

IN FOCUS



As we approach Thanksgiving it is a time of reflection. What a bounty of things we have to be thankful for at Middle Tennessee Lions Service. We are thankful for the continued

support of Lions Clubs in District 12I and District 12S. We are thankful for all of the Lions who support MTLSS in serving on the board, attending meetings and showing their support, in their financial contributions, in sending candidates for services, and in supporting our fundraising efforts. This InFocus Newsletter will continue in the theme of Thanksgiving and Thankfulness.



We are thankful for our committees. Our last Board of Directors meeting was October 23rd. President Phil Barnes requested that the Board Members sit with their committee members. This allowed more communication between committee members. It was great to hear the conversation with members comparing ideas and getting to know each other better.



Application Review Committee

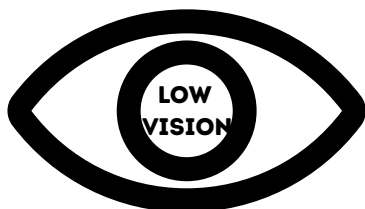
Application Review Committee has reviewed 10 applications since July 1. Nine of those were approved. They had to deny one made over \$1000 per month above the poverty guidelines.

Of the 10 applications:

- 5 were submitted by a Lions Club
- 5 were submitted directly to MTLSS

- The availability of our website and public information has enabled us to reach applicants who might not have otherwise found us.
- We are growing our public awareness of MTLSS and its services.
- Restricting applications to “Through clubs” only would have resulted in missed opportunities to assist half of the applicants.

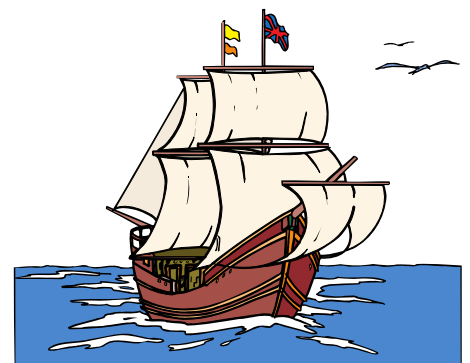
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LOW VISION COMMITTEE

We have been replacing the old, out of date, and heavy CCTVs that came over on the Mayflower. We have new up-to-date, state of the art equipment that we are using now. If you know of someone who has one of old machines and would like a new one, please let us know. We would like to replace them.

We recently had some low vision equipment training. We have a couple of others we will train soon. That will give us nine other Lions who can assist Dianne in placing the machines.



It is a joy to be able to place a machine for someone.



CRUSADE AGAINST DARKNESS SPECIALTY LICENSE PLATES

ARRRR!! WE ARE SO THANKFUL FOR THE SPECIALTY LICENSE PLATE. AT THIS POINT WE HAVE NOT DONE ANY ACTIVE PROMOTION SINCE THE INITIAL PRE-SALES. WE ARE AVERAGING BETWEEN 1,161 AND 1,324 PLATES SOLD PER MONTH. LAST QUARTER WE SOLD 3770 PLATES. THAT MEANS WE HAVE NOW SOLD A TOTAL OF 13,237. I REMEMBER WHEN PEOPLE SAID WE WOULDN'T SELL 10 PLATES OR 100 PLATES AND NEVER 1000 PLATES!

ARRRR! THEY DIDN'T KNOW WHAT LIONS COULD DO WHEN THEY BAND TOGETHER FOR A GOOD CAUSE.



FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

THE FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE PROPOSED WE REVISIT THE GOLF BALL DROP AS A FUNDRAISER. WE DISCUSSED WAYS TO MAKE THE GOLF BALL DROP A SUCCESS. ANOTHER POSSIBLE FUNDRAISER WAS DISCUSSED. THANK YOU FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE FOR YOUR CONTINUED WORK.



Show Your Support with MTLSS Lapel Pins!

MTLSS lapel pins, featuring our official logo, are now available in both silver and gold finishes. Each pin is just \$5, so you can choose your favorite metal- or pick up both to match your outfit or your mood!

Wearing an MTLSS pin is a stylish way to show your support for Middle Tennessee Lions Sight Service. Get yours today and help spread awareness!

Words from President Phil Barnes

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Unless you've had cataracts removed from your eyes as I have, you don't realize how bad your vision was before they were removed and replaced by a new lens. It is so satisfying to be part of MTLSS and assist people financially for improving their eyesight. It is especially difficult to see at night when you're driving with cataracts. I remember the morning after my first cataract was removed and taking the patch off and then you realize how bad your eyesight was. As Lions, we should all be proud to have a part in helping people get their original eyesight back to normal.

Phil