



The Lions Pride

District 24-E

February 2009



District

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**Donald "Don"
Rhinehart
2009 – 2010**



**2010 LIONS OF VIRGINIA
STATE CONVENTION**

**May 20-23, 2010
Hotel Roanoke**

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Please put the above dates on your calendar so you can schedule yourself to take part in our State Convention.

Our State Convention will begin on Thursday night, May 20th, at the O. Winston Link Museum. We will have a full catered buffet meal, entertainment will be provided by the Salem Singers who are from Salem High School, and you may tour the museum at your pleasure any time during this function.

State Convention information packets will be sent to all Lions Club Secretaries soon. The information will also be posted on our District 24-E Web Site. Most or all of the information will be included in our next edition of The Lions Pride.

Lion Bill Brammer, State Convention Chairman

The star design shown here will be the state convention pin.

International Convention in Sydney from Carol Horner (Lion Bruce Horner)

Dear Lions

At the request of Lion Hauser Weiler I am contacting you again about the International Convention in Sydney. I hope that there will be a large interest in traveling since it is such a beautiful place to visit (see pictures below)

I have had 1 person contact me about details, but they really want to travel with others.

I would like to explain the different ways Lions can travel.

1. Group Travel – Group travel takes minimum 10 people to travel on every flight together. Group travel is great since the travelers only have to make a small deposit and then final payment would be due 35 days prior to travel. The restriction is everyone has to travel together at all times.
2. Individual travel – Normally full payment is due at time of reservation and usually it is non refundable at that time, but more flexible when traveling.
3. Individual travel with a pre or post trip – If someone wants to travel prior to the convention or stay afterwards we can arrange a package that would include the air, hotel and tours. Most of the time the package is a small deposit and final payment due 45 days prior to travel.

A reminder that I am an Aussie Specialist, I have traveled there and visited quite a few places. I will assist with all components of the trip including visas. I would love to give exact costs, but without knowing when each person will be traveling it is very difficult. I would encourage consulting with your district to see what interest there is and have them get in touch with me as soon as possible. Thank you.



Carol Horner, Co-Owner, Travel Leaders, 5386 Kemps River Drive #113, Virginia Beach, VA 23464
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CHorner@Travelleaders.com , www.travelleaders.com/vabeachva

LIONS OF MULTIPLE DISTRICT 24
INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION SHIRT ORDER FORM
SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA

Please indicate your preferences on the form below and return, with your payment, to Lion Hauser Weiler (No later than April 1, 2010). Shirts will be delivered at the Virginia Lions State Convention in Roanoke, VA on May 20-23, 2010.

Shirts can be ordered in White or Blue; with or without pockets and please indicate MENS or WOMENS.

Name: Lion _____

Lions Club: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: () _____

VA Lions 2010 International Convention Shirts	White Shirt With pocket	White Shirt Without pocket	Blue Shirt With pocket	Blue Shirt Without pocket	Cost	Total
Size: Small					\$35.00 EA	
Size: Medium					\$35.00 EA	
Size: Large					\$35.00 EA	
Size: X-Large					\$35.00 EA	
Size: XX-Large					\$35.00 EA	
Size: XXX- Large					\$35.00 EA	
Size: XXXX- Large					\$35.00 EA	

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Make checks payable to Lions of Multiple District 24.

Return order form and payment to:

Lion Hauser Weiler, PCC
267 Dawson Lane
White Stone, VA 22578

BLAND CONTESTS FOR REGIONS I & II

REGION I

FOREST LIONS CLUB: TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2010 (snow date February 23, 2010)

Contact: Lion Dallas Scott at 434-942-4156

EDGEWOOD LIONS CLUB: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2010

Contact: Lion Tammie Brightwell at 540-774-5695

BEDFORD HOST LIONS CLUB: SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2010 (snow date February 28, 2010)

Contact Lion Betty Johnson at bettylee35@verizon.net

MARTINSVILLE/HENRY CO. LIONS CLUB: SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2010

Contact: Lion Cliff Rood at

276-638-7087

SMITH MOUNTAIN LAKE LIONS CLUB: SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2010

Contact: Lion Tom Scott at tandbscott@jetbroadband.com

WILLIAMSON ROAD LIONS CLUB: SUNDAY FEBRUARY 28, 2010

Contact: Lion Linda All at 540-366-1038

REGION II

ROANOKE VALLEY BREAKFAST LIONS CLUB: SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2010

Contact: Lion JJ Johnson at 540-537-8078

CAVE SPRING LIONS CLUB: SUNDAY FEBRUARY 21, 2010

Contact: Lion Lynn Slonaker at 540-774-5695

**BLACKSBURG BREAKFAST/BLACKSBURG HOST/CHRISTIANSBURG LIONS CLUB: MONDAY
FEBRUARY 22, 2010 or TUESDAY FEBRUARY 23, 2010 Contact: Lion Virgil Cook at vcCook@vt.edu**

REGION I BLAND CONTEST

SUNDAY, MARCH 21, 2010 FERRUM COLLEGE, GROUSBECK HALL

2:30 PM

REGION II BLAND CONTEST

SUNDAY, MARCH 7, 2010 CAVE SPRING UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

2:00 PM (snow date March 14, 2010) DISTRICT BLAND CONTEST

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SUNDAY, APRIL 18, 2010 CAVE SPRING UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

2:00 PM

STATE BLAND CONTEST

FRIDAY, MAY 21, 2010 HOTEL ROANOKE, 7:00 PM

Camp Too Sweet

Our District 24-E project in cooperation with Carilion Clinic will be held at Camp Roanoke on June 21-25. Planning for the camp is in the preliminary stages. The day of the week for Lions Day at the Camp has not been established.

However, the cost for each camper which was reported in the September Edition of The Lions Pride has been reduced to \$330.00 for each full-time camper and \$205.00 for each day camper. Carilion and Camp Roanoke are putting forth great efforts to keep the camp cost down, and we appreciate their efforts.

On November 17, 2009, at the meeting of the Roanoke County Board of Supervisors the Lions of District were recognized for our efforts to assist with Camp Too Sweet. District Governor Don Rhinehart and PDG Bill Brammer were in attendance. Governor Don has the recognition which was presented.

When I attended Saturday meetings at District 24-C's Fall Conference on September 19, 2009, I was given a check for 4 full week campers from District 24-C who attended Camp Too Sweet in 2009. District 24-C has approved to pay the cost of up to 15 campers from District 24-C for the 2010 Camp Too Sweet event. It is thrilling to have cooperation from District 24-C to assist with Camp Too Sweet. Hopefully, in the near future we will be able to secure assistance from other parts of MD24.

Again I would like to thank all of the Lions and Lions Clubs who have assisted with Camp Too Sweet in the past. I look forward to being able to work with not only all of you again but with all of the Lions and Lions Clubs in District 24-E.

Yours In Lionism

Bill Brammer, PDG, District 24-E Diabetes and Camp Too Sweet Chair and
MD24 Diabetes Chairman

DISTRICT 24-E L.A.M.P. EVENT**ROANOKE MISSION OF MERCY DENTAL CLINIC**

March 26-27, 2010

Roanoke Civic Center, Roanoke, Virginia

The Roanoke Mission of Mercy Project of the Virginia Dental Health Foundation provides free dental services (cleanings, fillings, x-rays, teeth removal) for low income, uninsured, and underserved people. Adults age 18 and older who have no dental insurance are eligible for this free dental care.

The Roanoke Mission of Mercy Project has provided \$1 million in free dental care to over 2,000 adults in the Roanoke Valley and surrounding areas in previous years. With more people losing their jobs, and consequently their insurance, the need for this service is even greater today.

The Mission of Mercy Projects have been adopted as a L.A.M.P. (Lions Assisted Medical Projects) activity. General volunteers are needed in the areas of parking, registration, escorts, food service, and interpreters.

Three shifts are offered each day. Work what you can.

Register online at: www.councilofcommunityservices.org/vrv/MOMProject.html,

If you prefer to register by phone, please contact Carilion Direct at 540 266-6000 or 800-422-8482.

PROUD TO BE
A LIONS DISTRICT 24-E
L.A.M.P. VOLUNTEER!

Lion Linda All, L.A.M.P. Chairman



THANKS FOR THE CARDS!!

Thanks to District 24-E Lions Clubs and individual Lions who donated Christmas cards and letters for the veterans at the VA Medical Center in Salem. Your cards and letters provided the support and compassion that the veterans need, especially during the holiday season. Know that your kindness put a lot of smiles on many faces at the VA in December.

Lion Linda All

VOLUNTEER NOW FOR THE VIRGINIA RAM EVENTS!

Two RAM (Remote Area Medical) events in Virginia, at Wise and Grundy, will again take place this year. Continued support and assistance by District 24-E Lions with these two events is encouraged.

RAM - WISE
July 23-25, 2010
Wise County Fairground
Wise, Virginia

The following is a listing of hotels/motels in the area. Call in advance for reservations. If a facility is booked, you may put your name on a waiting list.

Best Western Wise	276 328-3500
Days Inn Norton	276 679-5340
Holiday Inn Norton	276 679-6655
Inn at Norton	276 679-7000
Ramada Norton	276 679-3000
Super 8 Norton	276 679-0893

RAM - GRUNDY
October 2-3, 2010
Riverview Elementary School
Grundy, Virginia

Call the Breaks Interstate Park at 276 865-4413 for room reservations.

These RAM events at Wise and Grundy provide free medical, dental, and vision care for people in remote areas who cannot afford health care or who do not have access to health care. Each year these events have grown in the number of people seen, in the number of patient encounters, in the value of care rendered, in the number of medical/dental personnel, and in the number of general volunteers. Your assistance and support is needed. If you cannot volunteer for the entire event, do what you can.

To learn more about RAM, and to fill out the volunteer form, go to www.ramusa.org. If you plan to volunteer at Wise and/or at Grundy, please notify Lion Cliff DeMars at demarsct@cox.net so he can have your volunteer badge ready for you when you check in.

DIABETES ASSISTANCE FOR ADULTS

A number of Lions have approached me about getting some program started for assistance and education for adults with diabetes . This week I received information from Debbie Sauve a nurse and certified diabetes educator with Carilion Clinic.

The adult diabetes support group meets at the diabetes offices most months on the 4th Tuesday from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. The meeting is free of charge, has a guest speaker, discussion of a variety of health topics throughout the year, updates on new technology and new products, and time for the adults to network. They serve light snacks, give out door prizes, and generally have a fun time. The number for any questions about a specific monthly meeting is (540) 224-4360. The diabetes offices are located at 1030 South Jefferson Street. Enter through the back of the building.

There is also a diabetes support group which meets at the Carilion New River Valley Medical Center on a quarterly basis on the 4th Monday of the designated month from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. These meetings are also free of charge. Please call Lynne Metzler, R.D: (540) 731-2643 for more information.

If you would like for me to assist you in any way, please contact me at H:(540) 483-9645, C:(540) 493-9108, or lionbill@jetbroadband.com

Lion Bill Brammer

Locations for Bland Competition:

The Edgewood/Salem Host Bland Competition will be held on Thursday, February 18, at 6:30 pm at the Central United Methodist Church, 428 College Ave., Salem.

The Cave Spring Lions Club Bland Competition will be held on Sunday, February 21, at 2:30 pm at the Windsor Hills United Methodist Church, 3591 Windsor Road, SW, Roanoke.

Corrections to the District 24-E Directory

Page	As Listed	As Corrected
13	<u>Lions Club International Foundation – District Coordinator</u> Melvin L. Chambless (Bud), IPDG (Katherine) 706 South High Street Pearisburg, VA 24134-2061 H: 540-921-1356 C: 540-921-7462 E: phdchambless@msn.com (Pearisburg)	<u>Lions Club International Foundation – District Coordinator</u> Don W. Rhinehart, PDG 5118 Cave Spring Lane Roanoke, VA 24018 H: (540) 989-8757 E: donrh1@cox.net (Roanoke Host)
14	<u>Membership Development Chair</u>	<u>Membership Development Chair</u> Jo Nelson, PDG 1523 Moccasin Path Trail Huddleston, VA 24104 H: (540) 297-2395 B: (540) 767-6222 E: gov24b@yahoo.com (Vinton Luncheon)
15	Sight Conservation E: Charles.Herbert@giv.com	Sight Conservation E: cnherbertjr@hotmail.com
20	Secretary: B: (540)231-1682	Secretary: B: (540)231-3818
28	<u>Fairlawn Lions Club</u> Region I Zone I 2nd Mon 6:30 p.m. El Puerto Mexican Restaurant Route 11 Fairlawn VA 24141	<u>Fairlawn Lions Club</u> Region II Zone II 2nd and 4th Mon 6:30 p.m. Riverlawn Elementary School 8100 Beth Nelson Drive Fairlawn, VA 24141
28	President: E:	President: E: tomanpete@verizon.net
34	Secretary: E: delmerpat@msn.com Treasurer: E: delmerpat@msn.com	Secretary: E: delmerpat@aol.com Treasurer: E: delmerpat@aol.com
36	1st & 3rd Thurs. 6:30 p.m.	2nd & 4th Tues. 6:30 p.m.
36	President: E: NA	President: E: jwstanley@suddenlink.net
37	<u>Pearisburg Lions Club</u> Region I Zone I 2nd & 4th Thurs. 7:00 p.m. November & December 1st & 3rd Thurs. 7:00 p.m. Pearisburg Community Center Wenonah Avenue Pearisburg, VA 24134	<u>Pearisburg Lions Club</u> Region II Zone II 2nd & 4th Thurs. 7:00 p.m. November & December 1st & 3rd Thurs. 7:00 p.m. Giles Country Club 500 Fort Branch Road Pearisburg, VA 24134
37	President: H: 921-2339	President: H: (540) 921-2239

45	President: James Morris 3547 Catawba Valley Drive Salem, VA 24153 H: (540) 384-7065 B: (540) 384-7065 E: NA	President: James Morris 84 McDivitt Road Salem, VA 24153 H: (540) 580-2540 B: E: icmorris1935@verizon.net
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45	Membership Chair H:	Membership Chair H: (540) 384-6877
53	2 nd and 4 th Thursday @ 1:00 PM	2 nd and 4 th Thursday @ 12:00 NOON
54	District Leo Club Chairperson Jerry Beckner P.O. Box 2144 Rocky Mount, VA 24151 H: (540) 484-1501 B: (540) 483-5533 E: jerry.beckner@sci-us.com (Rocky Mount)	District Leo Club Chairperson Jerome DeGraff (Jerry), PDG 1817 Braeburn Drive Apt 102 Salem, VA 24153 H: (540) 774-9041 E: lionking@rev.net (Vinton Host)
54		Delete the following LEO Clubs: Cave Spring High School Glenvar Middle School Patrick Henry High School
57	1996-1997 Jerome DeGraff (Jerry) 1817 Braeburn Drive Apt 102 Salem, VA 24153 H: (540) 774-9041 E: lionking@rev.net (Vinton Breakfast)	1996-1997 Jerome DeGraff (Jerry) 1817 Braeburn Drive Apt 102 Salem, VA 24153 H: (540) 774-9041 E: lionking@rev.net (Vinton Host)
66	24-E Lion Bernice T. Leftwich (Lion Nelson - PCC) E: bstc1@verizon.net	24-E Bernice T. Leftwich, (Nelson, PCC) E: nebleft@msn.com
67	24-C Lion Patricia Isaac (Lion Kenneth - PCC) H: 540-854-8060 E: dmvmac@comcast.net	24-C Patricia Isaac, (Kenneth - PCC) H: 540-854-2321 E: pfi07@aol.com
68	2007 - 2009 Wayne E. Davis, PCC (Marge) E:	2007 - 2010 Wayne E. Davis, PCC (Marge) E: wedavis@comcast.net
78	VIRGINIA LIONS RED VESTS Frances Scott Forest Lions Club 1900 Meadow Down Drive Forest, VA 24551 H: 434-525-8496 E: fadscott@hotmail.com	VIRGINIA LIONS RED VESTS Contact the Lions of Virginia State Office 5004 Colonial Avenue, SW Roanoke, VA 24018-3916 B: 540-774-2495 F: 540-989-5225 E: LionVA@verizon.net

Please correct Lion JJ Johnson's address to: P.O. Box 13051, Roanoke, VA 24030-3051

On page 32, Membership Chair Roy Rogers' email should be rrogers@comcast.net

Peace Poster



Here is the Multiple District 24 winning peace poster. It was done by Molly Helmera, a middle school student in District 24-A sponsored by Fairfax Host club.

Bedford Host Lions Club

I cannot believe it's time to write another newsletter article! It seems like only yesterday I was writing about the busy fall the Bedford Host Lions Club had planned. Since the last article, we sold white chili and corn chowder at the Bedford Women's Craft show; sponsored a blood drive for the American Red Cross; sold Christmas trees; and will hold a spaghetti dinner.

The Bedford Women's Craft show was a two day event held the first weekend in November. We made over \$1,100.00 selling Lion Jean Travis' cactus pear jelly, corn chowder and white chili. It was a club effort in which everyone clearly enjoyed themselves. We look forward to participating in the craft show in 2010.

The blood drive was held on Monday, November 23rd, which was the Monday before Thanksgiving. Realizing the demand for blood is 24/7/365, we decided to press forward with the blood drive as scheduled; however, it appears that holding a drive that close to a major holiday can hamper donations. We are planning another blood drive for the spring of 2010 and will be mindful of holidays when scheduling future drives.

Beginning the Friday after Thanksgiving, we sold Christmas trees at the Farmers Market in Bedford. I am happy to report that we sold out in just two weeks....this is a record for our club! We made several bold moves this year in order to sell the trees so quickly. First we expanded our hours on Friday evenings to take advantage of downtown Bedford's Christmas events. Second we had members scheduled to work on Sunday afternoons, which we have found is a big day for tree sales. Finally, we cut the prices of our trees this year because of the economy, and our repeat customers recognized it. We hope to beat our sales record next year!

As a side note to our Christmas tree sales...during the hours in which no members are present to assist with tree sales, the citizens of Bedford are on their honor. They can purchase a tree and take their payment to one of two local businesses near the market or mail us a check. Our club has not lost a tree in all the years that we have been selling them, which is a testament to integrity of the members of our community! We are proud to serve Bedford!!!!

As I sit and write this article, the spaghetti dinner has not taken place. It will be held on Saturday, January 23rd at Main Street United Methodist Church. I will report on the success of this project in the next newsletter.

Our club has no plans to rest. We are planning: a Bland Contest on Sunday, February 21st with a snow date of February 28th; a pancake breakfast March 20th at Main Street United Methodist Church; a blood drive sometime this spring and a yard sale in late spring.

Something I failed to mention in my last article is that we had teams going out to the elementary and middle schools in Bedford to assist the school nurses in performing eye screening exams. The teams had a wonderful time with the children, and came to meetings with many stories particularly associated with the younger kids. I cannot wait until I can participate in this project!

For those of you familiar with our club and Bedford, you know that we lost a big part of our club and community when the Olde Liberty Station burned. We had to find an alternative place to meet. We contacted various churches and other facilities to find a meeting place. Most locations wanted to charge for the use of

their facilities, and on our budget we simply could not afford such fees. The Presbyterian Church came to our aid. They offered the use of their fellowship hall free of charge. We quickly accepted their generous offer, and THANKS to them our club did not miss a beat. We have continued to have excellent turn out at our meetings, and Lion Fred Duis has brought us wonderful programs. "The Station" is not far from our hearts or our stomachs though, as Harry Leist and his crew cater these meetings. This being said, we are very excited to hear from Harry that "The Station" is scheduled to reopen on February 8, 2010.

We would love to see some of our fellow lions at the events we have planned. If you happen to be in Bedford on March 20th, then swing by Main Street United Methodist and enjoy a pancake with us!

Submitted by Lion Jen Persinger

Smith Mountain Lake Lions Club



One in four school-age children has vision problems yet the children are frequently unaware of signs of vision problems. The School Nurses and Smith Mountain Lake Lions Club members have worked as a team for 20 years to provide vision screening for Franklin County students so that vision problems are detected early. Early detection of a vision problem is critical because 85% of what a child learns is learned visually. Prevent Blindness Mid-Atlantic (PBMA), supported by funding from Lions Clubs International Foundation and Lions of Virginia Foundation, is facilitating the implementation of vision screening programs in every Virginia school district. PBMA offers vision screening training

programs for screeners, and provides tools/supplies for the screeners. The Franklin County School Nurses and 17 members of the SML Lions Club participated in the PBMA training program conducted by Ms. Alison Markow (standing, first row-left) on January 19. Participants received valuable information about how to recognize signs of vision problems, interpret screening results, and utilize additional tools for detecting vision problems. All the participants in the training program will now be nationally certified as vision screeners. With this training, the vision screeners in Franklin County are even better equipped to detect and correct vision problems. All four Franklin County Lions Clubs (Boones Mill, Ferrum, Rocky Mount, and SML) provide financial assistance to children and adults for eye exams/eyeglasses where such assistance is needed. The PBMA program also includes two voucher programs designed to provide financial assistance to students meeting family income and other qualifications.

Submitted by Lion Jim Miller

Williamson Road Lions Club

The Roanoke Williamson Road Lions Club continues to respond to needs in the Roanoke community. In December, Club members donated numerous shoeboxes filled with gifts to Roanoke City Social Services for distribution to underprivileged children for Christmas.



Club members Lion J.D. Arnold, PDG, Lion Bob Wingfield, Lion Carl Whitaker, PDG, Lion Herman Brubaker, Lion Tom Atkins, Lion LaDona Stossel, and Lion Ed Stephens with some Christmas shoeboxes.

The Club also donated more than 40 Christmas cards for the veterans at the Salem VA Medical Center.

In January, several members of the Club participated in a Saturday clean up of Williamson Road in Roanoke City.



Club members Lion J.D. Arnold, PDG and Lion Bob Wingfield ready to clean up the highway!

The Club is currently collecting juice boxes for the Kids Café program of the Southwestern Virginia Second Harvest Food Bank. The Club is purchasing a special telephone for an elderly citizen residing in the Williamson Road area who suffers from macular degeneration and partial hearing loss.

The success of the Club's BBQ fundraiser last August has enabled the Club to once again award a scholarship to a graduating senior at William Fleming High School. The W. Albert Coulter Scholarship recipient will be announced at the school's award assembly this spring. The Club's scholarship is named in memory of Albert Coulter, a former member of the Club and a principal at Fleming High School.

Members of the Roanoke Williamson Road Lions Club also continue to participate in Lions programs. The Club again this year held the Peace Poster contest at Breckinridge Middle School. The winner of that contest, Jamyra Ball, and her family will be guests at the Club's meeting on January 26. The Club is also sponsoring a Bland Music Scholarship Foundation competition on February 28. Club member Lion Carl Whitaker, PDG, donates his time each week reading glasses at the Eyeglass Recycling Center in Roanoke.

Submitted by Lion Linda All

Pearisburg Lions Club Busy December 2009

The PLC had three very exciting events during the month of December: The Annual Pearisburg Christmas Parade, The Annual Christmas Shopping Tour and our Christmas Party.

The Pearisburg Lions Club was well represented in the Annual Pearisburg Christmas Parade with nine Lions participating and handing out candy along the parade route. As it has become a part of the tradition of the Parade, even with temperatures well below freezing there was a large turnout and support of the people of Giles County. There were floats, antique cars, fire trucks and lots of local Churches represented. One of the most beautiful antique cars was one from Lion Curtis Coulthard's private collection, a 1950's vintage MG. We also had our Pearisburg LION mascot, reportedly the warmest participant in the parade. As always the parade is a lot of fun and it gives the opportunity for the Giles community to get to see and honor the PLC for all the good work we do in the County.

The Annual Christmas Shopping Tour was another terrific success for everyone involved, and that is a lot of people. First and foremost are the 28 very special young people from needy families in the attendance areas of two County elementary schools. These children were recommended to us by their teachers and guidance councilors. Next were the 150+ donors and businesses that came forward to help us out again this year. When all was totaled, we raised over \$5,800.00 for this year's CST. The volunteers are truly the backbone of this program. There were over 20 Lions and spouses as well as 25+ volunteers from the community. The Giles Christian Mission deserves special recognition for the collection, display and sales of a wonderful assortment of clothes, toys and household items that the children were able to purchase as gifts for family members. The Mission reported sales of over \$1,200.00 on our day, which made the CST a huge Win/Win for them, too. Our most special guests of the day included a visit from Santa, The PLC Lion. Our honored guest was Lion Bill Hadden. Lion Bill brought his Leader Dog with him. He spoke to the children about the importance of the Leader Dog Program and why you should never approach a working Leader Dog without first obtaining proper permission to do so. As in the past, the children were encouraged to shop their little hearts out for their families, had help wrapping all their treasures, received a great lunch from DQ, spent a few minutes with Santa Claus who had a bag of gifts for each child, and were sent home with 4 bags of groceries. Lions Charlie and Betty Herbert and Lion Steve Gary, co-chairs for this event, were truly grateful for all the help and support from the PLC and the Giles community. As it has been recognized in the past - There are a lot of resources that come together at the right time, for the right reason during one of the most joyous times of the year. And as anyone that participated in this year's event will recognize, it is always difficult to figure out who is having more fun - the children or the volunteers. I know this one is truly a Win/Win for everyone involved.



Lion Bill Hadden with the children Pearisburg Lions entertain children Santa, Lion Charlie and the PLC Lion

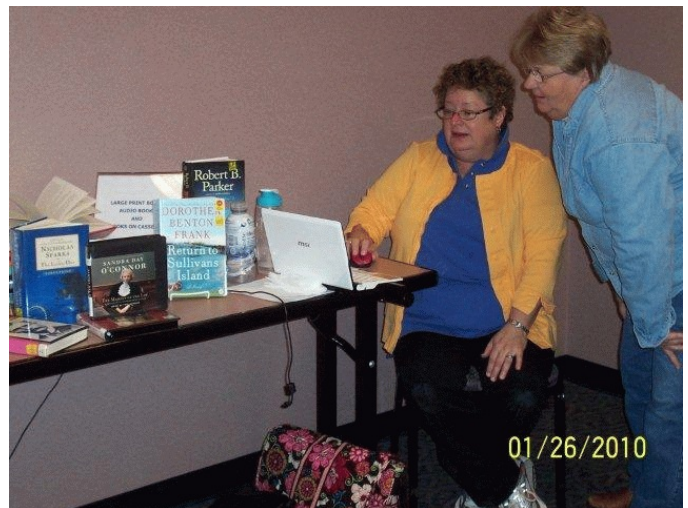
Finally we capped off the Season of Joy with our Annual Christmas Dinner. We were blessed to have three widows of former Lions join us for our festive meal. All together we were over 50 Lions, spouses, and widows of former Lions representing many hundreds of years of Lionism in Giles Community. It was a very special evening that was capped off with a few humorous stories, jokes and our annual Gift Swap. It was suggested by our President, Lion Darrell Adams, that next year instead of giving each other gifts we donate that portion that we would use on each other to support more children from a local Angel Tree. The idea was well received and the BOD will be taking it up next summer.

Submitted by Lion Charlie Herbert

Moneta Lions Club – Lions In Sight



Lions Lynne Philbin, Don Gauthier



Large Print Display, Lions Elizabeth Binnings , Sarah Hunt



Banners



Audio Screenng, Lion Tim Haer

To better familiarize the general public with the workings of the Moneta Lions Club, an "IN SIGHT Open House" was held Tuesday January 26th at the Moneta Public Library, in conjunction with the Friends of the Library.

The purpose of the open house was to have club members "IN SIGHT" of the general public, affording them the opportunity to see and discuss many of the Club's projects, even offer suggestions to members for future events.

The project, headed by Lion Jim Hunt, and supported throughout the day by all club members, included a welcome table where fellow Lions explained the purpose of the open house. Display tables set up within the Library Meeting Room included, large print books, audio books on tape and a "See More Magnifier, which magnifies print onto a TV Monitor. Another featured the club banners, a poster listing some of the club's everyday projects with a continuous photo slide show of past events, as well as club scrapbooks. Yet another displayed recycling tasks undertaken by club members, mainly used eyeglasses to be distributed around the world through Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF); cell phones to be refurbished for 911 emergency use; hearing aides, which are disassembled to reuse the amplification parts; printer ink cartridges are turned in for credit to buy school supplies; even beverage can pop top tabs are collected to help fund the Ronald McDonald House. Audio and visual screening stations were also available to the public, to determine if a follow-up visit with a specialist might be necessary.

Lap top computers were provided by club members for visitor use, enabling them to surf the LCIF and Lions of Virginia District 24-E web sites.

For more information about the Moneta Lions Club, or becoming a member and helping your neighbors and community, please contact our Membership Chairperson, Lion Don Gauthier at 540-297-1394, or send an email to monetalions@aol.com Subject: Membership

Submitted by Lion Rob Senoski

Cave Spring Lions Club



Lion Carlton Saul receives 50 year pin from Lion President Larry Nash



Lion Santa (Chuck Jordan) and elf, Lion Dick Decker, with food for food pantry

Cave Spring Peace Poster winners:



Lion President Larry Nash presents award to Arin Vaughn, winner at Woodrow Wilson Middle School



Lion Larry presents award to Emma Gravett, winner at James Madison Middle School and District 24-E. Her poster was shown in the Nov. issue.