

nursing homes, and libraries. These CCTVs assisted those with low vision.

The website is a work in progress. Continue to check us out as we update our website.

Next Board of Director Meeting will be held on January 26, 2023 at 6 pm. Meetings are held at the Murfreesboro Lions Club Building in Cannonsburgh Village. 312 S. Front Street Murfreesboro, TN 37130. We have a meal. Usually, the meal is \$8. Please let the Executive Director know if you plan on attending.

All Lions in District 12 I and District 12 S are welcomed to attend.

Amazon Smile is hopefully coming soon.

It will work similar to the Kroger Rewards. We hope to have Amazon Smile in place before we start our Christmas shopping.

Carl Hirston is working on the Middle Tennessee Lions Society logo. He has designed a pin for our new logo. We will have sales at the District Convention also updating the Knight for the Awards that use along with the Knight Awards.

More Publicity Committee News

We also have a new email address: Sight@mtlss.org. Please start using this email to replace the mtlss@yahoo.com.

Middle Tennessee Lions Sight Service has a Facebook page now. We will post once or twice monthly with updated information. We will post any updated information on surgeries and services. Also, we will post a Monthly Eye Fact. Share the Monthly Eye Fact with your club and friends. These facts will be interesting, educational, or fun. Follow us on Facebook. Like our page and share with other Lions.

The Publicity Committee has been hard at work with zooms, emails, and phone calls. All these social media outlets are very important to Middle Tennessee Lions Sight Service. They combined to make us look much more professional. They get the information out and available for our Lions Clubs and our Lions Members. As the Executive Director has attempted to obtain corporate funds and grants, one of the first things that is asked is your website.



Photo of Publicity Committee. Patrick Scott, Thom Smelser, Jill Smelser, Tashena Martinez, Dennis Jackson, and Chris Ross. Missing from the photo is Carl Webster



Knight for Sight Award recipients: Anny Young, Bobbye Kassing, and Mark Kassing. Awards presented by Incoming President Beverly Webster and Outgoing President John Thyen.

Knight For Sight Awards

Knight for Sight Awards are a recognition that Middle Tennessee Lions Sight Service gives to someone who is deserving. That person could be recognized for a financial contribution of \$500 or greater. These

Application Review Committee

The latest updates

We have received many inquiries this quarter. Applications are beginning to come in. It is important that application is completely filled out. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Please make sure the application contains a sponsor sheet and a financial form. The Club will fill out only the top Sponsor area and the Applicant completes the rest. There are two places the applicant needs to sign. Applications and the process for applying are on the new website.

Middle Tennessee Lions Sight Service Vice President and I had the honor to recognize an outstanding Lion in Tennessee. PDG Ralph Brewer was recognized at the District 12 I Fall Gathering. Ralph's whole life has been dedicated to the blind and the visually impaired and to serving others.

outstanding donations go a long way in helping us to cover cataract surgeries.

The other way to be recognized is through your club. A Lions Club can choose to recognize someone in the club who does outstanding service in the field of sight. The Club will choose to make a \$500 donation to recognize that person.

We have had the joy of being able to present several Knight for Sight Awards recently. Let us share with you.



Inez Nunley was surprised when she found out her club, Warren County Lions Club recognized her outstanding work with vision within her club and her community. I was honored to stand with her club and present her this award at the District 12 S Summer Gathering.

See Page 4 for more Knight for Sight Awards.



Annual Golf Ball Drop July 2, 2022



Executive Director Dianne Corlew expresses her thanks to all who came. Fundraiser Chair Lynn Wright give us the directions.

The Fundraising Committee created a fundraiser to get funds from the committee not just from Lions Club members. The Annual Golf Ball Drop was approved by the State. Lions in many clubs helped with ticket sales. Each ticket cost \$5 a piece and allowed the ticket holder to one golf ball. Individuals could purchase as many tickets as they desired. The first golf ball in the hole was the winner. The winner would receive 10% of the monies raised. We were able to raise \$7615.00 in golf ball ticket sales.

The winner would receive \$761.50. The winning golf ball was 301. The winner was PDG Lion Ralph Brewer. Lion Ralph was so surprised. He said he had never won anything before. Lion Ralph donated his winnings back to Middle Tennessee Lions Sight Service. Thank you, Ralph!!!

We are planning on making this an annual fundraiser. The paperwork has been filed with the State of Tennessee for next year. Hermitage Golf Course is excited to have us back.

Next year's Gold Ball Drop will be July 29, 2022. We scheduled it a little later in order to not interfere with Independence Day and Lions Clubs International Convention.

We are hoping to double last year's ticket sales. As soon as the State of Tennessee approves us and gives us permission, we will be asking you to help us with ticket sales. Get ready to sell tickets.



Winning ball # 301. Winner PDG Lion Ralph Brewer.



Throwing out the Golf Balls.
help throw out over 1,500 golf balls and then helped to pick them all up again.

The Supportive group who showed up earlier in the morning to

Kroger Community Rewards

A great way to get corporate funds

We are part of Kroger Community Rewards. This is a great and easy way to get corporate funds. If you or someone in your family shops at Kroger, just sign up and we will get a percentage of what is spent. This program makes fundraising easy based on the shopping you do every day. Once you link your card to Middle Tennessee Lions Sight Service all you need to do is shop at Kroger, swipe your Kroger card or put in your Kroger card number.

1. Create a digital account.

A digital account is needed to participate in Kroger Community Rewards. If you already have a digital account, simply link your Shopper's Card to your account so that all transactions apply toward the organization you choose.

2. Sign into your digital account.

3. Go to Community Rewards.

4. Enter Middle Tennessee Lions Sight Service, Inc.

5. Select the appropriate organization from the list and click "Save".

Middle Tennessee Lions Sight Service will also display in the Kroger Community Rewards section of your account.

6. Any transactions moving forward using the Shopper's Card number associated with your digital account will be applied to MTLSS, at no added cost to you. Kroger donates annually to MTLSS based on your percentage of spending as it relates to the total spending associated with all participating Kroger Community Rewards organizations.



Executive Director Dianne Corlew, Jimmy Milan, Kathryn "Candy" Miller, President Beverly Webster, and Waverly Lions Club Treasurer Mark Kassing.

More Knight for Sight Awards

Awards from the October Meeting

At the October MTLSS President Beverly present 3 Knight for Sight Awards. Two Lions from the Waverly Lions Club were recognized for the work that they do with eyeglasses and cataract referrals for the community. I personally know they spend many hours working with these people to help them in any way they can. Kathryn "Candy" Miller and Jimmy R. Milan were recognized.

President Beverly Webster served as DG of District 12S last year. Her District budget allotted for 2 awards for a Knight for Sight Award. One will be given at a later date. She awarded a Knight for Sight Award to Allen Lyon. Al Lyon is 91 years old and has been a faithful supporter of MTLSS for many years. He has set an excellence example with both of his children being active in Middle Tennessee Lions Sight Service also.

Together We Can.

Together We are making Changes,
and Together We will continue to make MTLSS

Many positive changes have been made with Middle Tennessee Lions Sight Service. We have more goals that have been set and we plan to accomplish them. No one person has made these changes. It has been and will continue to be a TEAMWORK. Working Together. We invite you share in the accomplishments. We invite you to share in helping others.

Last year our President was the District Governor of 12 S. During her theme was Together We Can. The Lions Clubs International Brian Sheehan's theme is Together We Can. It is a great theme.

Helen Keller said, "Alone we can do little ; together we can do so much."

