eye Clinic Driver/Scheduler – Lion Kenneth Perry

Executive Director - PDG Ray Murphey

You may have seen our Mobile Eye Clinic, or "Sight Van" at your local school or, perhaps, some other community event.

Funded in part by a grant from LCIF, and by many others who donate to keep it operational, the Mobile Eye Clinic travels all over West Tennessee with Lion Kenneth Perry behind the wheel. Kenny is usually available to come to your local school, fair, or other public gathering to help Lions Club members exam the eyes of people of all ages.

Lions Quest

Chairman: Amy Duesterhaus

Lions Quest is a program designed to help teachers in our school systems to help their students make good decisions when it comes to their own lives. By developing good life skills and promoting civic values, we can help to reduce drug abuse and violence in our schools and our communities.

The program is active in 65 countries around the world and has been translated into 31 languages. Lions Quest has trained 3,000 teachers in Tennessee alone. Proven results include improved achievement scores, improvements in knowledge, attitudes and beliefs regarding substance abuse and violence. It is linked to lower rates of disciplinary problems, school drop-out rates and use of illegal drugs.

Lions Quest will be pursuing a large grant from LCIF here in Tennessee in the next couple of years. This grant will help us to develop the program more extensively throughout our state.

More information on this program can be found on the Lions Clubs International website at: www.lionsclubs.org/EN/lci-foundation/our-programs/lions-quest/index.php.

Lions Volunteer Blind Industries

I include Lions Volunteer Blind Industries because they are allowed to provide Lions' vests to Lions Clubs. These vests are different than those available through Lions Clubs International in that they are navy blue with gold lettering and logo. The cost of these vests is substantially lower than purchasing one of the trademarked vests from LCI.

Lions Volunteer Blind Industries is located in East Tennessee and employs people with visual impairment. By purchasing goods from them, we are helping to provide employment opportunities for those people who we are dedicated to help.

Their website is: www.volblind.org.

Lions World Services for the Blind (LWSB)

Chairman PDG Tony Martin

Lions World Services for the Blind, based in Little Rock, Arkansas, provides free life skills training to people who have low-sight problems and those who are blind through degenerative diseases or through sudden events. The funding for this organization is provided through the Rehabilitative Departments of the student's home state and by donations from Lions Clubs, individuals and other organizations.

Students from all over the United States and 58 other countries have received assistance from LWSB. LWSB teaches them how to handle day-to-day necessities, provides supportive counseling and teaches job skills that will allow them to provide financially for themselves and their families without having to rely on government aid. Jobs skills that are learned here are used by the Internal Revenue Service, Dillard's, the Army and Microsoft. People are taught to be self-sufficient and self-supporting through technology and by learning skills such as small engine repair.

LWSB offers tours for those interested in seeing their facilities in person. Please contact them through their website, or by phone, prior to travel to the Little Rock area to arrange this.

Their website address is: www.lwsb.org

Mid-South Lions Sight & Hearing Services

Chairman Lion Carolyn Schriber

If you are a member of any Lions Club in West Tennessee, Arkansas, Missouri or Mississippi, then YOU are a member of the Mid-South Lions Sight & Hearing Services.

Mid-South provides free services (with a Lions Club sponsorship) to people suffering from eye disease or hearing impairment. Those services include: cataract surgery, treatment for diabetic retinopathy, glaucoma, prosthetic eyes, surgery for detached retinas, cornea transplants, surgery for crossed eyes, low vision therapy, hearing aids and other hearing loss related surgeries.

In order for someone to receive these services, they must meet the Federal guidelines as an indigent, a Lions Club must complete the appropriate (sight or hearing) application (see the following pages) and they are then placed on a waiting list. An eye exam for eye services is helpful in determining the treatment they are seeking, though HIPPA laws must be complied with. For hearing services a check in the amount of \$225.00 must accompany the application.

The waiting time for sight and hearing services varies depending on the available funds to complete the treatments. Supporting funds come from CORE 4 grants from LCIF, donations from Lions Clubs, individuals and other organizations. The Hamilton Eye Institute also gives us credit for volunteering at the Clinic. Amanda at Mid-South has the details on what volunteering options are available to help us offset the costs of treatments. There are also fun and rewarding opportunities to provide financial support through the "President's Secret Service" and the "Dahlstrom Award". Continuing financial support options are also available.

For more information you may visit their website at: www.midsouthlions.org. The financial criteria for patients is located on the website, along with applications for services that can be printed out.

The following pages are the current forms to be used to apply for service. There are two (2) of them, one for sight services, one for hearing services.



Application for SIGHT Service
The interviewing Lion should assist potential patient in completing this form.

Fill out **COMPLETELY** and return to:
 Mid-South Lions
 930 Madison Ave, Suite 101
 Memphis, TN 38163

Attn Lion: Submitting an incomplete application will cause an unnecessary delay in providing service to your patient.
 Please PRINT legibly.

Sponsoring Lions Club _____ LC# _____ Date _____
 Interviewing Lion _____ Phone _____
 Address _____ City _____ St _____ Zip _____
 Email Address _____ Lions District _____

Areas in **Red Bold** are REQUIRED information. Please indicate your clinic preference:

- | | | |
|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> HAMILTON EYE INSTITUTE
930 Madison Ave, Memphis, TN | <input type="checkbox"/> THOMAS OCULAR PROSTHETICS
Memphis, TN / Little Rock, AR | <input type="checkbox"/> OPHTHALMOLOGY ASSOCIATES
720 S. Bishop, Rolla, MO |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BOOZMAN-HOF REG. EYE
3737 West Walnut, Rogers, AR | <input type="checkbox"/> WALLACE EYE CLINIC
211 McAuley Court, Hot Springs, AR | <input type="checkbox"/> SNEED EYE CLINIC
140 Hwy 201 N, Mountain Home, AR |
| <input type="checkbox"/> COLUMBUS EYE CLINIC
425 Hospital Dr, Columbus, MS | <input type="checkbox"/> ASHFORD EYE CLINIC
501 Marshall St, Ste 604, Jackson, MS | <input type="checkbox"/> GULF COAST EYE CENTER
Ocean Springs, MS / Pascagoula, MS |

(Please Mark One) Is this application for a NEW PATIENT _____ or Renewal for a CURRENT PATIENT _____

Patient's Name _____ Date of Birth _____ Male _____ Female _____
 Address _____ City _____ St _____ Zip _____
 Phone (Home) _____ (Work) _____ (Cell) _____
 Email Address _____ Is Patient a Minor? Yes _____ No _____
 Social Security Number _____ Number in the Household _____ House Note/Rent Payment _____
 Do you have health insurance? _____ If so, your group and number _____
 Other monthly medical bills (including prescription medication) _____
 Household Income (please fill in ONE): Weekly _____ Monthly _____ Yearly _____

In order to help secure funds for current and future patients, Mid-South Lions requests your cooperation by signing below (Patient or Parent/Guardian). Mid-South Lions sometimes uses photographs, film, videotape, news releases, internet publications and articles to keep the public informed of our services and activities. Occasionally, outside photographers from newspapers and/or television stations are also used to help illustrate our activities. We appreciate your permission to photograph you and/or use your name and story about your visits to our facilities and to use them as mentioned above. By signing below, you indefinitely waive the right to inspect or approve these photographs and/or materials before publication or airing. Also Mid-South Lions Sight and Hearing Service and it's affiliated corporations, officers, agents, employees, Lions Clubs and medical consultants are indefinitely released from all debts, claims and/or liability of any kind arising out of or in connection with the use of your name, story, and/or statements and the use of any caption or description of material therewith.

 Patient (or parent/guardian) signature

PATIENT INFORMATION (COMPLETE IT THE PATIENT IS UNDER 19)

Parent or Legal Guardian _____ Phone _____
 Address (if different than patient) _____ City _____ St _____ Zip _____

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Application for HEARING Service

The interviewing Lion should assist potential patient in completing this form.

Fill out COMPLETELY and return to:
Mid-South Lions
930 Madison Ave, Suite 101
Memphis, TN 38163

Attn Lion: Submitting an incomplete application will cause an unnecessary delay in providing service to your patient.
Please PRINT legibly.

To be considered for hearing service, applications MUST include a check for \$225 to cover the cost of one hearing aid. If the patient needs two hearing aids, the sponsoring club must decide whether or not they will also pay for the second hearing aid. If so, a check for \$450 should be included to cover the cost of two hearing aids.

Sponsoring Lions Club _____ LC# _____ Date _____
 Interviewing Lion _____ Phone _____
 Address _____ City _____ St _____ Zip _____
 Email Address _____ Lions District _____

Areas in Red Bold are REQUIRED information.

The hearing clinic is located at: Methodist University Hospital, 1265 Union Ave, Memphis, TN 38104

(Please Mark One) Is this application for a NEW PATIENT _____ or Renewal for a CURRENT PATIENT _____

Patient's Name _____ Date of Birth _____ Male _____ Female _____
 Address _____ City _____ St _____ Zip _____
 Phone (Home) _____ (Work) _____ (Cell) _____
 Email Address _____ Is Patient a Minor? Yes _____ No _____
 Social Security Number _____ Number in the Household _____ House Note/Rent Payment _____
 Do you have health insurance? _____ If so, your group and number _____
 Other monthly medical bills (including prescription medication) _____
 Household Income (please fill in ONE): Weekly _____ Monthly _____ Yearly _____

In order to help secure funds for current and future patients, Mid-South Lions requests your cooperation by signing below (Patient or Parent/Guardian). Mid-South Lions sometimes uses photographs, film, videotape, news releases, internet publications and articles to keep the public informed of our services and activities. Occasionally, outside photographers from newspapers and/or television stations are also used to help illustrate our activities. We appreciate your permission to photograph you and/or use your name and story about your visits to our facilities and to use them as mentioned above. By signing below, you indefinitely waive the right to inspect or approve these photographs and/or materials before publication or airing. Also Mid-South Lions Sight and Hearing Service and it's affiliated corporations, officers, agents, employees, Lions Clubs and medical consultants are indefinitely released from all debts, claims and/or liability of any kind arising out of or in connection with the use of your name, story, and/or statements and the use of any caption or description of material therewith.

Patient (or parent/guardian) signature

PATIENT INFORMATION (COMPLETE IT THE PATIENT IS UNDER 19)

Parent or Legal Guardian _____ Phone _____
 Address (if different than patient) _____ City _____ St _____ Zip _____

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Peace Poster Contest

Chairman Lion Leslie Warren

The **Peace Poster Contest** is run through Lions Clubs International. An announcement is put in the “Lion” magazine every year.

Basically, the Lions Clubs around the world are invited to purchase a kit (normally it’s priced at \$12.95) and promote the contest to children between the ages of 11 and 13. Each club selects a group of children fitting that age group and asks them to submit a poster that portrays the annual theme. The specifics of the dimensions and criteria are spelled out on the Lions Clubs International website and in the kit itself.

Once the sponsoring Lions Club receives the children’s submissions, they choose the winner and send the original poster to the District Governor or the Peace Poster Contest Chairman. The District then selects a winner from the posters received by the deadline and moves the winning poster to the State level, it is then sent along to the International level contest.

Clubs may choose to award the participants in their contests at the club level, that is completely within their discretion. District 12L generally recognizes the winner of the district level at the Fall Conference with a certificate. The winner at the International level is given an award and is an honored guest at Lions Day at the U.N.

This contest is designed to promote peace and the arts within our schools and community. A press release announcing the contest and the winner are very appropriate here.

To view past winners, and to get more information on this contest, go to the Lions Clubs International website at: www.lionsclubs.org/EN/our-work/youth-programs/peace-poster-contest/index.php.

The Star Center

Located in Jackson, Tennessee, Star Center is a non-profit organization that provides assistance and training to people who struggle with vision, hearing and other learning challenges.

The Star Center was started by Lion Chuck Doumitt and his wife Margaret when their young children became blind in the late 80's. Unable to find support in the area to help them with this situation, they decided to provide their own assistance. The Star Center grew from there.

Though Star Center is not officially a District 12L project, Lion Chuck has been a great supporter of District 12L Lions and has provided us with a gathering place in the past and will be the site of our Organizational Meeting on July, 30 and our Fall Conference on October 22, 2011.

You can find out more about Star Center and its services by visiting their website at: www.starcenter.tn.org.

Student Volunteers for Optometric Services to Humanity

(SVOSH)

Chairman Lion Dr. Beth Sparrow

SVOSH is a group of volunteer students from the Southern College of Optometry who travel within their communities, usually with their local Lions Clubs, and throughout the world. They provide eye screenings, exams and services where needed.

There are about 90 members in the Southern College of Optometry Lions Club, a campus club in the Memphis area. They work with other local Lions Clubs with follow-up care after they do their eye screenings. Our district Lions benefit by having these dedicated eye care professionals on hand.

SCO Lions Club and SVOSH (their main project) accept used eyeglasses and sunglasses for redistribution.

The students travel to rural areas in Central and Southern America, providing their services where people would otherwise not receive this care.

More can be learned about this project of our fellow Lions at this campus club by visiting their website at: www.svoshsco.org.

Tennessee Lions Charities (TLC)

District 12L Directors:

1. Lion Tom Palmer (2009-2012)
2. PDG Robert Hurt (2010-2013)
3. PDG David Martin (2011-2014)

Established in 1995, Tennessee Lions Charities is the non-profit (501(c)3) organization for the Lions of the State of Tennessee. This was initially set up to handle the monies being collected to begin the KidSight Outreach Program through the Tennessee Lions Eye Center for Children at the Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt, but is used also to handle collection of monies for all projects at the state level. The benefit of this is to provide an agency that fits the Internal Revenue Service's definition for tax-deduction purposes. Most Lions Clubs in our state have not filed for this exemption, and many large companies and organizations require that designation for donations.

Similar to the Melvin Jones Fellow of the Lions Clubs International Foundation, the Tennessee Lions Charities also has a Fellowship. This Fellowship is called the "Lindsey-Jennings Fellowship". This fellowship honors the two men under whose stewardship TLC began, Past International Presidents Edward Lindsey and Austin Jennings. For a \$1,000 contribution anyone can purchase or receive this award. The recipient will receive a plaque, letter and pin, along with the assurance that the money will be used here in the state of Tennessee to further our humanitarian works. (A copy of the application follows this page).

More information on this can be obtained by contacting PDG Lynn Wilhoite at (615) 690-8644 or by e-mail at lynn_md12hq@tnlions.com.

Lindsey-Jennings Fellowship
Application Form R-4-10

A **Lindsey-Jennings Fellow** can be named for each \$1,000 an individual or Lions club donates to TLC.

Each recipient will receive a plaque, letter and pin *plus* assurance that the funds will be used to further the humanitarian work of Lionism in Tennessee.

Donor _____

Address _____

City/State/

Zip _____

Amount enclosed \$ _____

If less than \$1,000 then balance will follow on _____

Recipient when the balance is complete:

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Choose one:

_____ Use funds for current TLC programs

_____ Add to TLC endowment to provide continuous income for TLC programs

Mail form with check payable to

Tennessee Lions Charities, Inc. to:

Tennessee Lions Charities, Inc.

505 Fesslers Lane

Nashville, TN 37210-2814

Tennessee School for the Blind

Tennessee School for the Blind is located at 115 Stewart's Ferry Pike in Nashville. The State of Tennessee authorized the establishment of this school under state funding in 1844. It has been at its' current location since 1949. The school accepts blind and visually impaired students between the ages of 3 and 21 from all over Tennessee.

The Lions of Tennessee have been contributing to programs at TSB since 1959. Our contributions assist the students through the Boy & Girl Scout Programs, the Student Work Program, the Low Vision Assistance Program and the Summer Enrichment Program and traditionally, on the 2nd Friday of December each year the school hosts "Lions Day at the Tennessee School for the Blind". This event is very moving and definitely worth attending. The students put on a Christmas program for the audience, then Lions from across Tennessee group together by District to distribute \$50 checks to each student from their district. In return the student presents that Lion with a handmade Christmas card, or some other such item. I cannot stress how this exchange touches the hearts of every person present! (A copy of the Christmas card I received follows this page).

Anyone wishing to support the Lions Funding of programs at the school may send donations payable to "Friends of TSB Lions Fund", c/o PDG Ralph Brewer, 2835 Blue Brick Drive, Nashville, TN 37214. His telephone number is (615) 871-4849 if you would like more information on the Lions contribution to the school.



Happy Holidays!

Thanks...

T is is for things you donate to our school and others
H is for the hope that you spread every day
A is for always being willing to help a person
N is for nothing I wouldn't give to be a Lion just like you
K is for the kids that you make smile every day
S is for all of the things that you do.

Alex A small, stylized signature or logo.

Trading Pins

Chairman PDG Ron Foster

As Lions we are all probably aware of the pins that are worn on our vests. These pins are pretty serious business for pin traders and collectors. Just about every district, multi-district and event in Lionism has a pin. Multi-District 12 (Tennessee) is no different.

Every year our state has an official design (see “Contest & Awards” section) that is used for those Lions traveling to the International Conventions. Lions throughout the state purchase a set of pins that they will either keep to have in their collections and/or will take with them to the International Convention for trading with other Lions.

The Trading Pin Chairman is responsible for gathering designs submissions from artists in our District, determining if they fit the criteria Tennessee uses in their design and adding any designs submitted to the State Trading Pin Committee. They review the designs and submit them to the appropriate persons for a final selection. They then submit the selected design to an authorized pin manufacturer for a bid on production.

Once the pins are manufactured, they are distributed through the state to those people interested in purchasing them.

The “Untwisted Tale”

Newsletter Editor Lion Robin Butler

The “Untwisted Tale” is our District newsletter and is published monthly. It is distributed via e-mail to those who have an address on file with the editor, and is sent by mail to those who don't. The newsletter, under our by-laws, is sent to the secretary of every club for distribution to the members. There are others who are specified as well. The newsletter is also posted on our website at: <http://www.wtnlions.org>. Past editions are held in the archives on the website.

Anyone wishing to receive the newsletter may contact the editor to add their name and e-mail address to the list.

Virginia Lindsey Leadership Award

The **Virginia Lindsey Leadership Award** is designed to recognize newer Lions for their involvement and contribution to community service. The criteria for the nominations are as follows:

1. Be 40 years of age or younger;
2. Have been a Lion for no more than eight (8) years;
3. Be a Lion in “good standing” and from a club in “good standing”;
4. Be a Lion who attends their club meetings regularly;
5. Be community service oriented;
6. Show good leadership and mission characteristics;
7. Attend and participate in District and State events.

Lions who have served as District Governors, Vice District Governors and their spouses are not eligible for this award.

Lions Clubs submitting a Lion for this award should include not only the person’s involvement in the Lions Club, but also their involvement in their church and community. A nominee’s standing and reputation in their community will also be considered.

The Lions Club making the nomination must submit the nominee’s name, mailing address, age, length of membership and qualifications. The letter providing this information must be signed by a club officer. Nominations may be supported by other documentation and photographs.

Lions Clubs should submit their nominee’s information to the District chairman no later than February 29, 2012. The nomination is then forwarded for final selection by the Multi-District (State) committee. The award will be presented to the winner at the MD12 Convention in Kingsport, TN in May of 2012.

Please see the following page for a proposed format for the necessary information.

VIRGINIA LINDSEY LEADERSHIP AWARD
NOMINATION

Date: _____

Lions Club: _____ District: _____

Lion Candidate: _____

Address: _____

Age: _____ Date of Lions membership: _____

Qualifications:

Service as a Lion member:

Service through church and community:

Other examples of leadership qualities:

Submitted by: _____ Club Office held: _____

Address: _____

Check here if there are supporting documents: ____

Check here if a picture is attached: ____

West Tennessee Lions Foundation

Chairman PDG Floyd Schriber

West Tennessee Lions Foundation is a 501(c)3 organization similar in function as that of the Tennessee Lions Charities, but here in our District. Monies donated to this foundation are tax-deductible under the code of the Internal Revenue Service.

White Cane Days

Chairman Lion Kenneth Perry

I don't think I can improve on how the Lions Clubs International website sums this project up, so here it is.

Lions White Cane Awareness Projects

In their efforts to advocate for people who are blind or visually impaired or deaf-blind, Lions clubs may:

- Organize an event that emphasizes equal capabilities and talents of people who are blind, visually impaired or deaf-blind. Special themes may be chosen to focus public attention on a facet of blindness and visual impairment.
- Educate the public about white cane laws.
- Advocate for "beep" traffic lights and other safety devices.

Fundraising Events

Lions may conduct fundraising events, which they sometimes call "White Cane" fundraisers. Monies collected are used to support programs and services for people who are blind or visually impaired as well as for sight conservation. As volunteers, Lions enjoy working together to target needs in their communities. The Lions decide which projects suit these needs and when and how they are best able to address them.

Miscellaneous Information

Family membership – family members (in the same household) are eligible for a discount rate on their International dues. (The form follows this page). Please follow the guidelines in filling out this form and submit it to your club secretary.

Many of us are on Facebook – please feel free to look me up and connect with Lions here in our district, state, country and from around the world! We have a wonderful time seeing what's going on with other clubs through the photographs and event announcements.

