

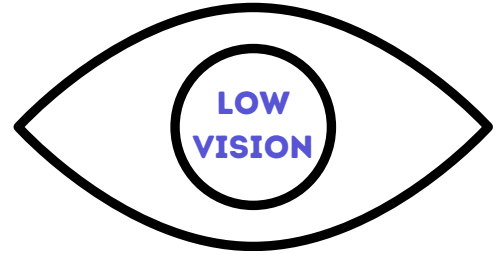
IN FOCUS



Welcome
TO
the Board of
Directors

Lion Gary Overman gave the Nominating Committee report at the January meeting. Carl Webster resigned his position on the Board of Directors. The Nominating Committee worked to find an outstanding new Board of Director member. The Nominating Committee presented the name of Colin Lawrence from the Estill Springs Lions Club. The Board voted and accepted the name of Colin Lawrence.

*Thank you, Carl Webster
for your service.
Welcome, Colin Lawrence, we look
forward to working together!*



Lion Celia Anderson gave the Low Vision Committee Report. The merger of 12S Communication Services into MTLSS Low Vision Services has been completed. We were anticipating around \$9,000-10,000 funds to be transferred. The total transferred amount was \$20,232.32.

The Low Vision Committee will begin to research new low vision devices. They will bring their report to the next meeting.

The Low Vision Committee will be developing guidelines for borrowing the anticipated PlusOptix machines that should be coming by spring and the Titmus machines we have. We will also develop guidelines for borrowing low vision equipment.

APPLICATION REVIEW COMMITTEE

SINCE THE LAST QUARTERLY MEETING IN OCTOBER WE HAVE REVIEWED FIVE (5) APPLICATIONS. ONE WAS DENIED BECAUSE THE GENTLEMAN MADE OVER \$500 ABOVE THE MONTHLY POVERTY GUIDELINES. THE OTHER FOUR WERE APPROVED. PDG TOM IRWIN GAVE THIS REPORT.

PDG PHIL BARNES INTRODUCED OUR GUEST, DARRELL WOODCOCK. DARRELL HAS BEEN A CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER SINCE 2006. HE OPENED HIS OWN FINANCIAL PLANNING FIRM, APEX FINANCIAL, IN 2016. HE IS MANAGING OUR INVESTMENTS FROM THE DAVID LAWRENCE ESTATE. HE DISCUSSED THE INVESTMENT AND THE PLAN FOR THE INVESTMENT. HE DID STRESS THAT AT ANY TIME FUNDS WERE NEEDED, THEY COULD BE ACCESSED WITHIN 3-4 DAYS. HE ANSWERED QUESTIONS AND SHARED INFORMATION WITH THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND ATTENDEES. THANK YOU, DARRELL, FOR HELPING US GROW THE FUTURE OF MIDDLE TENNESSEE LIONS SIGHT SERVICE.



A skull and crossbones may not be the symbol most would think for a charitable organization. The skull and crossbones is a universal warning of death or danger.

Our new license plate displays the “Jolly Roger”, a black flag with a skull and crossbones, because Pirates used the same symbol to remind their victims that things could be worse if they did not cooperate. So too, blindness will get worse if we do not “cooperate” and rally together to take action. Our new license plate will declare to the world that we at Middle Tennessee Lions Sight Service intend to annihilate blindness- one eye at a time.

In 1925 Helen Keller spoke to the Lions Club and challenged us “to be Knights of Sight in the Crusade against Darkness”. We are hoping the public helps us in this “Crusade against Darkness”.

NEW TN PLATES
HELP LIONS CLUBS SAVE SIGHT



\$35 SPECIALTY FEE RESERVES YOURS TODAY
The Coolest NEW Specialty License Plate in the USA!

Middle Tennessee Lions Sight Service
Crusade Against Darkness
WE MUST SELL: 1,000+ auto/truck plates
500+ motorcycle plates
Getting these on the road saves eyesight for those in need.


Use the web address or scan the QR code to order yours today.
<https://www.MTLSS.org/Support-Us>
Questions? Email cliffswoaape@gmail.com



Crusade Against Darkness

- 50% of the charitable funds generated by plate sales goes to **Middle TN Lions Sight Service (MTLSS)** to help save eyesight for those in need. The other 50% goes to TN Arts Commission & TN Highway Fund.
- The first 1,000 auto & 500 motorcycle plates can only be purchased through pre-sale. Over half of those have already been sold as of 12/31/2023.
- The minimum-required sales must be complete before June 30, 2024, for the plate to become a reality. If the minimum-required sales are not met, MTLSS will refund the specialty fees.
- Plates can NOT be personalized until after we sell & TN distributes the minimum-required pre-sale plates.
- Once the state produces the pre-sale plates, each person who reserved one will get a letter from TN County Clerk's office.
- Plates are prorated, so you will not lose any money on what you have already paid on your current tags.

Use the web address or scan the QR code to order yours today.
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WE HAVE NEW POSTCARD SIZE HANDOUTS FOR THE SPECIALTY LICENSE PLATES. THERE ARE SEVERAL CAR AND MOTORCYCLE SHOWS IN FEBRUARY, MARCH, AND APRIL. HELP US TO BE REPRESENTED AT AS MANY OF THESE AS WE CAN. PLEASE CONTACT DIANNE CORLEW IF THERE ARE PLACES IN YOUR AREA THAT YOU CAN PLACE HANDOUTS, SHE WILL GET SOME HANDOUTS TO YOU. TRY TO GET THEM IN YOUR COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE, MOTORCYCLE SHOPS, AUTO PARTS AND REPAIR SHOPS, COFFEE SHOPS, SPORTING EVENTS AND TAILGATING, BOAT DEALERSHIPS, MARINAS, CONVENIENCE STORES, TRUCK STOPS, AND ANY PLACE YOU CAN THINK OF. CONTACT YOUR LOCAL RADIO, NEWSPAPER, AND TV STATIONS. IF YOU NEED AN ARTICLE, DARYL JUSTICE WROTE AN ARTICLE WITH THE HELP OF DIANNE CORLEW FOR HIS LOCAL NEWSPAPER. WE WOULD BE HAPPY TO FORWARD THAT TO YOU TO BE USED.

IN OUR NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER THE PRESALES WERE:

AUTOMOBILES: 133 (13%)

MOTORCYCLES: 99 (19%)

AS OF SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH OUR PRESALES ARE:

AUTOMOBILES: 756 (75%)

MOTORCYCLES: 364 (73%)

Heading the Wright Direction



We had our January 25 meeting of MTLSS. As expected, the attendance was lower due to the cold wet weather. But the warm hearts that were there showed they are excited about our plans for the future. Our hopes for helping many others are very promising.

We have two big fund raisers in progress. First of all, PDG Cliff Swoape reported the progress of our Specialty Plate for MTLSS. Sales are happening across the state. If we can reach our initial goal, the plate will be displayed at all state License locations in the future. A portion of each plate sold will be given to MTLSS, which will further our ability to provide sight restoring surgeries for the uninsured. Although some may not like the design, it has been very popular to motorcycle groups and cycle dealers. It has also sparked sales by those who have been blessed by Lions Clubs in the past. We hope you will join in to help promote this effort, and we thank Cliff for his work so far.

Our other fund raiser is our Annual Golf Ball Drop. Forms have been accepted by the State to send to the Legislature for final approval of this year's ball drop. We are planning to have it at the Hermitage Golf Course on Saturday July 27 at 6:00 A.M. When approval is received, I will notify you to start selling tickets around April 1st. One push I encourage everyone to do is to reach out to friends, family and neighbors for sales. Our sales last year jumped around \$4000 higher than our first Ball Drop. We're hoping to jump up this year as well. I know you will help us continue to be successful with this effort.

I appreciate your support of MTLSS and look forward to the rest of the year working together. Hope to see you at our next meeting April 25th in Murfreesboro. Let's work to serve more in the coming days. Remember – TOGETHER WE CAN!

PDG Lynn Wright, President