

IN FOCUS



Our Annual Board of Directors meeting took place on July 24, 2025. This meeting allows one representative from each club to a vote alongside the Board of Directors. PCC Ron Anderson inducted the Executive Directors and the Board of Directors. Most of the Board members will continue their roles for another year, with some changes to be detailed in this newsletter.

BRENDA BUTLER TREASURER RESIGN

Brenda Butler has served as treasurer for the last five years, during which she has done an outstanding job. Unfortunately, she resigned due to other work



and family responsibilities. We will greatly miss her dedication to detail. She will continue to be involved with MTLSS. She was presented a plaque for her service from 2020-2025.

NEW PRESIDENT



Incoming President Phil Barnes honored outgoing President Chris Ross with a plaque recognizing his dedicated services as President of MTLSS 2024-2025 term. Phil Barnes will be stepping in as President for 2025-2026 term. MTLSS is fortunate to have such outstanding leaders.

NEW MEDICAL DIRECTOR



Dr. William Frye, an optometrist in Tullahoma, was inducted in as our Medical Director. Dr Frye has been an optometrist for 48 years and is a member Tullahoma Lions Club. We are excited to have Dr. Frye as part of our Board.

MIDDLE TENNESSEE LIONS SIGHT SERVICE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR 2025-2026

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

PRESIDENT: PHIL BARNES

VICE PRESIDENT: TOM IRWIN

SECRETARY: ASHEA DEARING

TREASURER: CHRIS ROSS

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT: CHRIS ROSS

MEDICAL DIRECTOR: DR. WILLIAM FRYE

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: DIANNE CORLEW

DISTRICT 12 I

FIRST YEAR DIRECTORS

- 1-JOSH LOWE
- 2-THOM SMELSER
- 3- WADE WILSON
- 4-EMILY WRIGHT

SECOND YEAR DIRECTORS

- 1- CELIA ANDERSON
- 2-TOMMY GOETZ
- 3-CHELSEA JONES
- 4- FRANCES SCOTT

DISTRICT 12 S

FIRST YEAR DIRECTORS

- 1-CARL HIRLSTON
- 2-CLIFF SWOAPE
- 3-MARC MAJORS
- 4-TONY WEBSTER

SECOND YEAR DIRECTORS

- 1-TAWYNA BUSTER
- 2-DARYL JUSTICE
- 3-TASHNEA MATINEZ
- 4-GARY OVERMAN

CRUSADE AGAINST DARKNESS LICENSE PLATES TEXT



We received the sales numbers on the last quarter (April, May, June). It was amazing! I am sure you heard Cliff and me with our pirate ARRRR! We were 8th in sales for the 4th quarter, selling 3724 plates. We were 17th in sales for the 2024-2025 year. That is pretty awesome for a plate that has only been available for sale for 7 months.

KNIGHT FOR SIGHT

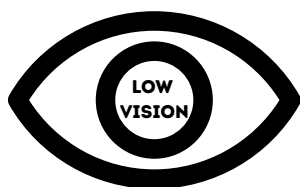


Lion Martha Wolf was presented a Knight for Sight in recognition for her outstanding service in the Fayetteville Lions Club.

Lion Anne Madewell was recognized for her years of outstanding service to the Warren County Lions Club. The Knight for Sight Recognition was presented by President Daryl Justice and MTLSS Executive Director Dianne Corlew.



LOW VISION UPDATE



This year, we have added 30 new pieces of low vision equipment to our collection. Additionally, we have received 4 slightly used CCTVs and 4 handheld pieces. This equipment is designed to assist individuals with difficulty seeing. We offer these items on loan.

WHAT DOES MIDDLE TENNESSEE LIONS CLUB SERVICE DO?

- 1- We assist with cataract surgery for those in need.**
- 2- We loan low vision equipment for those with poor vision.**
- 3- We loan eye screening equipment to Lions Club for use.**

OUTGOING PRESIDENT MESSAGE

Thank you all for the honor of serving as your president. It has been a privilege to work alongside such a dedicated group, and my heart is filled with gratitude for each of you. Together, we have stayed true to our mission: To bring aid in the restoration of vision. We should all be proud of the direction our pirate ship is sailing. Despite challenges, we've had many successes, from outstanding license plate sales to an increase in applications for our services. I'm confident we are on a great course for the future. A special thank you to my fellow board members and our executive director for guiding us. I know that with President Lion Phil Barnes at the helm, we have nothing but sunny days ahead.

In Lionism,
Lion Chris Ross
Past President
MTLSS

INCOMING PRESIDENT MESSAGE

Tennessee Lions,

I am excited to be your incoming president for the term 2025 to 2026. I have been a lion since 1980 and excited to be a part of MTLSS. Chris was a great mentor to me over the past year and did a fantastic job as president. Under Dianne's leadership, she has led MTLSS to levels of success second to none. Lion Cliff Swoape took charge of the "Crusade Against Darkness " Tennessee license plates which have sold 9,473 plates and generated great revenue for our services. We were able to assist 27 individuals financially who had successful cataract removal surgeries this past year. Each year we are providing more visually impaired individuals with low vision equipment in addition to other projects. I especially want to thank all of the individual members in District 12-I & 12-S for your continued support for this worthy effort to help the visually impaired.

Blessings,

Phil Barnes