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A New Beginning, A New Era

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We meet at Ryan's Restaurant the 1st Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm and the 3rd Tuesday of the month at noon.

Check it out in this issue:

- Meet the new President
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When I was first introduced to the East Ridge Lion's Club, it was 2001. I was working at the East Ridge Community Center and once a month, I was to unlock a door at City Hall to let the Lion's Club in for their monthly meeting. Only a few older gentlemen showed up, and if I was late by even a minute opening that door, they let me know it, in a friendly way, of course. That was seven years ago.

I joined the Lion's Club in the fall of 2006. I felt a little out of place, being the only woman regularly attending as well as being the youngest member by far. That quickly changed.

Soon after, I felt that we were all old friends, chatting and enjoying each other's company. However, I still wasn't sure what the Lion's Club did; I knew it had to do with sight, but that was about all.

In 2007, I was elected first vice-president, meaning I would be president starting July 2008. By that

time, I was thinking, "I have plenty of time to think of what I want to accomplish and how I want to build the club up". Jump ahead to May 2008.

By this time, the Lion's had moved from their usual meeting place of Shoney's to Ryan's and our membership had dropped in numbers (not by paying membership, just not showing up to meetings). I wanted to change that.

I have set goals for the club, goals that I know are attainable and will hopefully get people interested in the Lion's Club again, whether an old member or a new prospect.

Our first goal is to have one new member and two visitors a month, to help double our attending membership. Our second is to have at least two fundraisers a year, starting with our first ever chili supper and silent auction on October 17 at the East Ridge Community Center.

I hope that you all will share in my excitement and enthusiasm in helping the East Ridge Lion's Club to be the biggest and best it has ever been and to aid in the Lionism goal of aiding others in the crusade for sight.

Remember, *we serve* is our motto and I am here to serve you.



At the induction ceremony on July 8 from left: Don Warner, Quillin Green, Joe King, Tony Mullinax, Vernon Liston, Chuck Mehan, Amanda Miller, Jerry Petty, DG Marvin Keener, Mel Tryon—Signal Mtn

Program Of The Month—KidSight Outreach

This section is for highlighting a charity that the Lion's Club promote in order to give more information and have a better understanding of that charity.



What is it? It is a concerted effort by the members of Lions Clubs throughout Tennessee to fund an eye clinic at Vanderbilt Children's Hospital. Experts report that had this clinic been in place years ago, 80% of the young people attending the Tennessee School For The Blind would not be sight impaired, and would be attending school in their own communities as sighted students. That's an impressive goal.

What does it mean? The Lions Clubs in Tennessee are pledged to raise \$4,000,000 in cash within a five-year period. At the same time, each Lions Club is striving to provide its traditional support to all the services and programs they have traditionally supported.

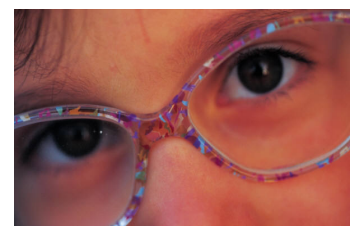
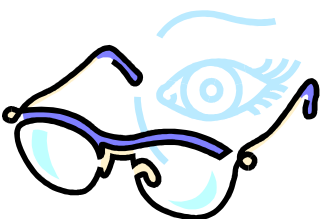
Are Lions Clubs outside the state helping? Very much so. Lions Clubs International is providing \$75,000 grants to five Tennessee districts to help with specific **Operation KidSight** needs. The Directors of Lions Clubs International view this project in Tennessee as an example for Lions Clubs throughout the world to follow.

How are Tennessee Lions Clubs serving?

The Lions Clubs are working with the Vanderbilt Children's Hospital not only to raise the funds which will help equip the state-of-the-art facility, but will also cooperate in outreach programs aimed at families with infants and young children at risk of blindness in urban and rural communities. To raise the pledged funds, each local Lions Club will focus on special projects which might include a pancake breakfast, a fishing tournament, or even a direct mail fund raising solicitation program.

Lionism in Tennessee will never be the same. KidSight has already made its mark by achieving more than the necessary funds and produced lasting benefits for both Tennessee Lions Clubs and our communities..

Most importantly, thousands of children in our neighborhoods will avoid a lifetime of visual impairment, because the Lions of Tennessee cared enough to accept the challenge to make it happen!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Check out what's going on and what's coming up!

ALL CLUB MEETINGS ARE AT RYAN'S IN EAST RIDGE (5326 RINGGOLD ROAD)

AUGUST

- 5th Club Meeting 6:30pm
- 19th Club Meeting 12:00pm

SEPTEMBER

- 2nd Club Meeting 6:30pm
- 16th Club Meeting 12:00pm

OCTOBER

- 7th Club Meeting 6:30pm
- 11th 12-O Fall Conference
- 17th Chili Supper 6:30pm
- 21st Club Meeting 12:00pm

NOVEMBER

- 4th Club Meeting 6:30pm
- 18th Club Meeting 12:00pm
- 22nd East Ridge Christmas Parade

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are sad to hear that due to health reasons, Dr. Nathan has had to resign from the Lion's Club after 50 + years of hard work and dedication to the cause of Lionism. He will be sorely missed.

Check out some of our upcoming topics at the noon meetings (3rd Tuesday):

- District Governor
- White Cane
- Membership (September 16)
- Other Programs (October 21)

Don't miss it!



At our first meeting in August, we will talk more about the chili supper and silent auction.

Do you have something to announce? A birthday, anniversary, party or other noteworthy news? Let us hear about it!