

# IN FOCUS



## **THIRD ANNUAL GOLF BALL DROP SATURDAY, JULY 29, 2024 HERMITAGE GOLF COURSE**

The third annual Golf Ball Drop will be Saturday, July 27th. We will meet at Hermitage Golf Course to throw out the golf balls. We will meet between 6:30-6:45 AM and be ready to throw out the balls at between 6:45-7:00 am.

Last year we raised \$12,650. The winner will receive 10% of the monies raised. Golf balls for \$5 each. You can purchase any number of golf balls. One gentleman purchased \$500 of golf balls last year- that is 100 balls- 100 chances to win.

We need your help! We are asking all Lions to help sell chances on the golf ball drop. We want this to be a public fundraiser. Lions may purchase golf balls, but we want you to ask your family and friends to purchase golf balls.

If you have someone who doesn't believe in a raffle, asks them if they would like to just make a donation. The monies from the Golf Ball Drop go to cover cataract surgery for those in need.

We really need Lions to show up on Saturday, July 27th for the Golf Ball Drop. That many golf balls need lots of people to throw them out. We have buckets of balls that need a Lion behind them to be tossed out. I know it is early. I brought grandchildren who helped not only throw out the balls but helped picking the balls back up.

You can also purchase golf balls online at [www.mtlss.org](http://www.mtlss.org). There is a short online application and place to make payment through PayPal, Venmo, or credit or debit card.

All funds will go to patient services.



## Crusade Against Darkness License Plates

We closed the pre-sales of the Crusade Against Darkness license plates on March 19th. The State of Tennessee had given us until June 30, 2024 to complete the pre-sale of 1000 auto and 500 motorcycle license plates. Cliff Swoape and Dianne Corlew attended District Convention asking for support. He, in all his pirate regalia, presented the information in the license plates. Lions from all districts were supportive. Lions from all districts were interesting in this out of the box idea. Cliff and Dianne received emails daily and logged in all the applications. After checking and double checking and then triple checking all the information, the information was turned over to the State of Tennessee the first of April. The State is telling us it will be 3-4 months before the production is complete. We needed 1000 auto plates and 500 motorcycle plates- a total of 1500 plates. However, we were going to get 10% more to be safe. That would be 1100 autos and 550 motorcycles- a total of 1650 plates. Cliff wanted to exceed 1800 plates. We turned in 1,402 auto plates and 687 motorcycle plates for a total of 2,088 plates!! The State reported that a prototype has been made and is being road tested. We are hoping the Crusade Against Darkness license plates will be at all County Clerk office in July for pre-sale pick-ups and for new sales. We are still receiving inquiries from people wanting to purchase a plate on a weekly basis. With the amount we have pre-sold we should receive over \$30,000. What if they double in sales after they are available at the County Clerk's office? Look at how much more we will be able to do to help those in need. We will keep you posted on the production progress and how it helps MTLSS grow. Plan to attend the Annual MTLSS meeting. Pirate Cliff Swoape will give us an updated report on the plates. His reports are always fun and interesting and, of course, out of the box.

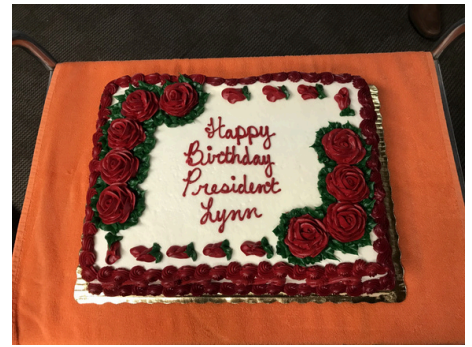
## BOARD OF DIRECTORS PERSONAL NOTES

At the quarterly meeting we asked everyone to remember Board Member Carl Hirston in their prayers. Carl was involved in an auto accident on April 17th. He was hit at least 4 times, with 2 of them being semi-trucks. He was in that tiny Smart car. At the time he was on his way to St. Thomas West for several heart tests.

Amazingly, he survived the accident with only a fractured sternum. (I say only, I know that is extremely painful even to breath.) He had his heart tests while in the hospital. He had heart valve surgery on Monday, April 22th. I cannot believe it, but he attended the Tennessee State Convention on May 3-4. We are thankful for this miracle of protection and healing for Carl.



## PRESIDENT LYNN WRIGHT BIRTHDAY



We celebrated the birthday of President Lynn Wright. His birthday was the same day as our last quarter meeting on April 25th. We sang Happy Birthday and shared a cake with him. We didn't use any candles; we were afraid we might burn the building down!!

PDG Rev Allen Lyon is a strong supporter of MTLSS. He has attended almost every meeting for years. He has served as president in the past. Rev. Al was taken from the State Convention to the hospital. He was treated for a blood infection and gallbladder problems. He is home recovering but has to go back in a couple of weeks for gallbladder surgery. Remember Rev. Al in your prayers.

*Vice President Chris Ross welcomes another baby girl into his family*



*Cora Grace Ross was born Monday, May 6th at 7:41 am. She weighed 8 lb 10 oz. She is 20 1/4 " in length. Mom is doing well. Big sister, Reagan adores her. Both parents were excited to have a normal birth and delivery. Sister Reagan was born during Covid. Mom had Covid and Dad had to isolate. This time that got to love on Cora Grace immediately. She is healthy and beautiful!!*



## ***Application Review***

### ***Committee***

The Application Review Committee reported that since our last board meeting, four applications were submitted. All four applications were approved and have appointments.

## **Knight for Sight**



Executive Director, Dianne Corlew presented a Knight for Sight recognition at the Zone meeting in Lafayette. Lafayette Lioness Lion Club made a donation to MTLSS and wanted to recognize Pat Wilburn. Lioness Lion Pat is one of the charter members of the Lafayette Lioness Lion Club. Lafayette Lioness Club was chartered in 1988. They became a Lion Club in 2002. PDG Linda Maggart spoke about the work Pat has done in their club. It was great to honor a Lioness Lion who has done so much in her community.

In the photo is: PDG Linda Maggart, Dianne Corlew, Lioness Lion charter member Pat Wilburn, and Lafayette Lioness Lion Club President Tesha Jenkins.

**ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE THURSDAY, JULY 25, 2024 AT 6 PM.  
EVERYONE IS INVITED. ALL CLUBS FROM 12I AND 12S CAN HAVE  
A REPRESENTATIVE TO VOTE. MEETING IS AT THE LIONS BUILDING  
IN CANNONBORO VILLAGE. DINNER IS \$12 AND WE NEED  
A RSVP. PLAN TO ATTEND.**

## Thank you Notes

**THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR MY EYE SURGERY. THESE DAYS IT'S WONDERFUL TO HAVE CARING PEOPLE WITH BIG HEARTS. NOW I HAVE HAPPY TEARS INSTEAD OF SAD. I AM SO GRATEFUL TO LIVE IN A COUNTRY THAT HELPS THEIR NEIGHBORS. MAY GOD BLESS YA'LL ALSO!**

**THANKS AGAIN,  
RH**

I am writing this letter to thank you for the services you provide. When my dad found himself basically blind in his right eye and heading that way in his left, we didn't know where to turn. He was told he needed cataract surgery and with no insurance to cover the expenses, things seemed hopeless. However, I started looking around for any programs that might be able to assist him on this journey. When we found out how bad his eyes really were, I made the decision to not let him drive. This took a toll on him and he was not a happy man. I reached out to the local Lion's program in Manchester, TN and they referred me to you. When we found out you had approved not only his right but also his left eye surgery, we were ecstatic! Today, my dad is recovering well and is living his normal life again. I thank God that there are people and programs available to help in these situations. You are amazing and I hope you will be able to be blessed and also bless many others in this way.

Sincerely,  
Daughter of CT

P/S He loves telling me about the deer he sees now.

## NOTES FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

***Hello MTLSS Members! We are in an exciting period of operations. We have great fund raisers in the works, and I appreciate the ways you reach out to help them be successful.***

***We want to thank Cliff Swoape for all the work he has put into getting our License Plate approved for statewide production. Once this gets into all the motor vehicle offices we will have funds coming in from their sales. This is a big blessing for supporting surgeries for the uninsured.***

***Our other fund raiser just kicked off. It's the 3rd Annual Golf Ball Drop which is set for July 27 at the Hermitage Golf Course in Old Hickory. I ask you to spread the word through your clubs, and let's really push for ticket sales. The winner gets 10% of all funds raised. Would love to hit \$15000 this year.***

***Thanks for all you do for MTLSS. Keep those tickets coming in.***

***PCC Lynn Wright, President***