



# The Lions Pride

District 24-E

April 2015



**District  
Governor**

**Jim  
Newman  
2014–2015**

## District 24- Officers

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District Governor**

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1st Vice District Governor**

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Reg II Zone III Chair**

Fellow Lions,

My lawn is in bad need of mowing and I see a dandelion or two. Spring, it appears, is finally here, and Lions are gearing up for the final quarter of the Lions year. The second round of Zone Meetings has started and will continue in April. We have only 3 months to conduct our service projects and fund raisers before the year ends and we begin the cycle all over again. Lionism will continue making a difference in 24-E, but only if we continue to dedicate ourselves to service. Remember, WE SERVE! Over the next three months, I will be dropping in on club meetings to deliver various awards which clubs have won. Who know when you might see me! Also, I will be out and about visiting club service projects and fund raisers that I am aware of. If you have something planned, let me know and I will try and fit it in my schedule.

Recent projects which Lions have successfully participated in or supported include Read Across America on March 2nd; Audible Easter Egg Hunts in Martinsville and Daleville on March 28th; and Club and Region level Bland contests in February and March. Thank you to those clubs that took part in and/or supported these events. If your club did not participate, put it on your club calendar to take part in them next year!

As of my writing this letter, two of our Region II Zone meetings have already occurred and the third Region II meeting will take place this week. Region I will be playing "catch up" in April, so if your club is in Region I, why not plan on coming with your club to its Zone Meetings? You just might learn something! Keep out an eye for the announcements of time and place!

The District, as of March 27th, stands even in membership for the 2014-2015 Lions year. We began the year with 881 members and still have 881. Not the same 881 Lions; however, but we have gained the same number of new members as the number of old members that we have lost. While you can look at this as the glass being half full, or half empty, I believe that it is definitely half full! Last Lions Year, District 24-E had a net loss of 41 members, so "even" looks pretty good . . . but it could be even better if we can get that to positive growth, even if it is only +1. I encourage each of you to support our International President, Lion Joe Preston, (and your District Governor!) and remember to "Ask 1". I have a special pin for all of those who do sponsor a new member. Also, support Lion Joe as he asks us to "Keep 1" and retain those who are already Lions.

QUIZ QUESTION: What is the best way to get new members? See below for answer.

So let us finish the year strong. LOVF Ticket sales, White Canes, Broom Sales, Environmental Projects, Youth Scholarships, Eye Screenings or whatever projects your club has decided on. Get out and do them! And after you complete them, report on them. Toot your horn! Get some publicity/exposure in your community and recognition from LCI! (Do you know about the Centennial Challenge? Three clubs in our District have already earned their banner patch for the Challenge. You can too! Read all about it on the LCI website.) Providing service to your community is the best recruiting tool that you have. Provide service to your community and do it with adequate signage/publicity and people will see the good that you do and want to become Lions!

The next District Cabinet meeting will be Sunday, May 31, 2015 at the Lions Sight Foundation Building on Elm Avenue in Roanoke. It will start at 2:30 PM. And finally, the Lions of Virginia State Convention will take place in Tysons Corner, May 15th through May 17th. Registration materials have been sent to all Club Presidents and Club Secretaries electronically, as well as posted on our District website. The LOV website also has the forms if your Club Secretary does not have them for you. There are proposals to be presented and voted on which can have a substantial impact on our District.

Thank you for all that you do for Lions!

DG Jim Newman

### **Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center News:**

After over 30 years Merle Hash has retired as director of the Eyeglass Recycling Center and as administrator of the Lions Sight Foundation of Virginia, Inc. Lion Gary Wagner (Cave Spring Lions Club) has been chosen to fill these positions. Lion Gary wanted all clubs to know that we still need volunteers to assist at the Recycling Center. We are often told that “when we try to get a group to come down, we can only get two or three Lions to volunteer.” That is NOT A PROBLEM. We have several individual Lions that come down to volunteer. We can use one person, two, three or a whole group. The winter weather really put us behind this year. Thanks to the clubs in West Virginia, the recycling center received this week alone over 35,000 pairs of glasses. Adding that to what we already had on hand we now have over 150,000 pairs of eyeglasses needed to be washed (we have 3 dishwashers that need to be filled and emptied), read, bagged and sorted. We are already getting in several requests from missionaries and optometrists to support their work all over the world for this summer. Since January alone we have furnished recycled eyeglasses to India, Haiti, Nicaragua, Honduras, The Dominion Republic, Belize, Mozambique (Africa), Costa Rica and Guatemala. The Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center in Roanoke is highly rated all over the east coast because of the job that Merle has done over the years. We want to keep it that way. Please support your Eyeglass Recycling Center by volunteering as an individual or as a group.

Submitted by Lion Gary Wagner



# 92<sup>nd</sup> Virginia State Lions Convention

## May 14 through 17, 2015

Sheraton Premiere (Tysons Corner), 8661 Leesburg Pike  
Vienna, VA 22182-2226 • 703-448-1234

State Convention Chairperson: Harry F. Parker, PCC  
8701 Braeburn Drive, Annandale, VA 22003-3969

Residence: 703-425-5574 • glasslion1@cox.net

**Host Club: Baileys Crossroads Host**



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**Host Club Chairperson:** Rosanne Snider • 6411 Eppard Street • Falls Church, VA 22044-1709 • 703-532-5308 • Rosanne.Snider@psgc.gc.ca  
**Registration Chairperson:** Kenneth A. Schutz • 9512 Baccarat Drive, Fairfax, VA 22032-1217 • 703-239-9079 • registrations@fairfaxlions.org  
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March 14, 2015

Dear Lion/Lioness President and Secretary:

Announcing the 92<sup>nd</sup> *VIRGINIA LIONS STATE CONVENTION*! This notification is your club's invitation to participate in this year's State Convention which will be held in Tysons Corner, Virginia, May 14–17, at the Sheraton Premiere Hotel. Please disseminate this information to your club members *as soon as possible*. The State Convention is an important event in the Lion's calendar and all members and officers should attend, if possible. The convention includes full schedule of events that enable members to share ideas, to learn from other clubs and members, participate in schools, attend meetings to hear how your state organization is serving others, be entertained, and most importantly participate in the Governance of the Multiple District by casting votes in elections of officers and consideration of amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws during the General Session. At a minimum, each club should be represented by its allocation of delegates so that its interests are represented in votes. This year there will be important proposals for changes to bylaws that your club should be interested in voting on.

Please notify all club members of the convention details right away and make sure your club's Board of Directors and delegates are informed of items to be voted on at the General session. More information will be available in April regarding the General Session agenda.

This notice includes several attachments that are important to your club, delegates, attendees, and guests including:

1. Key dates and submission deadlines for registrations to the convention, registration of delegates, requests for exhibit space, and related activities
2. A schedule of events (draft at this printing)
3. A convention registration form and instructions
4. An events flyer providing highlights and descriptions of events
5. Exhibit space request form
6. Pin Traders luncheon flyer and registration form

A registration form for club delegates (FORM B) will be mailed to club secretaries in a separate mailing.

We are extremely proud to host the 2015 State Convention at the Sheraton Premiere Hotel, located in Tysons Corner. The hotel will house every Lion, Lioness, Leo, and any guests who wish to attend; therefore, you have no transportation nor hotel concerns since you will be housed in the 'headquarters' hotel. Please note that hotel reservations must be made *directly with the Sheraton Premiere 1-800-325-3535 with a registration deadline of April 30, 2015*. Failure to meet this deadline could result in paying a higher rate or staying in another hotel.

**PLEASE PROMOTE THE CONVENTION AND ALL ACTIVITIES WITHIN YOUR CLUB. MAKE SURE THAT EVERYONE HAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND AN OUTSTANDING CONVENTION.** The Host Committee looks forward to seeing you and your club members at the 2015 State Convention in Tysons Corner.

Yours in Lionism,

Harry F Parker, PCC  
State Convention Chairperson

## State Convention Forms

Copies of all forms and schedules of events were sent in a previous email. They are available on the District 24-E website at [www.virginia-24e-lions.org](http://www.virginia-24e-lions.org) under “state convention”. Forms can be filled out on line.

## Thank You

I sure would like to thank all my Lions Family for cards and prayers. I know our Lord heard them,  
Thank you.  
Lion Gloria

## District Bland Contest

District 24-E Bland Contest Finals will be held at Cave Spring United Methodist Church, on April 26<sup>th</sup>, starting at 2:00pm.

## New Email

Lion Richard Chaffin's new email is [lionrpc@gmail.com](mailto:lionrpc@gmail.com)

## Cabinet Meeting:

District 24E Governor Lion Jim Newman presided over the District's Third Quarter Meeting, Sunday March 8th at the Virginia Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center in Roanoke.

Many items of interest were discussed ranging from the current quarterly report, old business and upcoming events. Most all committee chairpersons spoke of the latest events within their realm, followed by comments from the First and Second Vice District Governors.

Submitted by Lion Rob Senoski





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## Read Across America

32 Lions from 6 Clubs participated at 16 facilities.

**Cave Spring Lions:** 5 Lions - Jim Cosby, Gary Wagner, Marsha Wagner, Ashley Wagner, Tressa Camidge

Cave Spring Elementary  
Lee Waid Elementary

Grandin Court Elementary

**Ferrum College Branch Club:** 7 Lions - Dave Newcombe, Rachel Belcher, Kenzie Truini, Vicki Cook, Katie Goff, Susie Crow, Burton White

Ferrum Elementary

**Mt. Pleasant Lions:** 7 Lions - Brenda Musselwhite, Lea Whitbeck, Bob Dickert, Robert Stutes, Patrick Musselwhite, Anne Ferguson, Mike Ferguson

Mt. Pleasant Elementary

Garden City Elementary

**Roanoke Valley Breakfast Lions:** 1 Lion - Barbara Pendergrass Richmond

Clearbrook Elementary

**Smith Mtn. Lake Lions:** 10 Lions - Don Prinzbach, Bill Telford, Tom Merriman, Marge Epps, Lowell Skelton, Mandy Martin, Tom Scott, Tom Hamlin, Bill Smith, Kirk Sampson

Bethlehem United Methodist Church Preschool  
Dudley Elementary  
Henry Fork Service Center  
Smith Mtn. Lake Christian Academy

Burnt Chimney Elementary  
Glade Hill Elementary  
YMCA Preschool

**Roanoke Williamson Road Lions:** 2 Lions - Herman Brubaker, Linda All

Monterey Elementary

Round Hill Elementary

Thanks to everyone who participated. It was a fun day. Read Across America next year will be observed on Wednesday, March 2. Reserve that date on your calendar now and plan to join us in 2016.

Lion Linda E. All  
Reading Action Programs



Cave Spring Lions Gary Wagner (Horton) and Jim Cosby (the Cat in the Hat) read at Grandin Court Elementary and Cave Spring Elementary Schools.



The Ferrum College Branch Club with help from the Regular Ferrum Club (It was Spring break) read to all the classes at Ferrum Elementary School. The picture shows Ferrum Lions President Dr. Burton White with the pre-school students.

At their meeting on February 26, 2015, the SML Lions participating in "Read Across America Day" on March 2, 2015, received their Dr. Seuss "Cat in the Hat" hats. The SML Lions read at seven area schools. Pictured (left to right): Don Prinzbach, Bill Telford, Tom Merriman, Marge Epps, Lowell Skelton, Mandy Martin, Tom Scott, Tom Hamlin, and Bill Smith. Not shown: Kirk Sampson.







Mt. Pleasant Lions Mike and Anne Ferguson were two of the Lions who read at Mt. Pleasant Elementary and Garden City Elementary Schools



Riddle:

When is a turtle a lion?

When it's Lion Linda All, reading "Yertle, the Turtle"!  
Linda was Georgey who lived in the same pond as Yertle.



### Remote Area Medical – Wise Clinic

- When: July 16-19, 2015 (Thursday – Sunday)  
(16<sup>th</sup> for set up, 17<sup>th</sup>- 19<sup>th</sup> Clinic)
- Where: Wise County Fairgrounds (same place as in past years)  
State Route 680  
Wise, Virginia
- Services: Dental, Vision, General Medical, Women's Health

Online volunteer registration is now open at [www.ramusa.org](http://www.ramusa.org): click on Schedule, then click on Volunteer Here, scroll down and click on Wise County, VA, then click on Volunteer For This Clinic, and follow the information.

If you have not registered online before, you will register now as a new volunteer. You are not required to work the entire weekend. You may work any part of that timeframe.

All the lodgings in Wise are booked, as are the Holiday Inn and Days Inn in Norton, and the Comfort Inn in Big Stone Gap.

As of March 15, there was room availability at the following:

Quality Inn & Suites – Norton, 551 U.S. 58 Alt., 276 679-7000

Super 8 – Norton, 425 Wharton Lane, U.S. Alt. 58 and U.S. Route 23, 276 679-0893.

When you make your reservation, tell them you are a Lions Club member who is volunteering at RAM-Wise. There may be special rates for volunteers working at RAM.

There are dorm rooms available at the University of Virginia campus in Wise. Information and a registration form can be found in this newsletter.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Linda E. All  
L.A.M.P.



## Information for RAM Housing at UVa-Wise 2015 Thursday, July 16 ~ Sunday, July 19

*To the more than 700 RAM volunteers -- welcome to the UVa-Wise campus!*

Please read the information below carefully which is specifically for those RAM volunteers using UVa-Wise Conferences & Events. All RAM housing fees must be paid when returning the contract/reservation form.

### COLLEGE RESPONSIBILITIES

The College will provide campus housing and other facilities as stated in the contract. The College assumes no responsibility for accidents and/or lost or stolen property incurred by users or group members. The user further agrees to hold the College harmless from any and all suits or claims resulting from the activities of the user and the participants.

UVa-Wise reserves the right to enter any room for purposes of inspection, policy enforcement, maintenance or emergencies. UVa-Wise may also remove disruptive group members from College residential facilities. No refunds will be provided.

### INDIVIDUAL/GROUP RESPONSIBILITIES

The individual/sponsoring group leader(s) assumes full responsibility for the actions of the group members using College facilities and is financially responsible for any and all damages to facilities during the group's stay, including loss of keys, phones, equipment, etc. Groups are expected to abide by all federal, state and local laws and ordinances which may now or hereafter be enacted during the contract period. Groups are also expected to comply with rules and regulations relating to College housing as set forth in the Student Handbook which is available on-line at [www.uvawise.edu](http://www.uvawise.edu).

### GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR STAY

**CAMPUS MAP** You may access a map of the campus at [www.uvawise.edu/admissions/documents/Campus\\_Map.pdf](http://www.uvawise.edu/admissions/documents/Campus_Map.pdf)

**CHECK-IN INFORMATION** All RAM volunteers must check in at the C. Bascom Slomp Student Center at the 3rd floor Check Desk. Designated check-in dates and times are: Thursday, July 16 – 2 pm-midnight; Friday, July 17 – 7 am-9 pm; and Saturday, July 18 – 2-6 pm.

**CHECK-OUT INFORMATION** All RAM volunteers must check out at the C. Bascom Slomp Student Center check desk, located on the 3rd floor, during any of the following times: Friday, July 17 – 7 am-9 pm; Saturday, July 18 – 2-6 pm; or Sunday, July 19 – 5-7 am. You must physically return the key to a member of the Conferences & Events staff at the check desk. Leaving your key in the room will result in an improper check-out fee. Failure of groups to check-out during designated times affects facility cleaning schedules and other group check-in times, and thus will result in an improper check-out charge of \$100.00.

**COLLEGE PROPERTY/FURNITURE** Conference participants must treat College property, furniture, and facilities in an appropriate manner to insure no damage occurs during the group's stay on campus. Individuals/groups will be charged for any resulting damages and/or for any furniture that has been changed, moved and/or removed from campus facilities, including residence hall rooms or common areas.

**HOUSEKEEPING** The College's Housekeeping staff cleans and prepares individual rooms prior to the arrival of each conference group. All other necessary cleaning and trash removal during your stay must be done by individuals; trash bags are provided in each room. All trash must be taken to the assigned residence hall's dumpsters. Please do not place trash in the hallways; there is no building trash pick-up. A \$25 house-keeping fee will be incurred for trash not removed. *NOTE: We thank you in advance for your complete trash removal as this assists with room preparations for the three high school camps checking in at 11 am after your early morning departure.*

**LOST/NON-RETURNED KEYS** There will be a room re-keying fee of \$75.00 per lost or non-returned key. Please immediately see a member of the Conferences & Events staff for assistance with lost keys during your stay. Keys must be returned upon check-out to the SSC 3rd floor Check Desk, or applicable fees will be billed to the responsible individual/group. NOTE: 'Found' keys mailed/returned after 7 am on Sunday, July 19, do not negate the room re-keying charge(s) as rooms are re-keyed immediately after a group's departure in anticipation of the next group's arrival.



**PARKING** All guests must park in a legitimate parking place in one of the following lots — Culbertson Hall Gravel Lot, McCraray Hall Gravel Lot, Asbury Hall lot, and Martha Randolph Hall lot. Parking tickets may be issued to RAM participants who park on sidewalks, in the road, or in front of the buildings. *Note: McCraray Hall is reserved for faculty/staff parking and is not available to RAM participants during regular business hours; however, it is available throughout the weekend beginning after 5 pm on Friday.* Additional parking to groups is available at Greear Gymnasium.

**PAYMENT INFORMATION** Payment by check (made payable to UVA-Wise Conferences & Events) must be submitted when returning the contract/reservation form. Room assignments will not be processed until payment has been received. Refunds requested in writing or by email by July 1 will be processed. No refunds will be given after July 1. If a reservation holder is unable to attend, a same sex substitution of a new participant can be made. Any additional charges incurred during RAM weekend will be billed to individuals/groups. If you need to pay by credit card, you need to submit the form and call the Conference & Events Office at 276-376-1000.

#### **POLICIES ON ALCOHOL, SMOKING/TOBACCO USAGE & WEAPONS/FIREARMS**

**ALCOHOL** The College abides by all state laws and regulations regarding alcohol usage and consumption. Alcohol consumed by those of legal drinking age must be confined to personal rooms and is not permitted in common areas and general use spaces including balconies, lounges, hallways, etc. Those who do not abide by these stipulations will be subject to ticketing and/or arrest.

**SMOKING/TOBACCO** All campus buildings are tobacco-free (including smoking and smokeless tobaccos). Use of all tobacco products is prohibited in all College facilities, including seating areas/stands of outdoor athletic facilities, as well as within 25 feet of the entrance of any College indoor/outdoor facility. If you smoke, please discard all cigarette butts in appropriate containers. Throwing them on the ground is considered littering. Receptacles are placed near facilities for the collection of waste tobacco products.

**WEAPONS/FIREARMS** The University of Virginia's College at Wise provides rules and regulations concerning the possession of weapons on college owned property and all facilities in an effort to provide a safe and secure learning and working environment for the students, faculty, staff and visitors in accordance with the University of Virginia Policy: Regulation of Weapons, Fireworks and Explosives, available at <https://policy.etc.virginia.edu/policy/policydisplay?id=SEC-030>. **No student, faculty, staff, visitor or affiliate shall carry, possess, maintain, or conceal (concealed handgun carry permits included) on any property owned by The University of Virginia's College at Wise.**

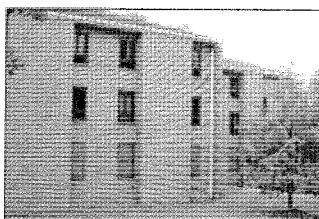
**PORCHES, BALCONIES AND ROOFS** Porches and balconies must be kept clean and clear. No furniture or chairs may be left outside. Clothing, towels, etc. may not be hung from porches, railings or any other outside areas. **ALL BUILDING ROOFS ARE OFF-LIMITS.**

**QUIET HOURS/NOISE** To insure the comfort of all our groups, courtesy quiet hours are in effect from 10 pm each night until 8 am the following morning. We ask that all group members please be considerate of others for any noise(s) that may carry outside of individual rooms/suites. Most College offices maintain year-round office hours each weekday, so please also be considerate of them for your daytime event or as your residential group travels to/from practice fields, classrooms, residence halls, etc.

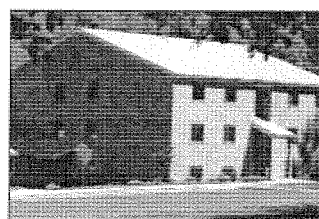
**RESIDENCE HALLS** The following halls will be available for your stay during RAM weekend:



**ASBURY HALL** These two and three bedroom apartments are hardwired for internet access. They are furnished with beds, wardrobes, chests, desks w/chairs, and blinds. Each apartment has one full bath and one half bath, furnished living room, small table and chairs, and a full kitchen.



**MCCRARAY HALL** This residence hall with double occupancy rooms is hard-wired for internet access. Each floor has a common bathroom. Male and female residents live on separate wings of the building. Rooms are furnished with beds, closets, chests, desks w/chairs, and blinds. Built-in desk lamps are furnished on the women's wing.



**MARTHA RANDOLPH HALL** This suite-area residential facility is air-conditioned. Each unit is hardwired for internet access. These two-bedroom units are furnished with beds, chests, desks w/chairs, closets, and blinds. These units have a bathroom and a common area with sofa, coffee table, end tables, and love seat.

**RESPECT TO COLLEGE PERSONNEL** All conference groups and their members must be respectful to Conferences & Events staff members, as well as other members of the College community. Conferences & Events staff members are to insure that groups maintain College policies, procedures and safety standards, and thus, when necessary, will make requests in accordance with the enforcement of stated policies in a courteous and respectful manner. Groups should also be reminded that campus offices remain open throughout the summer and should be reminded to be considerate as they travel from facility to facility.



# 2015 RAM RESERVATION FORM for INDIVIDUALS and/or GROUPS

## GENERAL INFORMATION

INDIVIDUAL/GROUP NAME \_\_\_\_\_ NUMBER IN GROUP \_\_\_\_\_

INDIVIDUAL/GROUP LEADER – *Any changes/requests must be made by this individual; changes/requests by others will not be honored. Group leaders are responsible for collection of monies from individual group members and for entire payment of the account. We do not collect from individual members of a group. Full payment must accompany this reservation form; reservations are not processed without payment.*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Contact numbers ( ) \_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_W; ( ) \_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_Cell; ( ) \_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_H; ( ) \_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_FAX

Billing address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address / Post Office Box City State Zip

## INDIVIDUAL/GROUP INFORMATION

**ARRIVAL** Individual/Group Leader will check in & receive all keys during the following times at the SSC 3rd floor Check Desk (no early or late check-ins outside of these designated times is available.).

☐ Thursday, July 16 — 2 pm-midnight ☐ Friday, July 17 — 7 am-9 pm ☐ Saturday, July 18 — 2-6 pm

**DEPARTURE** Individual/Group Leader will check out & return all keys at SSC 3rd floor Check Desk on the date and time designated below; all members must be completely out of rooms at this time or a \$100 improper check-out fee will be incurred. **CHECK-OUT ON SUNDAY MUST BE BETWEEN 6-7 AM.**

☐ Friday, July 17 — 7 am-9 pm ☐ Saturday, July 18 — 2-6 pm ☐ Sunday, July 19 — 5-7 am

**RESIDENCE HALL REQUEST** \_\_\_\_\_

## INDIVIDUAL INFORMATION (INCLUDE GROUP LEADER)

| NAME      | SEX | REQUESTED ROOMMATE |
|-----------|-----|--------------------|
| 1. _____  | M F | _____              |
| 2. _____  | M F | _____              |
| 3. _____  | M F | _____              |
| 4. _____  | M F | _____              |
| 5. _____  | M F | _____              |
| 6. _____  | M F | _____              |
| 7. _____  | M F | _____              |
| 8. _____  | M F | _____              |
| 9. _____  | M F | _____              |
| 10. _____ | M F | _____              |

Additional individuals listed on attached sheet? ☐ Yes - total number of individuals \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ No

**ESTIMATED COSTS** Lodging \_\_\_\_\_ # participants x \$17.00 per night x \_\_\_\_\_ number of nights = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL ESTIMATED COSTS = \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

## GROUP LEADER SIGNATURE

I understand and agree to abide by the terms contained in this contract and the Conferences & Events RAM Agreement. I submit this form with payment for my 2015 RAM reservation.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

## \*\*FOR OFFICE USE ONLY\*\*

form received \_\_\_\_\_ reserved space \_\_\_\_\_ invoice # \_\_\_\_\_ payment received \_\_\_\_\_

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Easter Egg Hunt

The Easter Bunny was on hand for the 2nd Annual Audible Easter Egg Hunt for the Roanoke area held Saturday, March 28th in Daleville. Despite cool weather, a good time was had by all. District 24-E supported the event with a financial contribution.

## Fourth Annual Southside Audible Egg Hunt

Beeping eggs! What are they? Well, physically they are large plastic eggs with holes drilled in the top, a switch on the bottom, with a beeper and battery wired inside it. But to visually impaired kids, the eggs are a chance to hunt Easter eggs on their own! You should hear the noise a hundred eggs make on the soccer field at the Smith River Sports Complex in Axton VA! The kids love it!



"No more getting only a few eggs compared to my cousin's dozens," says Lion Lori Floyd from her childhood experience. Floyd, who is visually impaired herself, started the event in Southside Virginia. She first saw the idea for a beeping hunt during an event in Virginia Beach. Henry County Sheriff's deputy Brian Punturi, Virginia State Police Bomb Technician, Bill O'Dell, and Bill Floyd built the eggs with parts donated by the International Association of Bomb Technicians and Investigators.

Lion Eddie Fields was amazed when he learned about the event and couldn't wait to get involved. With donations and volunteers from the Martinsville/Henry County Lions Club, the Smith Mountain Lake Lions Club, and the Danville Host Lions Club, the event has grown bigger every year.

These clubs along with many other donors and volunteers have, according to Dawn Peifer, president of the Virginia Association of Parents of Children with Visual Impairments, given children with visual impairments "the extraordinary opportunity to be ordinary."

So, congratulations to everyone for making an egg hunt "ordinary" for so many kids!



Submitted by Lion Lori Floyd



## Giles Breakfast Club



BRRRRRRRRRR!!!! That's all that can be said about February in Giles County in 2015, Oh yeah, there is another word - SNOW and lots of it. Our average high temperature was 35 degrees. That doesn't sound so bad until you take into consideration the fact that we had three days early in the month that reached 60 degrees. Most of the month was cold including a few days that didn't move out of the single digits. Our overnight lows averaged 16 degrees. By Valentines Day the snow had begun. Over 30 inches of snow fell and by month's end the schools in Giles County had been closed for 2 ½ weeks. The morning of our scheduled breakfast meeting we woke to sub-zero temperatures for the third day. We

held our meeting over coffee, in our PJs via conference call. Needless-to-say, no projects were attempted during February this year.

March brought brighter warmer weather - a return to near normalcy here. On a rainy March 14 we assisted the Giles Animal Rescue folks with their 5th annual Spring Drive-Through Rabies Clinic at their yard sale building in Pembroke. Ninety-six pets were vaccinated during the five hour event. Over \$500 was raised to assist the GAR with their programs.

Lions Charlie Herbert, Brett Malone and Al Katz directed traffic at the Giles Animal Rescue annual Spring Rabies Clinic on February 14.



After serving breakfast at To Our House Ministries members of Giles Breakfast Lions Club share breakfast together. Clockwise from bottom: Lions Dave Zai, Gary Eaton, Alisia Meredith, Charlie Herbert, Sherri Nipper-Williams and Nick Clark. Not pictured: Lion Betty Herbert (photographer).

On March 24 Giles Breakfast Lions used our SPOT unit to screen the vision of the children at the two county Head Start schools. A total of 43 children were screened with only two needing referrals to an eye care professional. One parent was screened at the Narrows school. He was referred to the Narrows Lions Club for vision testing with the Optometrist they use. At the Pearisburg school we also screened one parent and six staff members. One staff member was referred for a full eye exam.

Tina Moumau, Lions Charlie Herbert and Dave Zai set up SPOT vision screening prior to vision screening at the Narrows Head Start School on March 24.



The vision screening team outside the Pearisburg Head Start building on March 24. From left: Lions Charlie & Betty Herbert, Giles Head Start Coordinator Vivian McMahan, Tina Moumau, Lions Dave Zai & Al Katz.

Looking ahead into April and spring Giles Breakfast Lions will be at Eastern Elementary/Middle School in Pembroke on Arbor day to read to the second grade classes and to plant trees with them. This will be our 3rd year for this project. In May the Community Garden will be started with hardy crops until the weather tempers enough for the rest of the crops to be planted. We'll be

sharing our bounty with the Giles Christian Mission, Giles Department of Social Services and the young mothers in the WICK program at the Health Department. We'll be joined in our efforts this year by people being served by the Community Health Program (formerly the Free Clinic). We'll make up for the slow winter with all out activities this summer.

Submitted by Lion Betty Herbert



## Moneta Lions Club



Moneta Lions Club Members: seated Lions Mary Davis and Pat Maddox, standing, Bart Matthies, Barbara Meador, George Just, Farris Maddox, Pat Bailey, Bert Bowers, Del Bailey, and Rob Senoski were on hand to host the Club's Fourth Annual "Kite Event Day".



By coincidence, four levels of scouts attended this year's event: Daisy, Brownie, Girl Scout, and Cadet, from area Troops 103, 525 and 649. The event was held at the Lion Jim Agnew Pavilion, located at the Moneta Park, Saturday March 21st. The young fliers had an opportunity to decorate their kites with a theme relating to Lions Clubs, sight, hearing, diabetes, scouting, recycling, etc.



Lion Gloria Guice, Club Youth Services Chairperson, not present due to an extended illness, co-ordinated the event, with Club President Lion Pat Bailey at the helm for the activities. Both had the full support of the club membership, with nearly half in attendance assisting with set up, distribution of kites, aiding in the kite construction, discussing kite safety, judging for best design, sportsman ship, etc. also

serving a 'chili dog' lunch with all the trimmings.

An addition to this year's event was music provided by Disc Jockeys Lion Pat Musselwhite, President of the Mount Pleasant Lions Club and Sam Murdock. The duo played tunes familiar to both the Lions and Scouts, each group demonstrated their dancing styles prior to and after the main event of kite flying.





Special recognition went out to three of the Scouts: Bree Burks, Hannah Slusser and Hailey Burkes, each have attended all four of the club's Kite Event Days.

Submitted by Lion Rob Senoski

## Blacksburg Breakfast Lions Club

### Lions on the Lake

The 4th annual Lions on the Lake event Sponsored by the Blacksburg Breakfast Lions Club is coming up!

When: Saturday, June 20, 2015, 1- 4 p.m.

Where: Claytor Lake State Park and Boat Dock .

The Blacksburg Breakfast Lions Club finds boat captains who are willing to give boat rides and we have a picnic area set up for fun, food, music and fellowship between boat outings.

The aim is to get blind and visually impaired folks out on the lake to enjoy something different. People of all ages are welcome and family members are as well.

Claytor Lake is just off I- 81 near Dublin, Virginia , approx. exit 100.

If you need transportation assistance, you might contact your local lions club. All lions are welcome as well!

If you would like more information call Suzanne Ament 540-381-0963 or e-mail [seament@radford.edu](mailto:seament@radford.edu)  
There is no cost for the event.

Submitted by Lion Suzanne Ament



### Smith Mountain Lake Lions Club



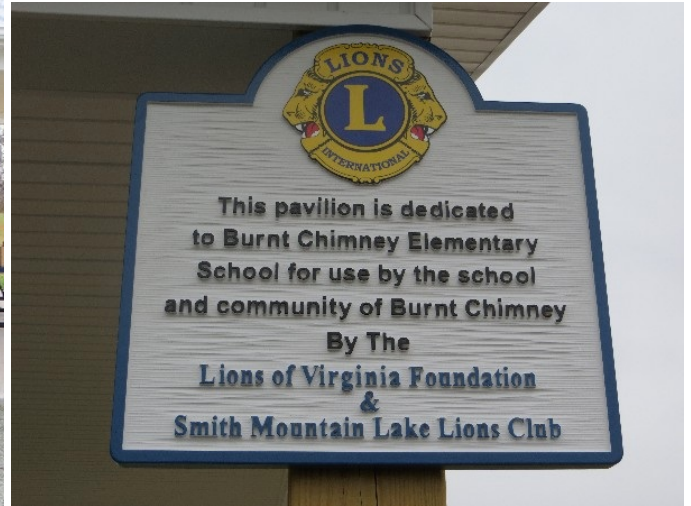
SML Lion 1st Vice President, Rick Carroll (left), presents the Melvin Jones Award to SML Lion, John Porter. Porter has been a member of the SML Lions for 13 years, has served on the Board of Directors, and is currently on the SML Lions Scholarship Trust Board of Directors. For 10 years, he has participated in eye glass recycling, Lake clean-up, and Adopt-A-Highway, and four years in vision screening. He has supported White Cane Day, the Reverse Raffle, hearing testing, LCM Thanksgiving baskets, and Swing for the Cure for three years. He has also supported the Boat Show for eight years and the Home Garden Show for two years. He has co-chaired the Junior Golf Tournament for 12 years as both the

bookkeeper and secretary and was instrumental in the steady increase in funds raised. The Melvin Jones Award is the highest form of recognition that a Lion can receive for his/her charitable work.

At its February 26, 2015 meeting, the SML Lions highlighted the many vision programs the Club supports and the world-wide work of Lions International. Topics included programs for the visual and hearing impaired, eye glass recycling and assistance, and vision screening in Franklin County schools. The speakers and the programs they chair are (left to right): Bill Ward, Eyeglass Recycling - The Lions Roanoke recycling center ships over 59,000 pairs of recycled glasses world-wide each year; Tom Merriman, Vision Screening - 3,800 Franklin County students, grades 1st through 10th, were screened in the fall of 2014; Lowell Skelton - Pedia Vision "Spot"



Screening - vision screening for children under 6 years; Ralph Long, Leader Dogs for the Blind - over 14,000 leader dogs have been placed through this nationwide program; Ray Holt, Eye Glass Assistance - financial assistance for eye exams; Kirk Sampson, Past District Governor - highlighted the work of Lions International in 210 countries to address vision issues, such as River blindness.



On March 25, 2015, SML Lions attended the dedication of the Burnt Chimney Elementary School Pavilion. The SML Lions applied for a \$10,000 grant from the Lions of Virginia Foundation to buy the materials. Labor was provided by members of the Club and the Franklin County Maintenance Department. The Pavilion will be used by the school and the local community. Opening remarks were made by District Governor, Jim Newman (front row, second from left).

Submitted by Lion Cindy Decker

### **Christiansburg Lions Club**

On Tuesday evening, February 24th, The Christiansburg Lions Club celebrated the 74th Anniversary of its founding! Lionism as a civic organization was in its early years, having been formed in 1917, so that The Christiansburg Club was in the first 25 years of the history of the Lions Clubs of America. During our Charter Night Program, we had as our Guest Speaker, Lion Marty Alford, 2nd Vice District Governor of District 24-E, who reminded us of the goals and ideals and purpose of Lions International.

Since the early beginnings, Lionism has become an international organization, found in 114 countries and having almost 1.5 million members! The main purpose of Lions Clubs is sight conservation, along with the support of The Leader Dog Program, hearing assistance, and the occasion of surgery to aid in sight restoration.

In our own local area of The New River Valley, including Christiansburg, Blacksburg and the surrounding areas of Radford, Dublin and Pulaski, Lionism has a major influence on collecting old glasses, providing vision screening of school age children, and recycling the glasses provided by the Lions Clubs collection boxes. In Virginia annually, there are over 300,000 glasses recycled through the Roanoke Lions Area Recycling Center.

As The Christiansburg Lions celebrates its 74th year, we are making plans for a gala celebration of our 75<sup>th</sup>



Anniversary in 2016, with the 100th Anniversary of Lionism taking place in the next year 2017! We will highlight the 100th Anniversary with a number of special events, dinners, community service projects, and financial gifts supporting community and local benevolence programs!

As the Christiansburg Lions Club, we are grateful for the support and encouragement of our community and the many fine people who have supported our Club for these many 74 years! Our Motto for Lionism is "We Serve!" and we cannot do it without the encouragement and support of our local communities!

We are proud to be an important part of our communities and to be able to provide the services of sight and support of our communities needs.



Left: Lions Club President Scott Fenton, Joe Wade, Club Secretary, and Marty Alford, 2nd VDG and also a member of the Dublin Lions Club.  
right: Members, spouses and guests "chowing down" at the Lions' Table.



Submitted by Lion Doug Kanney

## **Forest Lions Club**

Forest Lions Club Bland Music Competition winners in both instrumental and vocal advanced in the Region 1 competition and will compete in the 24E competition this month.

Thanks for supporting Holiday Shopping as a service project of our club. It is one of our key projects and has a favorable impact on people in our community. Here is a thank you note from one of the families.

"Thanks to the Forest Lions Club for helping to make Christmas more special for my grandkids - the groceries meant so much - now we can make cookies and party mix and carry on our traditions. God bless all of you!"

And another:



Robert,

Thank you so much again for your club's willingness to help Pamela with her glasses. When we told Pamela she would be getting financial help from the Forest Lions, she was so happy she started crying. What you do is important to our patients and to us, thank you!

Amy Hull

Administrator, St.Clair Eye Care

And this:

Something like this makes our efforts worthwhile.  
Smile and Strengthen the Pride

Submitted by Lion Jack Radgowski



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all through  
your holidays.

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helping to make Christmas more special for  
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of you!

Carol Cross  
Tree,  
Calgary  
Alberta

## Salem Host Lions Club

Salem Host Lions are currently gearing up for a new concession season and the Blue Ridge Music Festival which is going to be a two-day event this May 30-31st. The club is also keeping busy with regular club meetings and the Bland competition.



The club celebrated Valentine's Day and St. Patrick's day in style. Lions invited their someone special to our February 3rd meeting to share in a special meal and good fellowship. Lion Marlene Wine organized some fun Valentine's game for members and their guests.



The club celebrated St. Patrick's day during our regular meeting on March 17th. Members, such as Lion Bill Hibbert, sported their festive green.



The Salem Host Lions are also proud to sponsor two contestants for the 2015 Bland Competition. Andrew Phillips, home-schooled from Salem, is participating for the second year and performed “Wave Lette” by Rimsky Korsakov on the piano. Grace Pflieger, from Roanoke, attends Lord Botetourt High School, and sang “O Mio Babbino Caro” by Puccini. Both Andrew and Grace will be advancing to the District competition in April.

Submitted by Jenny Poland

### Roanoke Valley Breakfast Club

Lion Jerry Hardesty, eyeglass recycling guru and one of the hardest working Lions around, responded to the District’s call to help alleviate the huge backlog of eyeglasses to be recycled. The backlog was caused by recycling sessions missed during the snowy weather in February. Lion Jerry coordinated a change in the usual 6 PM to 8 PM recycling session to 2:30 until 8 PM. Hundreds of glasses were recycled by 18 of our Lions giving the prescription reading machines a real workout. Lion Jerry has coordinated eyeglass recycling for the past 20 years. When asked why he volunteered for this assignment, he simply responded “I wear glasses”.



In 2015, the list of wonderful experiences one enjoys by being a member of the RVBLC expanded to include "romantic love." Lions Jim and Wanda Dalton sponsored Lions Ernie Hubble and Mary Jo Hall because they believed that they would make great Lions. They certainly have proven them correct in that regard. Prior to joining RVBLC, Lions Ernie and Mary Jo had not seen each other in roughly 30 years. They became reacquainted through volunteering together recycling eyeglasses and conducting vision screenings. Through their service to others, they discovered that they enjoy spending time together. Lions Ernie and Mary Jo were married on Valentine's Day 2015.





RVBLC has assisted with preparing and serving breakfast to hundreds of homeless women and children since 2003. On the 3rd Saturday of the month, members volunteer at the Rescue Mission from 5:45 am to 8 am, missing only one day due to dangerous road conditions. An average of 6 to 10 Lions sign up each month and perform whatever tasks are needed, such as making sandwiches for bag lunches, cleaning tables, and assisting with food preparation - slicing, dicing,

chopping, peeling, and even cutting up whole chickens. During the past 12 years, RVBLC has volunteered 144 Saturdays; over 2,268 hours. The Rescue Mission recognized our efforts by awarding us with the Volunteer of the Year Award in 2008. Lion Mary Ann DeMars serves as our coordinator for this project.



Responding to a need in our community, Lions Cliff and Mary Ann DeMars introduced and coordinated the "Soup for Senior's Project" for Roanoke Valley Breakfast Lions Club. The RVBLC donated 151 cans of soup, 34 boxes of crackers, and \$6 for other items needed to support the well being of senior citizens in our community. In addition to the food and monetary donations, our club provided 10 volunteers to assist with the packaging and distribution of food.

Lion Ellen Coleman has a proven track record of sales. She does not mind asking neighbors, family and friends to contribute or purchase items in support of a good cause. She values the work of Lions and works diligently to support all of her clubs activities. Since she has already sold 16 books, everyone knows who will lead the way in LOVF ticket sales again this year. Last year, she sold one of the winning tickets and won \$100. Lion Ellen is a real treasure to the RVBLC.



Lion Bill Craft is definitely a man ahead of his times. The now 83-year-old courageously integrated the Lions Clubs in the state of Virginia when he chartered the Roanoke Valley Breakfast Lions Club in 1977. His service with Lewis Peery in the Boys Scouts led to the development of a strong friendship and a recognition that they shared a common bond, a desire and commitment to serve their community.

Lion Bill recognized that their similarity was stronger and deeper than their visible differences. Through their vast social connections, they identified a group of diverse men who shared their passion for community service and established the Roanoke Valley Breakfast Lions Club which was inaugurated on May 4, 1977.

Lion Bill's response to questions about his motivation for organizing an integrated Lions Club speaks to his character and his compassion for others. He stated "One thing was a hidden thing. The Blacks in this community had not many of the same opportunities that I had, and that had concerned me for a long time. " He was not sure how his awareness of and concern about the disparity in the treatment of the races developed but he speculated that it might be related to his service in the U.S. Marine Corps. He became a Marine in 1952, 10 years after President Franklin Roosevelt, in response to pressure from Black civil rights leaders, signed Executive Order 8802 to allow Blacks to serve in the U.S. Marine Corps. Thus, his active and reserve tenure in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1952 through 1960 provided him with visible lessons in racial inequality. Bill obviously did not accept the status quo. He had a burning desire to be inclusive of all people, to help foster a community where everyone was treated with dignity and respect. Bill said that what others saw as problems, he saw as challenges, just hurdles to get around. He said "I do not allow any child of the Lord to tell me what I can or cannot do. " This type of attitude and leadership earned Lion Bill many accolades and recognitions, including being recognized by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr, for his assistance in establishing the Downtown DC Anacostia Youth Project. Robert Cree, a member of his scouting staff in the late 50's, reflecting on his observation of Bill stated "In all situations, Bill treated all kids the same irrespective of their race."

Professionally, Bill was an administrator with Boys Scouts of America, United Way, and American Red Cross. He was introduced to Lionism when he was invited to join the Williamson Road Lions Club. As he relocated to other places because of his career, he maintained membership in a service club, either the Lions or Kiwanis. When he returned to Roanoke in 1977, he gave birth to the Roanoke Valley Breakfast Lions Club, the first Club in the State to include Black members and the first breakfast Lions Club in Roanoke. The Club, with a current membership of 45, will celebrate its 38th year on June 12, 2015.



A native of Roanoke, Lion Bill graduated from William Fleming High School in 1950. He is the proud father and grandfather of three children, six grandchildren, and 11 great grandchildren. He currently resides at "Our Lady of the Valley" and enjoys visits from his family and friends.

Portrait by Lion Suzanne Ross

Submitted by Lion Barbara Pendergrass Richmond



## Cave Spring Lions Club



Lion Bob Morse celebrated his 91<sup>st</sup> birthday at the Lions' Valentine Social, February 12<sup>th</sup>. Shown here with his daughter, Peggy, wife, Lavonne and Lion Jane Nash



Lion President Tom Webster, Lion Secretary Frances Lynch and members of the Boones Mill Lions Club joined us for a joint meeting on March 12<sup>th</sup>.



DG Lion Jim Newman with Roanoke Mayor David Bowers, the speaker at the joint meeting



Lion Larry Nash receives the Membership Key Award for sponsoring new members from Lion President Dharam Sawh.





Lions Jim Cosby and Gary Wagner conduct PediaVision screening at Grandin Court Baptist Preschool on March 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. 35 children were screened.

Hi, Lions! I'm Maggie Cosby. I'm going to help Lion Editor Noel pup-lish The Lions Pride!



**Happy Easter**

**Happy Passover**

**Happy Spring**