

LCIF Update

In the case of disasters, Lions and LCIF are among the first to respond and the last to leave. Like in Haiti, China and other places that have experienced major disasters, Lions from around the world are providing aid and relief to those suffering from the massive earthquake in Japan. LCIF has already committed over \$6,000,000.00 in grants and aid to the Japan relief effort. Providing these funds is possible because of the Lions support of LCIF. LCIF is dependent upon Lions like you and me for contributions that support these relief efforts. As you may have already read, contributions made to the Japan relief effort from March 11th thru June 30th are eligible for Melvin Jones Fellowship recognition. Additional information is available on the Lions webpage.

Speaking of Melvin Jones Fellowships, I want to offer my personal thanks to those clubs who have made contributions towards Melvin Jones Fellowships this year. A number of these contributions were for a \$1,000.00 or more which means that those Clubs are honoring and recognizing deserving Lions for their service to the club and Lionism. I hope to see more such contributions before the end of the year.

As we all know LCIF does more than just disaster relief. The list goes on and on. Our contributions make all of this possible. For example, \$15.00 provides cataract surgery that can restore someone's sight. \$25.00 provides Lions Quest materials for two students. The list of what LCIF does is so long that I could fill up the entire newsletter with what LCIF is doing around the world including the United States the help our fellow man. If you want more information, I am available for a club program.

If you haven't done so, please consider making a contribution to LCIF this Lions year.

PDG Don Rhinehart
District 24-E LCIF Coordinator

Treasurers Note:

Club treasurers who send in donations to LCIF should designate the donation for a Melvin Jones Award or a future Melvin Jones Award.

PDG Bill Brammer

LIONS CLUBS OFFICERS' TRAINING 2011-2012

There will be a Training School for Lions Clubs Officers (President, Secretary, Treasurer, & Membership Chair) .

Please share this information with the 2011-2012 Officers and Membership Chair of your Lions Club.

Our 1st District 24-E Lions Clubs officers training session will be held on Saturday, April 30, 2011, at 10:00 am at the Roanoke Higher Education Center which is located at 108 N. Jefferson Street, Roanoke, Virginia 24016 which is located beside Hotel Roanoke.

Our 2nd training session will be at 10:00 am on Saturday, May 14, 2011, at the New River Criminal Justice Training Academy which is located at 3165 Greenbriar Road, Draper, VA. These will be opportunities to have hands-on computer training. Directions from Roanoke and points east: Take I-81 south to exit 92 and turn left at the end of the ramp. Go approximately 3/10's of a mile and the academy is on the right side of the road. From points west: Take I-81 north to exit 92. Turn right at the end of the ramp and go approximately 2/10's of a mile and the academy is on the right side of the road.

President's training will be conducted by PDG Jo Nelson, Secretary's training will be conducted by PCC Nelson Leftwich, Treasurer's training will be conducted by Lion Lowell Skelton, Membership Chair training will be conducted by Lion Charlie Herbert, and a presentation on leadership development will be conducted by PDG Bill Brammer.

It is necessary to attend a training school if you want to qualify for an award for your position and your club for Lions year 2011-2012. We definitely need to work together to strengthen our obligations to our clubs and our district. I hope to see all of you at one of our district schools.

PDG Bill Brammer, District 24-E Leadership Development Chair

2011 CAMP TOO SWEET

The new information which I have about Camp Too Sweet is dates June 20-24. Lions Day At the Camp will be Wednesday, June 22nd, which will include hearing and vision screening, Lions Quest training, lunch (\$7.00) and the opportunity to see and converse with fellow Lions, Carilion Personnel, Camp Bethel Personnel and Diabetic Campers who are attending CTS. Please let me know by June 20th if you will be attending on the 22nd and will participate in lunch.

We should also have an opportunity to view the camp facilities at Camp Bethel. Their address is 328 Bethel Road, Fincastle, VA 24090. The projected cost for full week attendees is \$330.00 for ages 8-13 and \$375 for ages 14-16. There will NOT be any day campers.

Camp Too Sweet is changing sites this year to have better sleeping facilities for CTS attendees, to be able to have facilities for a greater number than 60, and to have a swimming pool on site so busses will NOT have to be procured to carry the young diabetes to a site where they will have the opportunity to swim.

You will be notified of updates as soon as we have them through The Lions Pride, our District 24-E Web Site, and information sent to all of the Lions Clubs in our district.

We definitely need as much financial assistance as all of our Lions Clubs in District 24-E can donate. Please send your donations to Lion JJ Johnson, District 24-E Secretary/Treasurer, P.O. Box 13051, Roanoke, VA 24030-3051.

If any of you who are active members of your Lions Club are interested in becoming a member of our District 24-E Camp Too Sweet Committee, please contact me at lionbill@jetbroadband.com, 540-483-9645, or 540-493-9108.

PDG Bill Brammer, District 24-E Diabetes Awareness and Camp Too Sweet Chair

Virginia Lions Hearing Foundation

Dear Fellow Lions,

Spring is a time for new beginnings, a fresh start. So spring into action with that new idea you have on a great fund raising activity, where your proceeds will go to the Virginia Lions Hearing Foundation & Research Center. Please check out our Elbyrne G. Gill award.

A lot is done with your donations. You help others discover the sound of birds singing, bees buzzing, children laughing and someone saying "I love you" for the first time. Can you imagine not hearing music, or the first words of your child or grandchild.

What is it like without being able to hear? As we get older our hearing is not what it use to be. We find it difficult to understand those around us. What if we couldn't hear someone crying for help? What if in a split second there is something or someone that we need to hear to keep from missing out on something special? Many get tense when they miss what someone said on their favorite TV show. What if we could not hear at all? STOP, we can make a difference through research or surgery.

With the donations you, your club, and your District contribute you make such a difference that you can't imagine. Your contributions mean so much more to so many others. Please gather and give with your heart.

May this year be your best fund raising year ever, remember it's for others that we serve as Lions. Thank you.

Yours in Service,

Jessie

Lion Jessie Garrett, PDG, President, VLHF

Rich Creek - Giles Breakfast Branch Club

In our ongoing effort to live to our motto, "WE SERVE" the Rich Creek-Giles Breakfast Branch Lions Club was excited to be able to assist the Pembroke First United Methodist Church in a program in which they are involved. The program, To Our House Ministries, is a joint effort between several United Methodist congregations in the New River Valley. In a rotation, each church hosts 7 - 10 homeless men from the NRV for one week. The Pembroke church hosted these gentlemen during the weeks of February 13 - 19 and March 6-12. Organizations for the area assist by preparing meals for their guests.



The Rich Creek-Giles Breakfast Branch Lions were honored to be able to prepare dinner on February 17 and also on March 9. The February dinner was turned into chili cook-off with the very distinct recipes of Lions Charlie Herbert, Edna Malone and Stephen Haight assisted by Lions Betty Herbert and Bill Anderson. The cook-off was declared a draw.

On March 9 Lions Betty Herbert and Al Katz each prepared their special soups with salads and desserts offered by Lions Edna Malone and Stephen Haight. If State funding allows this program to continue, we are hopeful that we'll be able to assist again next winter.



Each April the Giles High School Drama Club stages a play. This year's production, to be presented on Saturday, April, 23, will be "LITTLE WOMEN". Beginning on Monday, March 21 and continuing through Monday, March 28, members of Rich Creek-Giles Breakfast Branch Lions Club have been busy building sets for the production. The play is being directed by Lion spouse Kate Delaney, wife of Lion Bill Anderson and stars their daughter, Elena, as Jo. Between April 11 and 23 the club will be putting the finishing touches on the set and will be special guests at the performance. Other upcoming events for Rich Creek-Giles Breakfast Branch Lions include attendance at the Va. State Convention in May as well as their first fundraiser, Meadow Muffin Bingo, to be held on Saturday, May 28 at Huffman

House at Creekside Farm on Rt. 42 just outside Newport, VA.

Forest Lions Club

IT'S RAFFLE TIME IN FOREST !

For the 24rd year the Forest Lions Club is in the throes of preparing for its annual \$10,000 raffle. This year, the Lions again have teamed with the Jefferson Forest Cross Country in making this a major and hopefully successful fund raising event for both organizations.

Speaking for the Forest Lions Club, President Bill Henderson stated, "The funds generated for the Lions Club, through this effort, are used to provide many services in the community and around the world. In the past year we have supported sight and hearing needs in the local community and have provided contributions to vocational/technical scholarships, Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets for the needy, area youth athletic programs, support of the Bland Memorial Music Scholarship competition and humanitarian aid of many kinds."

Members of the Forest Lions Club and the Jefferson Forest Cross Country are currently working on the sale of two hundred and fifty \$100 tickets and the solicitation of door prizes and silent auction items from individuals and local businesses.

Viewed by many as "the Social Event of the Season" in Forest, this year's event will be held on Friday, May 6th at the Forest Recreation Center. The evening includes a catered buffet dinner and an open bar. It is a great opportunity to get out with friends and neighbors, enjoy the evening and have a chance at going home with \$10,000.

The reverse raffle format requires all 250 tickets to be called. As the ticket holders dwindle to a final ten, discussions of deals begin. In the end, there may be 10 winners of \$1,000 each, 5 winners of \$2,000 each or if there is one brave soul, he or she may go home with the entire \$10,000 all for a charitable donation of \$100. In addition, 75 - 100 consolation prizes ranging from lamps to free dinner certificates are also awarded thanks to the donations of businesses in the Bedford County/ Lynchburg area.

For additional information or to purchase a ticket you may contact: George Mohrmann at 434-385-0493. If you would like to donate a door prize, you may do so by contacting Roger Hessenius at 434-525-4371.



On a beautiful spring morning on March 19th, the Forest Lions Club hosted its first ever "Community Kite Flight". The entire club turned out to participate and was honored to be joined by Lion Gloria Guice of the Moneta Lions as both an observer and participant.

Participants included both the young and the old. A grandfather and kite enthusiast came equipped with fishing rod and line to capture the award for the highest flying kite of the day, a record setting ¼ mile in the air. In turn his grandson of three and a novice still walked away with a number of awards.



Participant ribbons were given to all fliers and other ribbons and trophies went to the smallest kite, the largest, the most beautiful, the most futuristic, and the highest flying in two age groups. The Mountain View United Methodist Men were on hand to provide hot dogs and soft drinks. It was a great day of sun, warming breezes and smiles all around. The final judgment was let's do it again next year.

BEDFORD HOST LIONS CLUB

2011 has been a busy year for the Bedford Host Lions Club. We are only three months into the year and we have held a spaghetti dinner, sponsored a blood drive, and had a pancake breakfast.

Our spaghetti dinner was held on January 22nd at Main Street United Methodist Church. We served over 90 meals. We had great participation from our club members, and the public really seemed to enjoy the food. We hope to continue this event for a year in 2012.

The blood drive took place on Monday, February 21st. It was moderately successful, bringing in some 30 pints for the Red Cross. The turn out was somewhat disappointing, but raising 30 pints is better than none.

The pancake breakfast on March 19th was very successful. We sold more placemat ads this year than in previous years. We even blew away last years numbers. A big THANK YOU goes out to all the Bedford Host Lions members for getting out there and selling those ads!!! We also want to thank the businesses in Bedford that supported us by purchasing an ad...THANK YOU! We put on two pancake breakfasts every year, and each time we get better and better. The pancakes are wonderful, the fellowship is enjoyed by all Lions, and the opportunity to get in touch with the community is the BEST. It really is a joy to see the smiles on the faces of our customers as they get to choose what type of pancake they want.

Well that's about it for this quarter. Best of luck to all the clubs of District 24E on events they have coming up!

Lion Jen Persinger

Moneta Lions Club

Eleventh Annual Golf Outing Fund Raiser

Adam Witt (left), Head Golf Professional at Mariners Landing, stand with Moneta Lions Pat Bailey (left center), Secretary & Past President, Jim Hunt (right), Past President and Del Bailey (right center), Treasurer and Chair of the Eleventh Annual Moneta Lions Club Golf Outing scheduled for April 18th. The tournament is a major fund raiser for the organization and will be held at Mariners Landing Golf and Country Club.



The Moneta Lions Club continues to help people in the area through eyesight and hearing preservation and other programs. The club purchases Eye Exams, Eyeglasses and Hearing Aids for the needy. Moneta Lions donate many hours of time in recycling eyeglasses and testing vision and hearing of local school children as well as conducting other programs at Staunton River Middle School, Body Camp, Huddleston and Moneta Elementary Schools. The club members have also worked with the Moneta Volunteer Fire Department in the past to install smoke detectors in area residences. Members have also redecorated the CVAAA Dining Hall and meet with the clients once every other month. We partnered with Bedford County Parks and Recreation Department to build a pavilion in the new Moneta Park to honor our deceased member James Agnew. This year, we will be planting trees along the entrance road.

The Moneta Lions Club would like to thank the many Sponsors as of this writing. A Platinum Sponsor this year is Preu Enterprises - Moneta. The Gold Sponsors this year include; Conrad Brothers Marine, Downtown Moneta - Mayberry Hills, Sam's Club and ServPro - of Lynchburg. The Major Sponsors this year include: All Seasons Marine Services - Huddleston, American National Bank & Trust - Moneta, Bob Riddick Roofing, Christian H. DePaul, CFP -Ameriprise - Lynchburg, Crystals Shores Marina Resort LLC, Davenport Energy, Dick's Sporting Goods - Online, El Torito Mexican Restaurant - Moneta, ENIRTEP, Inc., Fraternal Order of Eagles Smith Mountain Lake Aerie #4344, Ginger's Jewelry, Haley Toyota - Roanoke, Kroger - Mid Atlantic - Roanoke, Mariners Landing Resort Communities, Mariners Landing Golf and Country Club, Mary Lou McDonald, L.L.C., Midpoint Chevrolet - Rocky Mount, M.L. Sutphin Insurance Agency, Moneta Farm & Home Center, Piedmont Eye Center - Lynchburg, Southside Electric Cooperative, StellarOne Bank - Moneta, Tuck Chiropractic Center - Bedford, Vistar Eye Center - Bedford, Webster Marine Center - Mark Mills and The Willard Companies, Inc.

"The Moneta Lions golf tournament committee has coordinated a golf fundraiser that continues to make the event superior to the typical golf tournament fundraiser," indicated Adam Witt, Head Golf Professional at Mariners. "We are very proud to partner with the Moneta Lions Club and to host such a worthy event. The Lions have chosen Monday, April 18th for the outing and have put together a great program again."

Main Committee Members, Del Bailey and Jim Hunt, explained the day's events and prize structure. The format will be a handicapped Captain's Choice. The outing is open to both men and women of all handicaps. The field

this year is limited to the first 25 teams. Prior to the shotgun start at 9:00 a.m. participants may warm up at the range and enjoy a continental breakfast sponsored by Conrad Brothers Marine. There will be a Sea-Doo & Trailer hole-in-one prize on a Par 3 provided by Webster Marine Center. Refreshments on these holes are provided by other businesses. Among other prizes, participants will be competing for complimentary green fees at Westlake and Waterfront (Willard Companies), Mariners Landing, Ivy Hill, Ashley Plantation, Blue Hills Golf Club, Hanging Rock Golf Club, London Downs Golf Club and as well as sportswear and equipment provided by others.

At 1:30 p.m. participants and Lions Club workers will enjoy a multi-entrée buffet dinner at nearby Saunder's Firehouse. During the dinner, sponsors will be acknowledged and prizes of all kinds awarded. The early registration fee by April 11th per golfer is \$65.00. Contact the Baileys at 297-3519 or Mariners at 297-7888 for an application.

While this will be a great day for the golfers, the other additional real money for the Lions and their sight and hearing projects comes in the form of Hole Sponsorships, indicates Bailey. Businesses or individuals donate \$65.00 and get their name on a sign located at the tee box of a hole. The Moneta Lions Club would also like to thank those area businesses that have already signed up or promised. Hole Sponsors at this time are; All Size Storage - Moneta, Aztec Rental Center - Westlake, Bayside Marina & Yacht Club, Body Camp Store, BB&T, Bryan Sicher, DMD, PC, Carter's Heating & Cooling, Debbie Robbins State Farm, Dobson Exterminating - Lynchburg, Dom Buccola Electrical Contractor, Eastlake 122 Self Storage, El Torito - Westlake, Federal Exterminating - Roanoke, Fisher Auto Parts - Moneta, Franklin Community Bank, Franklin Respiratory & Medical, Glenwood Fuel Oil Co., Inc., Hodnett Construction - Huddleston, Home Town Bank, Jeff Persinger - State Farm, Harvey Dentistry SML PC, HTF Mechanical Services, Kinetico Water Systems SW VA, Lyons Jewelers - Bedford, Lyons Team Realtors, Lawn Ranger - Roanoke, Marcus Cox & Sons, Inc., Mary Lou McDonald L.L.C., Outdoor Lighting Perspectives, Phil Hager Insurance Agency, Print-n-Paper - Westlake, Radio Shack - Westlake, Scott & Bond, Inc., SML Appraisals, SML Chiropractic Center, SML Family Practice, SML Parkway Realty - Dave Vaden, Smith Mountain Yacht Club, Steve Chiminello/ Long & Foster, Tail Twister - Moneta, Team Coachworks, Inc., Tharp's Funeral Home & Crematory - Bedford, Trinity Ecumenical Parish, Updike Funeral Home, Vogel & Cromwell, Westlake Jewelry, Westlake Veterinary Medical Center.



A Health Fair, organized by Parish Nurse Tami Akin, was held at Trinity Ecumenical Church in Moneta, Thursday March 10. Several medical topics were open for discussion, blood pressure testing was offered, as were light snacks and refreshments. Several members of the Moneta Lions club were also on hand, offering free vision, and audio