



The Lions Pride

District 24-E

September 2008



**District
Governor**

**Melvin "Bud"
Chambless
2008 - 2009**

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Deborah "Debbie" Chaffin**

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**Tammie Brightwell 10/01/08
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District Governor's Note

It seems as though we should be further into the year than September 1. Over the last six months, we have been involved in a number of projects and issues related to Lions, clubs, and changes in our Constitution and By-Laws.

In the spring, we were busy working with District Governor Jessie ensuring that our needs were met with the PU-101 filings. We then were on to the State Convention without having a candidate for Vice District Governor. At the 11th hour, Lion Deborah Chaffin put her name forward and received the votes necessary to win. However, there was an issue with Lion Debbie's qualifications and Lions Club International would not certify her.

To address this issue, Governor Jessie asked me to arrange a Special Cabinet meeting on June 13th. At this meeting PDG Lion Joe Gwinn was elected as the interim VDG. PDG Joe informed us that he would be retiring and moving to Florida and would resign the VDG position on November 30, 2008.

As the District Governor Elect, my wife Katherine and I completed our plans for a trip to Bangkok. We began our trip to Thailand on a happy note. One that promised us a great adventure and excitement but there were a number of twists before we got there.

There was this little thing with the weather that sometimes stops commuter flights while International flights are not impacted. We were first delayed in Roanoke for some time but arrived at Washington's Dulles International Airport to catch our flight to JFK. Unfortunately, "air

traffic control" delayed our boarding and take off.

We arrived at JFK at the same time our International flight on Singapore Airlines was leaving the gate. This started a nightmare for some 90 of us trying to get to the District Governor-Elect training in Pattaya, Thailand. Neither our Lions Club International (LCI) travel agent, Towers Travel, nor LCI staff was available to assist us in our hours of need. In the interim, we spent some 30+ hours held hostage in JFK without so much as a free coffee. However, misery loves company and we made some good friends with the many other Lions and their wives who were also trapped.

None of us have received an explanation regarding why we were not adequately supported in our travel to an LCI sponsored event. Furthermore, DGEs from all other countries – other than the USA – were able to make their own travel arrangements. They were free to include travel before or after the LCI Convention without paying extremely high premiums for the additional stops that Tower Travel imposed. We were offered stops at a cost equal to what it would cost if we were leaving from the USA, which is stupid.

While we were to arrive in Pattaya Monday evening, we arrived Wednesday evening after 8:00 PM and missed the first day's activities and started classes at 8:00 AM Thursday morning. In addition, a number of the Lions did not receive their luggage until the day we left Pattaya to go to Bangkok. We were supposed to wear business casual during our training and some restaurants would not allow our members to wear shorts even though their luggage had not arrived. How awkward is this when you are in a world environment?

The trip turned into one of much happiness when we arrived at the Bangkok International Airport. We met the most friendly and welcoming Lions and staff that Katherine and I have ever had the pleasure

of meeting. The Lions of Bangkok took care of our every need and were most gracious about assisting us. A number of us cried tears of happiness for the grand welcome we received!

The Lions who met us were so enthusiastic and accommodating it was unreal after our ordeal in getting to Thailand. They ushered us through customs and on to buses for our two hour ride to Pattaya. The ride was eventful in that we enjoyed time to relax, learned about Thailand, and regained our sense of serving the needs of others.

When we arrived at our resort hotel, we once again were greeted in a grand fashion and made to feel as honored guests. We had still not seen or heard from LCI staff and did not hear from them directly for the whole time we were there. It is true that I met briefly with Lion Ron Luxton and President Al Brandel who were both very gracious and understanding.

We had a nice time in Pattaya but I had very little time to do anything outside the training regimen. However, I believe Katherine had a grand time exploring the various sights and improving the local economy like all the wives. However, she had her heart set on an elephant ride which she could not join Lion Virginia in doing. Katherine gave up this opportunity to have her picture taken with President Al Brandel, his wife, and me.

On Saturday, we were feted with a

giant beach party that was truly an experience. At least, eight restaurants provided the food; we had a lengthy fireworks display, top entertainment from Thailand, and unbelievable decorations. It was very impressive for all of us. Thailand went all out to provide us with an experience that we can never duplicate.

The next morning it was time for us to move to Bangkok for the LCI Convention. While Bangkok is not as splendid as Pattaya, it had so many other things to offer. We really enjoyed seeing the temples and many architectural building examples. But then there was great poverty in all parts of the city of over 12,000,000 people. We were there for a week and traveled a great deal about the city. You would think with all the commuters and thousands of cars people would be honking their horns. We did not hear the first one.

Katherine became quite the pin trader in Bangkok. She secured a Taj Mahal that measures more than 3.5" square (three dimensional.) She traded for a number of other nice pins, including a couple of rare ones. I was presented with an "Evil Eye" pin by a doctor from Turkey.

The Convention was truly inspiring and an education in Lionism with so many people I had heard and read about and that I now had the opportunity to meet. There were 202 nations involved in Lionism and it was truly nice to see all the various traditional dress of the Lions of the

World. As President Brandel stated numerous times, all Lions are "Everyday Heroes" because of the work we do in our communities, regions, state and the world.

When we arrived home, I was stricken with at least three illnesses. The first was pneumonia. While I am now not sure what the second was, it was originally diagnosed as Malaria. In the third instance, I have a gallstone and the gallbladder will be removed probably early next year. So my period as District Governor was put on hold for most of the first six weeks.

I have been working to complete my official visits and the District directory. I have made some meetings and starting today, I have a full calendar of official club visits.

I have some materials on Thailand which I plan to use in the next newsletter.

Katherine and I appreciate all the friendships that we have developed in our short time in the Lionism family. We appreciate the support and assistance that you have provided by serving with us in the Clubs, Zones, Regions, and District. I agree with President Lion Al Brandel – all of you deserve an "Everyday Hero" cap. While I only have one, I wear it to represent the 1,060 Lions of District 24E. I am proud to be one of you in our quest for "Service To Children!"

Melvin L "Bud" Chambless – DG LY 2009
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24 E District Calendar

Official Visits, Council Meetings, Conventions, and LCI Events

September 2008		
2 nd	Bedford Host	
3 rd	Blacksburg Breakfast	Famous Anthony's
3 rd	Blue Ridge	Blue Ridge Fire Department
4-6 th	24F Fall Conference	Holiday Inn Convention Center Bristol VA
6 th	New President's Class	
8 th	Blacksburg Host (Confirmed)	Quality Inn

9 th 9 th 10 th 11 th 15 th 16 th 17 th 18 th 18-21 st 22 nd 23 rd 24 th 25 th	Bedford Breakfast Williamson Road (Confirmed) Vinton Breakfast Vinton Luncheon (Confirmed) Stewartville-Chamblissburg Roanoke Valley Breakfast New Castle USA/Canada Forum Troutville Narrows RI ZI Pearisburg	Vinton Library 800 E Washington Saskatoon Troutville Fire Station Anna's Restaurant F&F Pearisburg KJs – Community Center
October 2008		Leo Membership Growth Month
1 st 2-4 th 4-6 th 9 th 13 th 14 th 16-19 th 21 st 23-26 th	24A Fall Conference VA Medical – Dr. Mark Russell Edgewood Fairlawn Forest 24E Fall Conference Salem Host 24D Fall Conference	Wingate Hotel Fredericksburg VA Appointment @ 8:30 AM Tanglewood Holiday Inn Roanoke VA Marriott Newport News VA
November 2008		LCIF Contributing Member Month Diabetes Awareness Month
3 rd 4 th 6 th 7-8 th 11 th 14-15 th 20 th 24 th 25 th 26-30 th	Floyd Mt Pleasant Moneta Pin Traders Christiansburg 24B Fall Conference Dublin Ft Lewis Mt Pleasant Lioness Personal Time	Winchester VA Hospitality House Williamsburg VA Dublin's Lion Home Mountain Lake Hotel Pembroke VA
December 2008		
2 nd 7 th 8 th 9 th 20-31 st	Roanoke Host Cabinet Meeting Vinton Host Rich Creek Personal Time	 Rich Creek Municipal Bldg Celebration of Christmas with family and friends

January 2009		
6 th 9-10 th 13 th 22 nd 27 th	Roanoke Villa State Convention Pre-Planning Radford Host Boones Mill Rocky Mount	Glaucoma Awareness Month Sheraton Premier Tysons Corner
February 2009		
3 rd 10 th 12 th 26 th	Salem Hanging Rock Stuart Buchanan Cave Springs	
March 2009		
12 th 13 th 14 th	Council Meeting – afternoon DG-E Seminar – all day	Eye Donor Awareness Month Holiday Inn Staunton VA Holiday Inn Staunton VA
April 2009		
15 th	Club Elections Deadline	Leo Club Awareness Month Elections shall be held by this date per CBI
May 2009		
15 th 28-31 st 31 st 31 st	Deadline for Filing State Convention Council Meeting – LY 2009 Council Meeting – LY 2010	Recycle for Sight Month Officer Reporting Form (PU101) Sheraton Premier Tysons Corner Sheraton Premier Tysons Corner
June 2009		
1 st 5 th	Helen Keller Day World Environment Day	
July 2009		
6-10 th	LCI Convention	Minneapolis MN
August 2009		
5 th 10-21 st	Documentation for Achievement Awards Vacation	Deadline for submission by Clubs Who knows
September 2009		
17-20 th	USA/Canada Forum	Memphis Tennessee

2008-2009 International Policies & Objectives

I. Focus on Community Service

a. Community Service Activities

i. Hands on community service

1. survey the communities to determine what services are needed
2. evaluate the responses
3. determine what funds are available and how to raise additional funds if needed
4. meet with community leaders to plan for the project

ii. Disaster relief program/Alert Program

1. involve the community leaders and citizens
2. create an action plan based on the "Lions' Alert Program"
3. disseminate the plan to impacted individuals

iii. Diabetes awareness

1. Carilion's Camp Too Sweet
 - a. Continued support of CTS
 - b. Greater involvement in activities for camper
 - c. Work with Carilion's Foundation to grow CTS
 - d. Expansion of program
 - i. Grants for a pool and other activities
 - ii. More children participating in CTS
2. JDRF
 - a. Support of the activities for research
 - b. Support for dissemination of program information
 - c. Invited to participate in providing information to Fall Conference participants
 - d. Active involvement in fund raising for diabetes research
3. Diabetes Class at Fall Conference
 - a. Carilion Diabetes staff will conduct awareness class at the Fall Conference
 - b. Distribution of literature through participants materials

iv. Environmental programs

1. District Chairperson to provide literature to participants
2. Display featuring the Lions programs for this program

v. Lions Quest

1. District Children's Program Chairperson has gained access to school executives to present this program in Roanoke
2. She will contact all county and city superintendents in effort to expand this program in our district

vi. Eyeglass Recycling

1. District will continue to support the high quality efforts of this program.
2. Additional, we will expand the involvement of scouts and LEOS in collecting glasses

vii. Eyeglass and medical missions

b. LCIF

- i. Emergency grants
- ii. Miracles through LCIF grants
- iii. Eye hospitals & research

II. Focus on Membership**a. Leadership**

- i. District teamwork
- ii. Club officer teamwork
- iii. Succession planning
 1. involve future leaders in the Region Lions Leadership Institute
 2. identify potential leaders and assign a mentor to them
 3. ensure these Lions are encouraged to succeed in a leadership role
- iv. Excellence
 1. District Governor
 2. Region Chairpersons
 3. Zone Chairpersons
 4. Club Officers
 - a. President
 - b. Secretary
 - c. Treasurer

b. Membership

- i. Membership growth planning
 1. Base Membership growth on a ratio of female Lions to male Lions
 2. Current ratio is 1:6
 3. Desired ratio 1:3 within 24 months and 1:4 within 12 months
 4. Need strong recruitment team and program
 5. Encourage the recruitment of 100 people from different economic and cultural backgrounds by June 2009
 6. Need to establish projects (Club within a Club) and recruit Lions who would conduct projects
 7. Promote recruitment of 200 women members by the end of the calendar year 2008
- ii. Membership mentoring
 1. Done by DG, VDG, RC and ZC on a monthly basis
- iii. Extension workshops/charter a new club - See Membership Growth (Goals Statement 1)
 1. Promote formation of one family-oriented clubs by June 2009
 2. Promote formation of two retirement-oriented clubs by June 2009
 3. Arrange one extension training workshop in the first quarter of FY 2009
 4. Promote formation of one women-oriented clubs by June 2009
- iv. Retention clinics
 1. Reduce percentage of dropped members per club from 2.7 to 2.2 by June 2009. This is a goals reduction of ½ of 1 percent.

2. Run survey to determine the Health of the club and what potential changes would have positive impact
3. Conduct exit interviews to determine why Lion is leaving Club
4. Offer alternative membership., i.e., Affiliate
5. Promote effective orientation programs in all clubs by the end of the calendar year 2008

c. **Public Relations – Please refer to PCC Bill Bartlett's Manual**

- i. **Increase members pride in Lions projects/programs**
- ii. **Peace Poster Contest**
- iii. **LCI brand revitalization**
- iv. **Increase visibility through Lions vests, badges, shirts**
- v. **Build partnerships with public officials**
- vi. **Everyday Heroes Contest**

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**District 24E Cabinet Meeting**

**There are three purposes for this meeting:**

- 1. Elect LY 2009 Vice District Governor**
- 2. Second Cabinet Meeting of LY 2009**
- 3. Discuss Henry County Clubs Merger**

**Meeting will be held at the Eyeglass Center  
501 Elm St, SW, Roanoke**

**Date is November 16th  
From 2:30 - 5:00 PM**

**The new VDG will take office effective:**

**Upon LCI BOD Approval**

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Peace Poster Power

District Chairperson: PDG Jo Nelson 297-2395 or gov24b@yahoo.com

Please notify PDG Jo by October 15 if your club is participating.

“Peace Begins With Me” is the theme of the 2008-09 Peace Poster Contest. Lions clubs can sponsor the program in their community for children in local schools or organized, sponsored youth groups. Students, ages 11, 12 or 13 on November 15, are eligible to participate. Through the contest, students are encouraged to visually depict their interpretation of the contest's theme.

Lions clubs may purchase a contest kit through the Club Supplies Sales Department. A kit must be purchased for each contest sponsored. The contest must be sponsored by a Lions club.

Judging

Each poster is judged on originality, artistic merit and expression of the theme.

Posters advance through several judging levels: local, district, multiple district and international. At the international level, judges from the art, peace, youth, education and media communities select one grand prize winner and 23 merit award winners.

Awards

One international grand prize winner will receive a trip to a special award ceremony with the sponsoring club president and two family members at Lions Day with the United Nations in New York City, New York, USA (subject to change). There the winning artist will be presented with an engraved plaque and a cash prize of US \$2,500.

Each of the 23 merit award winners will receive a cash award of US \$500 and a certificate of achievement.

Promoting

You can download the fill-in-the-blank Peace Poster press release, on the Lions Website. Visit PR Tools under News & Events. Also available are the [Peace Poster Brochure](#) and the [District Peace Poster Chairperson's Guide](#).

Deadlines

October 1	Deadline to purchase kits from the Club Supplies Sales Department at International Headquarters.
November 15	Postmark deadline for a club to send one winning poster (per contest sponsored) to the district chairperson. My address is 1523 Moccasin Path Trail, Huddleston, VA 24104.

Camp Too Sweet

Camp Too Sweet 2008 was held June 16-20 at Camp Roanoke with 37 campers in attendance.

The Lions of District 24-E provided the following:

Scholarships for 14 campers

Big Lions coloring books for 30 campers

Tee shirts with the Lions logo and Lions of District 24-E printed on them along with Carilion Clinic's Camp Too Sweet. The tee shirts were provided for campers, Camp Too Sweet personnel, Camp Roanoke personnel, and volunteers who worked at the camp.

Day resource officers from Roanoke and Bedford Counties, and night resource officers from Franklin County

Lions Quest training by a Bedford County teacher

Hearing screening by Ferrum Lions Club

Vision screening by Smith Mountain Lake Lions Club

Notary Public, Lion Tammie Brightwell on check-in day

The following Lions Clubs in District 24-E donated a total of \$10,200.00 to Camp Too Sweet during the 2007-2008 year: Bedford Breakfast, Bedford Host, Blacksburg Breakfast, Buchanan, Dublin, Edgewood, Ferrum, Forest, Moneta, Roanoke Breakfast, Troutville, Salem Host, Smith Mountain Lake, and Vinton Luncheon. District 24-B reimbursed District 24-E \$275.00 for a 2007 camper from 24-B.

I would like to thank all Lions and Lions Clubs who played a part in making Camp Too Sweet a success this year. We are looking forward to Camp Too Sweet during the week of June 22-26, 2009, and will be having a Lion's Day at the camp one of the days of the camp. More information will be distributed later.

Your assistance is needed to make the camp a continuing success. There are needs other than just scholarships for campers. Camp Roanoke needs some updating which we should be able to assist with in coming years which will benefit not only Camp Too Sweet campers but other young people who are camping there each summer. I hope that we can have more clubs participating in District 24-E's project of Camp Too Sweet in 2009 and years to come. We feel that there is a continuing progressive cooperation between Carilion Clinic and the Lions of District 24-E.

One of our most important goals and accomplishments is DG Bud's motto "Service to Children."

We are planning to have a Strides Walk in each Region in the spring of 2009 and hope to have most of the Lions in District 24-E participate in this. We will begin working on this soon and get information out to clubs after dates and places are determined.

For programs on Leadership, orientation, and/or Diabetes Awareness and Camp Too Sweet, please contact me by phone 540-483-9645 or 540-493-9108, or by email at lionbill@jetbroadband.com .

I look forward to hearing from you soon. At times I will have one of the Carilion Camp Too Sweet personnel with me to assist with the related program.

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

Culture & Community

So why is Culture and Community important to Lions? It is through our connection to community both local and worldwide that we are able to best serve those in need. Lions Object Three states, "To take an active interest in the civic, cultural, social and moral welfare of the community." That is what Culture & Community Activities are all about-being active in the welfare of your community! Think about the things your club offers, assists with, or sponsors in your town. How many of them wouldn't exist without you? How many people would go unserved if Lions weren't there? Only then can you understand the significance of Culture & Community Activities.

What kinds of projects fall under Culture & Community?

1. Cultural

- " Art,
- " Civic Outreach,
- " Crafts,
- " Dance,
- " History,
- " Language,
- " Literature,
- " Music (The Bland Competition would qualify)
- " Sports & Recreation, and
- " Theater.

2. Lions Crew at Work projects are hands-on service projects for active Lions.

Projects can include:

- " improving schools
- " remodeling non-profit community centers
- " painting shelters for homeless persons or battered women
- " updating food pantries
- " repairing summer camps for disabled children
- " painting/repairing public parks or playgrounds
- " building new community facilities for persons in need.

3. Lions Green Teams are hands-on project volunteers who help the environment by:

- " cleaning the environment - 32% of clubs organize a community clean-up project.
- " planting trees - **if every club planted a tree, there would be more than 44,000 new trees on the planet; if every Lion planted a tree, there would be more than 1.3 million new trees on the planet.**
- " recycling - eyeglasses, paper, computers, and car batteries can be recycled.
- " educating others - a hybrid car exhibit and an environment contest help educate others about the environment.

For Program and Project Suggestions contact District Chair PDG Jo Nelson at 297-2395.

LIONS CLUBS COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL ACTIVITY AWARD

1. **Award description:** This annual award recognizes one club within a district that has been most active in organizing successful community cultural activities.

2. **Eligibility and Selection:** All clubs within a district are eligible to participate. Each district governor shall present the award on behalf of Lions Clubs International to one Lions club within the district annually. The recipient club shall be named by the district governor in consultation with the District Cultural and Community Activities Chairman and, as deemed appropriate, other Lions appointed by the governor to a judging panel.

3. **Award:** An appropriate award shall be provided annually to district governors for presentation to the Lions club that has been most outstanding within the district in completing community and cultural activities during the year.

4. **Criteria:** Lions clubs considered for this award shall be judged for the success in organizing community and cultural activities according to the following criteria:

(a) **Service to others:** A Lions club's cultural and community activities shall be developed, organized and implemented to provide benefit to people in terms of knowledge, attitudes, values, skills, or mutual understanding and cooperation.

(b) **Involvement:** A Lions club's cultural and community activities shall be developed, organized and implemented to fulfill the Third Lions Object, "To take an active interest in the civic, cultural, social and moral welfare of the community."

(c) **Originality:** This category challenges Lions clubs to develop cultural and community activities that are fresh, new and exciting in ways that will draw community interest and participation of members.

(d) **Outcomes:** A Lions club's cultural and community activities shall be developed and organized to improve the quality of life in measurable ways.

(e) **Public Relations:** This category challenges Lions clubs to enhance their public image by publicizing their cultural and community activities through the news media and other avenues.

Edgewood Lions Club

Edgewood Lions Club has 24-E hats and "We Serve" auto ribbons for sale, the cost is \$8.00 per hat and \$5.00 for auto ribbons. Items will be available at the 24-E fall conference or by calling Lion Tammie 314-0312.

DISTRICT 24-E BLAND MEMORIAL MUSIC CONTEST FORM

Name of Club(s) _____

Club Bland Chairperson _____

Contact Number (h) _____ (w) _____ (c) _____

Date of Contest _____

Location _____ Time _____

Please return Form by
December 31, 2008

To:

Lion JJ Johnson
District 24-E Bland Chairman
P.O. Box 13051
Roanoke, Va. 24030
(540) 772-3203 h
(540) 537-8078 c
E-mail: cardudel@cox.net or
jjjohnson.berglund@hotmail.com

Lions of Virginia District 24-E Club Donation Sheet

Activities	LIONS CLUB Donation Amount
Bland District & Region (Make State Bland donations direct)	_____
Camp Too Sweet	_____
Diabetes (Juvenile Diabetes Foundation International)	_____
District Hearing Conservation	_____
District Safety (New Year's Day Rest Stop)	_____
District Youth Projects	_____
Leader Dogs for the Blind	_____
Lions Eye Glass Recycling	_____
Lions of Virginia Foundation (LOVF)	_____
Lions of Virginia Hearing Foundation (UVA Research)	_____
Lions Sight Foundation (Eye Bank)	_____
Old Dominion Eye Foundation	_____
Project RAM/LAMP	_____
Special Needs	_____
Administrative Amount	
District Newsletter	_____
President's Excellence Award	_____
Secretary's Excellence Award	_____
Treasurer's Excellence Award	_____

ALL OTHER DONATIONS ARE TO BE MADE DIRECTLY TO THE ORGANIZATION

LIST ORGANIZATION AND AMOUNT BELOW FOR DISTRICT INFORMATION

Please make check payable to Lions of Virginia District 24-E

Forward check and copy of this sheet to: Lion John T. Johnson, Jr.

413 Missimer Lane

Vinton, Va. 24179

(540) 772-3203

District 24-E Fall Conference 2008

This is an invitation to every Lion, Lioness, Leo and Guest to join in this year's Fall Conference of District 24-E, taking place in Roanoke at the Holiday Inn - Tanglewood on October 17th & 18th.

This year's Conference will start with the traditional Picnic and Auction on Friday evening, October 17th. The theme for the picnic is Halloween. You are invited to come in your best COSTUME. Prizes will be given in different categories (i.e. Scariest, most original etc...). Come have fun!!!

The Auction follows immediately after the picnic. We are asking for each club help support the auction by donating something. Our District is the only one that does not charge a registration fee. We pay for our Conference with money from the Auction, so please help out the best you can. Let your Zone Chair know what you are donating no later than October 7th.

Saturday Morning we will have four seminars on the following: Membership, Tail Twisters, Lion's Youth Programs and Diabetes. Hope you can attend one or two of these seminars.

We are extremely lucky this year to have TWO special guests from International this year: International Director Lion Dana Biggs and her spouse Past International President Lion Bill Biggs. PIP Lion Bill will be the Keynote Speaker at the Luncheon and ID Lion Dana will be the Keynote Speaker at the Banquet. Both of these Lions are very dynamic speakers and should not be missed.

This year, right after the Luncheon, an ORIENTATION MEETING is taking place. This is HIGHLY recommended for all New Lions, their Sponsors, Potential Lions and any other Lion that would like to get reenergized. VDG Lion Joe Gwinn, with support from PIP Lion Bill Biggs, will be giving a history of Lionism, who we are, where we came from and where we might be headed. Please encourage your members to attend.

The Lady Lions of our District are hosting a Tea in honor of International Director Lion Dana Biggs. All Lady Lions, Lionesses and Guests are invited to meet Lion Dana on a more personal level.

That evening, I.D. Lion Dana will be the Keynote Speaker at our Banquet and following the Banquet we have some very special entertainment. The Old Pros Big Time Band, A 25 piece orchestra, will perform. There will be a dance floor for those that would like to stretch their legs.

DG Lion Bud and the members of the Fall Conference Committee hope you will attend and show our International Guests that District 24-E is alive and well and VERY Proud to have them here. Registration Forms need to be in by October 7th. You can download a form off our web page: www.virginia-24e-lions.org. See you there!



The 2009 Virginia state (regular) pin

... is now available at a cost of \$2.00 each. Contact Lion Jim Newman at jnewman@rev.net or 540-343-7925 if you would like one or more. They will also be available at the istrict 24-E Fall Conference.

NOTE: This is NOT the Virginia 2009 Prestige pin, which is only available by pre-ordering and pre-paying (\$3.00 each) through the Pin Trading Club of Virginia. For Prestige pins, contact Lion Bill Smith at tabs52@comcast.net or 540-349-2748.

E lbryne G. Gill Fellow

The Virginia Lions Hearing Foundation and Research Center, Inc. announce the introduction of *The Elbryne G. Gill Fellow*. A Fellow will be given to each Club or Individual once they have given the VLHF & RC, Inc. seven-hundred and fifty (\$750.00) dollars. This can be given over a period of four (4) years maximum. Once this amount has been contributed, you will receive an application. This application will be completed with the name of the recipient and returned to the VLHF & RC Office.

Dr. Elbryne G. Gill, MD was a noted physician who founded The Gill Memorial Eye and Ear Foundation that continues to be dedicated to the prevention of blindness and deafness.

As a Lion Dr. Gill was District Governor in 1932-33, International Director in 1933-34 and again in 1937-39. He was elected President of Lions Clubs International in 1943-44.

Additional information on this most prestigious Honor can be obtained from:
Virginia Lions Hearing Foundation and Research Center, Inc.
P.O. Box 800477 UVA Health System Charlottesville, VA 22908-0477
434-296-LION (5466) vhlf@virginia.edu

Submitted by Lion Jessie Garrett IPDG, VLHF Vice President

These Lions Roar



Salem Host Lions Club

Since June 30, 2008, the Salem Host Lions Club has donated a total of \$14,500 in scholarships to high school graduates, Amanda Kanode, Thomas Barnette, Jennifer Saliba, George George III, and John Ribble from Salem High School, Kenneth Lampert from Glenvar High and John Harris from Patrick Henry High School.

Since June 30, we have held fund raising events at the Salem Stadium Concessions for the 7/29/2008 Band Competition/Summer Music Games and the 8/14/2008 Andrew Lewis Middle School Scrimmage. The Salem Host Lions Club will cater a total of 42 games at the Salem Stadium Concessions for fundraising in 2008.

During this year, we have added one new member. We now have a total of 36 members including 29 active members, 5 MAL's, and 2 Life Members.

The programs of our regular meetings since June 30 have included awarding of scholarships, installation of club officers, and watching the Lions International Quarterly Newsletter DVD.

During the next three months we expect to participate in 24 more fund raising events, host an Open Guest Night with a program of special interest, sell brooms, and continue pickup of used eye-glasses and hearing aids. In hopes of obtaining new members, an ad about our club will appear on the football contest page of the Salem Times Register beginning August 28 and will run 18 weeks.

Jim Arnold, Club Secretary

Martinsville Lions Club

The Martinsville Lions Club has seen a lot of community support for their FREE Bluegrass Concerts for the past 12 months. On the third Saturday of each month, local banks and businesses have sponsored the bands that come to entertain citizens in the UP'TOWN Historic Rives Theater in Martinsville. The Lions Club members prepare and sell concessions and patrons make donations instead of paying admission. The Lions Club members also sell brooms and collect old glasses in the theater lobby. Upcomming concerts: "Johnathan Dillon and Phantom Grass, September 20, "The Southern Gentlemen", October 18, "Upland Express", November 15, and "Shallow Creek" December 20.

Lion Cliff Rood

BEDFORD BREAKFAST LIONS CLUB

Look back at 2007-08: Not including our eyeglasses ongoing project, our club contributed to 23 benevolent organizations and activities, including 10 District 24E activities. These activities included International items, such as a Melvin Jones and a Humanitarian award; 24E activities such as Leader Dog School, Eyeglass Recycling Center, and the Local Hearing Program; plus Local activities such as a scholarship for a deserving high school senior, Bedford Ride, Bedford Hospice House, and our local Battered Women's Shelter.

Although our 2008-09 budget reflects our plans to cut two organizations and to scale back on some other contributions on our giving list, our contributions will still have a significant impact, especially on the local economy. We scaled back on our budget because we project both a national and local trend of people giving less and showing less support of charitable organizations during these tight economic times.

Our major fund raisers this year will continue to be our Lions BBQ, in the fall, and our spring golf tournament. Speaking of our BBQ, this will be our 25th consecutive year of sponsoring this event, and that is a big milestone for us. It will be on Wednesday, October 8th, from 4 to 8 PM at our Lions Field on Route 460 east of Bedford. We have tickets, posters, and brochures available for those who want to help us celebrate this event, or to help with our advertising. The price is still only \$10.00 per ticket for an evening of all-you -can-eat and live music. We also plan to sponsor tag sales and shooting matches at specific times this year.(see ad on last page)

For our club membership situation, we ended last year at 40 members; lost one since June, and have accepted applications for two new members, who will be inducted into the club at our next regular meeting.

Lion Larry Lynch, Club Secretary

Buchanan Lions Club

On Saturday September 20 at 6PM the Buchanan Lion's Club will hold it's annual Auction fund raiser. The auction is held at Sam Saunder's Auction House at 19673 Main Street in Buchanan. The Buchanan Lions accept donations from citizens and local businesses to auction off. We have a healthy variety of items and gift certificates every year. For more information call Lion Mike Burton at 540 254 3345.

Buchanan will hold it's annual Mountain Magic in Fall festival on Saturday October 4 on Main Street. The Street is closed to traffic and many craft and food vendors are open on the sidewalks in addition to the displays of local merchants. Additionally, considerable entertainment on the street is provided by the Town throughout the day.

The Buchanan Lions will sell brooms, various food items, and fifty fifty raffle tickets. It is a great time for everyone. It runs from 10AM until 4PM. Everyone is invited to attend

For additional information please call Lion Wanda Smith at the Town Hall, 540 254 1212.

Dublin Lions Club

The Dublin Lions recently completed their concessions stand fund-raising event at the New River Valley Fair. This is our third best fund-raising event after our two flea markets.

The dates for the Pulaski County Flea Market, sponsored by the Dublin Lions Club are September 13 and 14. The Flea Market will have over 300 vendors selling their products to approximately 18,000 people. It will be at the New River Fairgrounds, 3 miles north of Dublin. Plenty of free parking. The Dublin Lions Club will also be selling their famous "Lion Dog".

The Christmas Craft Show also sponsored by the Dublin Lions Club at the Fairgrounds is November 1 and 2.

Lion Warren Morris, Club Secretary

Blacksburg Host Lions Club

The Blacksburg Host Lions Club will hold its semi-annual White Cane Sale later this fall.

The Blacksburg Host Lions Club, The Blacksburg Lions Breakfast Club, and the Delta Gama Sorority at Virginia Tech will hold a dog walkathon on September 27. This event is usually our most successful fundraiser.

The Blacksburg Host Lions Club and the Blacksburg Lions Breakfast Club are in the planning stage for holding a pancake breakfast at the Applebee's restaurant in Christiansburg.

Lion Virgil A. Cook, President, Blacksburg Host Lions Club

Bedford Host Lions Club

Bedford Host Lions Club coming events:

September 27, 2008, Centerfest in downtown Bedford City. Distribute sight/hearing brochures, sell Cow Patty Bingo tickets.

October 4, 2008, Cow Patty Bingo

October 18, 2008, Pancake Breakfast

November 1 and 2, 2008, Bedford Women's Club Craft Show. Sell food.

November 24, 2008, sponsor blood drive

November 28, 2008, Christmas Tree Sales begin. Last until all are sold.

January 2009, Spaghetti Dinner

Lion Nelson Leftwich, Club Secretary

Smith Mountain Lake Lions Club

SML LIONS PARTICIPATE IN WEEKEND EVENT FOR MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS PATIENTS AND FAMILIES

The Blue Ridge Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society sponsors a weekend at Smith Mountain Lake for MS patients and their families. The patients and families stay at the W. E. Skelton 4-H Center in Franklin County, and participate in a number of activities throughout the weekend.

Members of the SML Lions Club have participated in the MS weekend for a number of years by providing boat cruises on Smith Mountain Lake for the weekend participants. This year, 150 people have signed up for the cruises on September 6. SML Lions will meet guests at Bridgewater Plaza and the 4-H Center, and will cruise for about 90 minutes. Past participants have reported that boating on Smith Mountain Lake is a highlight of the weekend. Lion Bill Telford has coordinated the boating event for a number of years.

ANDREW HALEY/SML LIONS JUNIOR OPEN GOLF TOURNAMENT

85 junior golfers completed both rounds of the 18th annual Andrew Haley/SML Lions Junior Open Golf Tournament held on July 21 and 22. The first round was played at Mariners Landing Golf & Country Club; the second round was played at The Waterfront Country Club.

The Senior Boys division (ages 16-18) was won by David Hudgins of Hardy, a recent graduate of Franklin County High School. Hudgins birdied the last hole to best Jack Wilkes of Roanoke and Jack Adkins of Martinsville by two strokes. Zachary Bachou of Forest won the Rookie Boys Division (ages 11-13) won his division by 10 strokes and also posted the longest drive in his division (275 yards). Brad Elder of Roanoke topped Blake Carter of Bassett and Alex Taylor of Roanoke by two strokes in the Boys Junior Division (ages 14-15).

Six girls participated in the tournament. Jiye Kim of Clifton, Virginia, won the Girls Senior division and the long drive contest. Lyndsey Hunnell of Troutville won the Rookie girls division while Sarafina Sampson of Danville won the Junior girls division.

The tournament is the primary fundraiser for the SML Lions. The amount of sponsorship funds raised was reduced from last year, but the number of golfers participating was significant.

Cave Spring Lions Club

The Cave Spring Club has already completed a successful yard sale and are planning an other in the Spring. We will sponsor an Art Show featuring local artists on October 11th and will have White Cane Days in November. During the second half of the year, White Cane Collection, LOV raffle ticket sales and a Yard Sale are planned. We are working on finding additional projects. At all of these activities, Lion Club Brooms are for sale.

We will sponsor the Peace Poster Contest at two middle schools and invite the winners, their families, and teachers to a Club Meeting for dinner and the presentation of awards. Our club has members working at the Recycle Center each week and have consistently provided more help than any other club. We have two members who do interviewing for the Community Eye Care program.



We celebrated our Awards Night in August with a delicious cook out for our members and spouses, and will have our Christmas party in December. More social events are planned for the new year.

Lion Carlton Saul, Club Secretary

Connie Kramer accepts the Lion of the Year Award for her deceased husband, Lion John Kramer, at the Awards Night Dinner.

Troutville Lions Club



Frank Dickerson receives a plaque for 30 years of Service



Randy Martin presents Lion President Sage with the past-president pin

Mount Pleasant Lions Club

Recently, the Mount Pleasant Lions Club was gratified to present a \$2,000.00 check to the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF). The funds were designated for Sight First 2, a program fostered by Lions International to wipe out preventable blindness worldwide. A number of third world countries still struggle with River Blindness, Glaucoma and other sight maladies. The contributions to the Program (now over \$150,000,000.00 US dollars), by 1.5 million Lions worldwide, will enable those countries and the aid agencies helping them to achieve this goal.

The presentation by Mt. Pleasant Lions member Warren Burger, the club program chairman, was made to Charlie Herbert, of the Pearisburg Lions Club, who is District 24-E Sight First 2 chairman. Lion Darryl Nash of the Ferrum Lions Club, the Region III Chairman, attended the meeting attesting to the importance of the gift by a group of local Lions to the worldwide effort.

The gift was from money raised by the Mt. Pleasant Lions in providing the food and drink concessions for the Roanoke Fiddler and Banjo Club monthly sessions over the last 18 months. Fiddle and Banjo Club president, Bob Maiden, was present to accept the thanks of the Lions for the partnership which will help many people. All three guests were presented with commemorative mugs by the Mt. Pleasant Lions.

This month the Mt. Pleasant Lions Club completed its 5th year as the roadside clean up crew for Sterling Road in Southeast Roanoke County. Seven hardy members of the club, Warren Burger, Robert Dickard, Kyle Martin, Mike Ferguson, James Davis, Ray Wimer and Wayne Wray all participated in the Saturday morning pick up session .. They filled seven of the large bright orange trash bags provided by VDOT and called for a pick up.,

After the clean up, they met at the Club's meeting hall located at 2432 Mayfield Drive, SE for a further work/clean up session at the exterior of the building. Following the satisfying work morning, the Lions met at the home of Lion Robert Dickard for refreshments. It was agreed all around that it had been a good day for Mt. Pleasant, the Lions and the environment.

Club members took a family of 3 to K-Mart to shop for back-to-school clothes and supplies.

Programs have included the Bradley Free Clinic and the Hearing Foundation of Virginia. Future programs include the Lions Quest Program, Life Guard 10, and Pancakes with Santa for the children.

Submitted by Lion Mike Ferguson - 725-8189

Moneta Lions Club



Moneta Lions celebrated their 19th Anniversary on June 19th. Officers and Directors for 2008 - 2009 are: Lions Bart Matthies, Lynne Philbin, Pat Maddox, Rob Senoski, Joan Breckin, Tim Hoer, Pat Bailey, Gloria Guice, Del Bailey and Jerry Over.



Lion Bart Matthies proudly sponsored and presents his wife Corinne with her Lions Pin following her induction on August 21st.



The Melvin Jones Award was presented to Lions Bruce Cooke, Gloria Guice and Charles D ideon at a formal dinner meeting celebrating 19th Anniversary of the Club at the Old Liberty Station Restaurant.



Members of the Moneta Club dug deep into their pockets to purchase school supplies which were presented to Body Camp Elementary School Principal Dr. Marvin McGinnis, center, by Lions Rob Senoski and Gloria Guice.

The
Bedford Breakfast
Lions
25th Annual
BAR-B-Q
(BEEF & PORK)

Wednesday
October 8th, 2008
4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

at the
Lions Community Field
1/2 mile east of Bedford on US 460

Catered By
**Country Kitchen
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Notice to all Lions who usually purchase tickets at the Fall Conference and all other Lions_

The Bedford Bar-B-Q will be held before the Fall Conference this year. All Lions wishing to purchase tickets, please call Lion Robert Foutz, at home 540-890-3037

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