



The Lions Pride

District 24-E

April 2010



District

87th Lions of Virginia State Convention
May 20 – 23, 2010 Roanoke, Virginia

Governor

**Donald “Don”
Rhinehart
2009 – 2010**

STATE CONVENTION UPDATE



We have a goal for the 2010 Lions of Virginia State Convention of being GREEN so we are cutting down on printing and mailing costs.

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There are some updates and information which we need to share with all of you.

We have just received information about the Lions Clubs International Guest for our 87th State Convention. The International Guest will be PID Wayne Madden who served as an International Director 1999-2000. PID Madden is from Auburn, Indiana, and is the endorsed candidate for 2nd Vice-President of Lions Clubs International election at the LCI Convention in Sydney, Australia.

All reservations which you make with Hotel Roanoke for our Convention by the deadline, will be at the new reduced price of \$115.00 for two occupants. Periodically I receive a list of all reservations made to that date and can review the reservations, room cost, and the number of occupants. Therefore, I will be able to see that the proper room rate has been applied.

Attached are the Schedule of Events and Saturday morning schools. These will also be on the Lions of Virginia web site.

Please share all of this information with the members of your clubs.

We are looking forward to seeing you and your club members at the 2010 Lions of Virginia State Convention at Hotel Roanoke in Roanoke, Virginia, May 20-23.

Most important of all is our aim to be sure that all secretaries and PDGs have received the convention packet. If you have not received the convention packet, please notify the Lions of Virginia State Secretary/Treasurer, Lion Tammie Brightwell, or me.

Yours in Lionism,

Bill Brammer, PDG, State Convention Chair

2010 MD-24 ANNUAL CONVENTION SCHEDULEThursday, May 20, 2010

2:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Pin Traders/Exhibitors
3:00 PM - 5:30 PM	Registration/Credentials
6:30 PM - 9:00 PM	O. Winston Link Museum Dinner, Entertainment

Friday, May 21, 2010

7:30 AM - 5:00 PM	Registration/Credentials
9:00 AM - 4:30 PM	Spouses/Guest Hospitality
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Pin Traders/Exhibitors
9:00 AM - 10:30 AM	District Cabinet Meetings
10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	LOVF Board Meeting
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Lions Eyeglass Recycling
12:30 PM - 2:00 PM	Pin Traders Lunch
2:00 PM - 4:30 PM	Opening General Session
4:30 PM - 7:30 PM	Dinner on your own
7:30 PM - 9:30 PM	Bland Scholarship Contest
End of Bland Contest to Midnight	Hospitality Rooms

Saturday, May 22, 2010

7:15 AM - 8:15 AM	PDG Breakfast
7:30 AM - 5:00 PM	Registration/Credentials
8:30 AM - 10:45 AM	Schools
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	LEO Training
9:00 AM - 4:30 PM	Spouse/Guest Hospitality
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM	Pin Traders/Exhibitors
11:00 AM - Noon	Memorial Service
12:15 PM - 2:00 PM	LOVF Luncheon
12:15 PM - 2:00 PM	LEO Luncheon
2:30 PM - 4:30 PM	General Session
4:30 PM - 5:30 PM	Meeting Leadership Attendees
5:45 PM - 6:30 PM	PDG Social
6:15 PM - 7:00 PM	Lions Social / Reception
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Convention Banquet
End of banquet to Midnight	Hospitality rooms

Sunday, May 23, 2010

7:00 AM - 7:30 AM	Nonsectarian Worship Service
7:30 AM - 8:30 AM	Fellowship Breakfast
8:45 AM - 10:45 AM	District Meeting
9:15 AM - 10:00 AM	Elections Committee Meeting
11:00 AM - 12:30 PM	Final General Session

CONVENTION ADJOURNMENT

12:30 PM	Joint Luncheon/Meeting of District Governors & Governors-Elect Meeting of 2009-10 Council
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2010 Convention Saturday Morning Schools

Club Presidents
Club Secretaries
Club Treasurers
Club Membership/ Retention/ Extension
Club Excellence Program
Diabetes Awareness
E-Clubhouse
Guiding Lion
HOTV-Early Childhood Detection
LCIF and the Future
Public Relations
Tail Twister
Leo Training

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2010 CONVENTION EXHIBIT SPACE

ALL LIONS CLUBS, EXHIBITORS, AND PIN TRADERS

The Lions of Virginia State Convention will be held at Hotel Roanoke. All Booths and Displays will be located in the Convention Center of the Hotel.

Spaces will be available on Thursday from 2:00 to 5:00, on Friday from 9:00 to 5:00, and Saturday from 9:00 to 4:00

Rental of a 3' x 8' table and space will be \$15.00 for Lions Clubs, Lions, Lionesses, Leos, and Pin Traders. Commercial rental will be \$120.00. Money for the space must accompany your reservation.

All tables and exhibit space must be arranged through the Lions of Virginia Booths and Displays Chair. In order for us to meet your needs, you must return the Exhibit table and space registration form before April 30th. IF YOU REQUIRE ELECTRICAL SERVICE, BE SURE TO SO DESIGNATE ON YOUR RESERVATION. PLEASE BRING YOUR EXTENSION CORD BECAUSE NONE WILL BE PROVIDED.

Please use the registration form below to send your requests and enclose your checks to the following:

Lion Kirk Sampson
275 Cambridge Court
Hardy, VA 24101
E-mail : smllakeman@gmail.com

Please reserve

for _____

the following # _____ of Exhibit tables & space,

Lions _____ Lioness _____ Leo _____ Commercial _____

Electrical Outlet Needed _____

Check payable to 2010 Lions of Virginia State Convention for _____ is enclosed.

2010 Lions of Virginia State Convention

Thursday Night Kick Off Event

6:30 p.m. at O. Winston Link Museum (tour included)

Buffet served by Adell's Catering
Entertainment by Salem Singers of Salem High School



ADELL'S CATERING STAFF

Over 20 years catering Cave Spring
Lions Club

Enjoy the Buffet dinner!!

(2 meats, 4 vegetables, 4 salads, desserts,
rolls, tea, coffee, and lemonade)

TOUR THE MUSEUM AT YOUR LEISURE



SALEM SINGERS

Relax and Enjoy the musical entertainment!!!



Join us for fun at the O. Winston Link Museum across the street from Hotel Roanoke. Hope to see you there. All of the above for just \$35.00. Sign up on the Registration Form.

ORDER ON THE REGISTRATION FORM



The official 2010 State Convention Pin

Extra Pins Pre-Convention Price \$2.50



The official State Convention Shirt

100% pre-shrunk Cotton

Price \$30.00



87th Virginia State Lions Convention

May 20 through 23, 2010

State Convention Chairperson



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2010 Virginia Lions State Convention

REGISTRATION FORM

Please fill out one form per attendee and mail to Lion Jerry Beckner

District: _____

Club: _____

Name: _____

☐ Lion ☐ Lioness ☐ Leo ☐ Guest

Nickname / Title on Name Tag: _____

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Office: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

(please put 1 for each event attending) Function

Cost/Person

Remarks

Total

☐ Registration - Includes Convention Pin

\$20.00

\$25.00 after April 30, 2010

☐ O. Winston Link Museum (Thursday)

\$35.00

☐ Pin Traders Luncheon (Friday)

\$26.00

Includes PTCV Pin

Choose Entrée

☐ Grilled Chicken Salad

☐ Turkey and Brie Sandwich

☐ LOVF Luncheon (Saturday) - Regency Room Buffet

\$27.00

Includes LOVF Pin

☐ Leo Workshop and Luncheon (Saturday)

\$15.00

Includes Convention Pin

☐ PDG Breakfast (Saturday)

\$25.00

☐ Convention Banquet

\$42.00

Choose Entrée

☐ Prime Rib

☐ Atlantic Salmon

☐ Lions Fellowship Breakfast

\$25.00

2010 Virginia Lions State Convention Shirt

\$30.00 each light blue 100% cotton

Shirt orders must be received by April 30, 2010. Indicate Size and Quantity Below

Ladies: ☐ Small ☐ Med ☐ Large ☐ X-L ☐ XX-L ☐ XXX-L ☐ XXXX-L Total _____

Mens: ☐ Small ☐ Med ☐ Large ☐ X-L ☐ XX-L ☐ XXX-L ☐ XXXX-L Total _____

Extra Convention Pins: Pre-Order: 2.50 each \$3.00 at Convention

Pins: _____ Pin Total: _____

* Special Meal Requests:

Vegetarian: ☐

Food Allergies: _____

Total Registration Enclosed:

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: 2010 Lions of Virginia State Convention

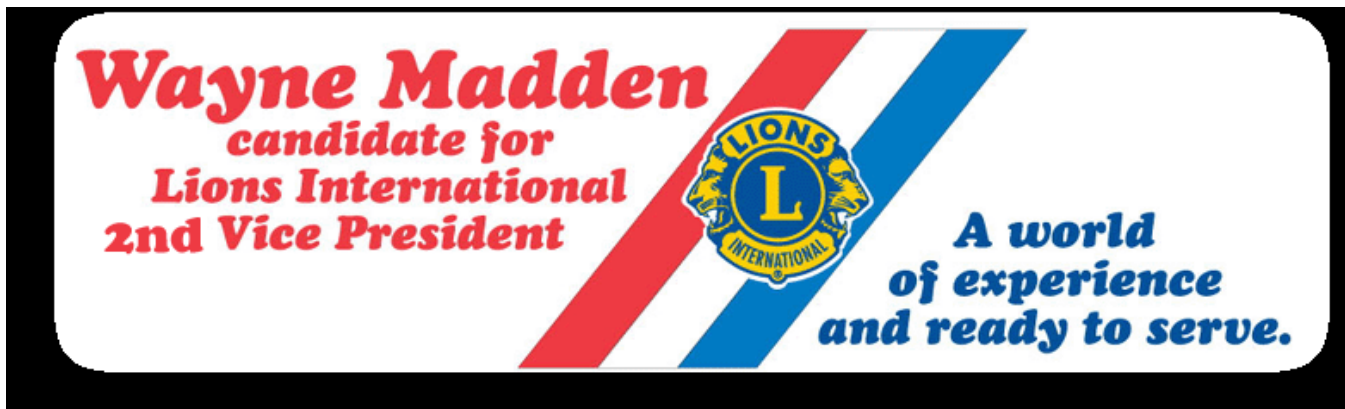
MAIL REGISTRATION FORM AND PAYMENT TO:

Lion Jerry Beckner 271 Wirtz Road Wirtz, VA 24184

Hotel Roanoke 110 Shenandoah Ave., Roanoke, VA 24016 540-985-5900 / 866-594-4722

www.hotelroanoke.com convention code: Lions of Virginia OR go to link at <http://www.virginia-24e-lions.org/>

HOTEL REGISTRATION DEADLINE APRIL 12, 2010 - Room Rate \$115.00 + Tax



PID Wayne Madden from Auburn, Indiana, will be our LCI Guest at our 2010 Lions of Virginia State Convention May 20–23 at Hotel Roanoke

WEBSITES AND SCRAPBOOKS

Do you have a club website? Why not enter your site in the 2010 Multiple District 24 Website Contest. Entry form is due to your District PR Chair by 1 May 2010.

Does your club keep a scrapbook? Why not enter your scrapbook in the 2010 Multiple District 24 Scrapbook Contest. Notification of your club's intent to submit a scrapbook at the State Convention is due to your District PR Chair by 20 April 2010.

First and Second Place Website and Scrapbook winners will receive an award during the Saturday General Session at the 2010 Lions of Virginia State Convention.

Websites are a very effective Public Relations tool you can use to announce and showcase your club service projects and fundraisers to members and the community. Your website provides a 24X7 presence. It is a great way of letting members and potential members about meeting dates and the interesting topics that will be discussed. Add some pictures of hardworking Lions having fun doing a service project and let everyone know that Lions Smile and Have Fun while helping in their community.

Scrapbooks are also a very effective Public Relations tool. Set up a special table at your fundraisers or service projects and display your scrapbook. Litter the table with left over pictures or reprints and let people sift through them. Have one or more of your Lions with the "gift of gab" near-by to speak with anyone who would like a little more information. Your Scrapbook will emphasize the important contribution each person is making by supporting your club fundraiser. You might even be able to encourage them to take the next step and become a member! Make sure you have a business card, postcard or handout that has contact and meeting information for your club -- and be sure to include your club website address!!

For more information please contact your District PR Chairperson or Lion Sharon Hart, MD24 Public Relations Chairperson at s.hart@erols.com or 540-955-6229. Forms are also available at www.lionsofvirginia.org and www.valions.org under Administrative Forms.

The District 24-E Public Relations Chairperson is Delmer Bailey at delmerpat@aol.com or 540-297-3519.

Directory Corrections:

Please correct the spelling of Lion Delmer Bailey's first name and e-mail address on pages 15 and 34.

On page 24, correct Lion Carlton Saul's phone # to 540-387-2224

On page 25, correct Lion Norma Shoemaker's e-mail to dlshoe@comcast.net

On page 67, correct Lion Rose Robinson's e-mail to rose_robinson09@comcast.net.

Regional Bland Contests

Hello Fellow Lions,

Region I and Region II have completed their Region Bland Contests. The contestants performed with great confidence and did a superb job.

The results are listed below.

Vocal Division: Region I

Zone I

Allison Booth (Forest Lions)

Zone II

Jonathan Penn (Martinsville/Henry Co. Lions)

Zone III

Louisa Britt (Williamson Rd. Lions)

Instrumental Division: Region I

Zone I

Dylan Barber (Forest Lions)

Zone II

Sage Wright (Boones Mill, Ferrum
Rocky Mt. and Sm. Mtn. Lake Lions)

Zone III

Helen Cooley (Edgewood Lions)

Vocal Division: Region II

Zone III

Andrea Leigh Beland (Floyd Lions)

Instrumental Division: Region II

Zone I

Rachel Lee Hall (Rke. Valley Breakfast Lions)

Zone III

Emilee Hong Tu (Blacksburg Host
Blacksburg Breakfast &
Christiansburg Lions)

Our District Bland Contest will be held on Sunday, April 18, 2010 at the Cave Spring United Methodist Church. Start time will be 2:00 PM. I invite all Lions, family, and friends to come and support these talented young people.

See you there!!!!

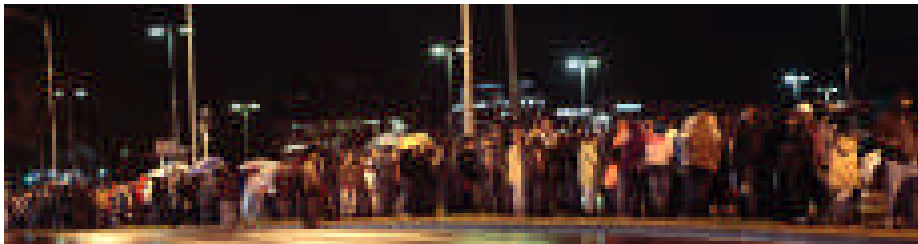
Lion JJ Johnson
District 24-E Bland Chairman

LIONS SERVE "MOM" IN ROANOKE!

The Virginia Dental Health Foundation's Mission of Mercy Project ("MOM") was held at the Roanoke Civic Center on Friday and Saturday, March 26 and 27, 2010. MOM dental clinics have been designated as part of the LAMP program for Virginia Lions. Numerous Lions throughout District 24E volunteered in areas including volunteer registration, food service, and patient registration.



Lions Cliff DeMars, PDG, Keith Spurgeon, Jerry Hardesty, Nelson Leftwich, PDG, Gloria Guice, Joan Brackin, and Mary Ann DeMars at Volunteer Registration on Saturday



Despite the cold rainy weather, people from throughout southwest and central Virginia began lining up at the Civic Center on Thursday afternoon for the 6 a.m. opening on Friday.

More than 800 volunteers, including about 200 dentists, endodontists, oral surgeons, hygienists and dental technicians, served approximately 1,100 low income Virginians without dental insurance.

As we see in these medical/dental events, there is a great need for free care for the low income public, and District 24E Lions are honored to be part of the volunteer force.

Submitted by Linda E. All, Chair
District 24E LAMP/RAM Committee



CAMP TOO SWEET

The 2010 Camp Too Sweet will take place at Camp Roanoke June 21- June 25. Cost for campers will be \$205 for day campers and \$330 for overnight campers. Without the efforts of Carilion Clinic and Camp Roanoke personnel as well as Lions volunteers and Lions Clubs contributions CTS would not be affordable or successful.

In 2009 we had 56 campers and anticipate between 60 and 65 campers for 2010.

Lions will be involved in Camp Too Sweet in many ways. We do not yet have the date for Lions Day at the Camp. As soon as I have that information, I will pass it on to all of the clubs as well as having it on District 24-E's web site and in our district newsletter, The Lions Pride. Hopefully, many of you will be able to attend Lions Day at Camp Too Sweet.

We will have Lions serving as notaries on the first morning of camp to help ensure proper documentation. Ferrum Lions Club will be provide hearing screening, Smith Mountain Lake Lions Club will provide vision screening, Moneta Lions Club will provide Lions Quest training, and Rocky Mount Lions Club will be working with the Franklin County Sheriff's Department to provide night Deputy Sheriffs for camp security.

The Executive Committee of our Lions District 24-E Charity, Inc., approved a banner patch for each Lions Club which provided donations to CTS for diabetic young people who needed financial assistance to attend the camp. The approved patch is for 2009 and as soon as they are received, they will be distributed to the Lions Clubs of our district who provided financial assistance in 2009. We will also present a different banner patch to each Lions Club which contributes in 2010.

Submitted by Lion Bill Brammer

WISE-RAM IN JULY

The Remote Area Medical (RAM) expedition at the Wise County Fairground is July 23-25. Lions who want to volunteer for this event must pre-register. The registration form is posted on the Lions of Virginia website. If you have any questions, contact me.

Submitted by Lion Linda E. All, Chair
District 24E LAMP/RAM Committee

BEDFORD HOST LIONS CLUB

Our club got 2010 off to a fast start. By the time this article goes to print or e-mail, we will have held a spaghetti dinner, hosted a Bland Contest and had a pancake breakfast and by the end of our Lion fiscal year we will have included a yard sale and a blood drive.

A successful spaghetti dinner was held on January 23rd at Main Street United Methodist Church. We served over 85 meals. Our patrons enjoyed themselves, as did the lions that participated. We look forward to continuing this event in 2011.

Our local Bland competition was held on February 21st. We had eight very gifted musicians participate. It was difficult for the judges to narrow the field, but two participants were chosen to move on to the Zone contest.

The pancake breakfast on March 20th was a huge success. We sell placemat ads as a side to this fund raiser and really out did ourselves this year. We blew away the figure we had budgeted for the sale of placement ads. Way to go Bedford Host Lions for getting out there and selling those ads!!! Our bi-annual pancake breakfasts are great events year in and year out. We love to see the smiles on the faces of our customers as they pick from one of four varieties of pancakes we offer, and watch as they lick their lips and smack their gums when they eat those light fluffy pancakes.

In early March, we had the opportunity to purchase 33 tickets for disadvantaged families in our community to attend the Harlem Ambassadors vs. Bedford Hot Shots basketball game. We even had one of our associate members and the son of two other members on our home town team! This event was sponsored by another civic group, but we were particularly supportive of this event because the proceeds were designated to go to Canines for Combat Veterans. Canines for Combat Veterans is a national organization that takes rescued or donated dogs, trains the dogs with the assistance of prisoners at 14 partnership correctional facilities, and then provides the service dogs to physically disabled or hearing impaired veterans. As an interesting side note: Canines for Combat Veteran's parent organization, National Education for Assistance Dog Services (NEADS), originally began in 1976 as the Hearing Ear Dog Program with seed money provided by the Medfield (MA) Lions Club.

Our yard sale will be held on Saturday, June 5th. We are in the process of collecting items for this sale. If anyone has anything they would be interested in donating, please contact one of us. We will be glad to pick up the item or items.

As indicated in my last article, the Olde Liberty Station restaurant was nearly destroyed by a fire in September, which meant our club was displaced from our "home" for a few months. I am happy to report that "the Station" is back in operation. The reopening took place on February 8th, and the parking lot has been packed since. We have resumed our meetings at the restaurant, and welcome any of you to join us at one of them. We meet the first and third Tuesday of every month at 6:15 pm.

Now, I've saved the best for last... You all know the state convention will be held at the Hotel Roanoke May 20-22, 2010. First Vice District Governor, Lion Bernice Leftwich and the Bedford Host Lions Club would like to invite everyone to stop by our hospitality suite to enjoy the food, fun and fellowship that will be available while visiting with lions from around District 24-E and across the state. We look forward to seeing our fellow Lions!

Lion Jen Persinger

Moneta Lions Tenth Annual Golf Outing Fund Raiser



Adam Witt (right center), Head Golf Professional at Mariners Landing, stands with Kyle Johnson (left center), Pro Shop Manager, Moneta Lions Jim Hunt (right), Past President and Del Bailey (left), Treasurer and Chair of the Tenth Annual Moneta Lions Club Golf Outing scheduled for April 26th. 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. 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 are now partnering with Bedford County Parks and Recreation Department to build a pavilion in the new Moneta Park to honor our deceased member James Agnew. The outing will help raise essential monies for things over and above our time; equipment, screening, education and providing eye exams, eyeglasses and hearing aids for the needy.

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 and ServPro - Bedford. The Major Sponsors this year include: All Seasons Marine Services - Huddleston, American National Bank - Moneta, At The Lake Boat & Mini Storage, Bob Riddick Roofing, Central Oil of Virginia - Corp., El Torito Mexican Restaurant - Moneta & Ferrum, Enirtep, Inc., Kroger - Mid Atlantic - Roanoke, LaBarbera Family Chiropractic Center - Bedford, Lyons Jewelers - Bedford, Mariners Landing Resort Communities, Mariners Landing Golf and Country Club, Mary Lou McDonald, L.L.C., M.L. Sutphin Insurance Agency, Moneta Farm & Home Center, SML Fraternal Order of the Eagles - Aerie 4344, Southside Electric Cooperative, StellarOne Bank - Moneta, Tobacco Co. #3 - 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 26th for the outing and have put together a great program."

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, 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 19th 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, Ayer's Garage, Aztec Rental Center - Westlake, Bayside Marina & Yacht Club, Bryan Sicher, DMD, PC, Call Richard Handyman Service, Carter's Heating & Cooling, Debbie Robbins State Farm, Dobson Exterminating - Lynchburg, Dom Buccola Electrical Contractor, Drift-In Sunoco, Eastlake 122 Self Storage, El Torito - Westlake, Federal Exterminating - Roanoke, Fisher Auto Parts - Moneta, Franklin Respiratory & Medical, Glenwood Fuel Oil Co., Inc., Golden Corral - Lynchburg, Haywood's Jewelers, Hodnett Construction - Huddleston, Jeff Persinger - State Farm, Lawn Ranger - Roanoke, Mary Lou McDonald L.L.C., Outdoor Lighting Perspectives, Phil Hager Insurance Agency, Print-n-Paper - Westlake, Radio Shack - Westlake, Richardson, D.D.S., Scott & Bond, Inc., Shoprite/Great Valu, SML Chiropractic Center, SML Family Practice, SML Parkway Realty - Dave Vaden, Steve Chiminello/ Long & Foster, Sweet's Heating & Air Cond., Tail Twister - Moneta, Team Coachworks, Inc., Tharp's Funeral Home & Crematory - Bedford, Trinity Ecumenical Parish, Vogel & Cromwell, Westlake Chiropractic, Westlake Massage & Spa, Westlake Veterinary Medical Center.

If you wish to be a sponsor, please call Del Bailey at 297-3519 or any other Moneta Lion.

Lion Del Bailey

PEARISBURG LIONS CLUB BUSY WINTER

January started off with our club moving its meeting place from the King Johnson Community Center to the Giles County Club. This move was supported by the Board and had a major endorsement from the entire membership. It was recognized that the new environment immediately improved morale and attendance, two things that were recognized by our Board and needed a serious jump start for the New Year.

Early February brought a hearty endorsement and encouragement from the Town Council of the Town of Pearisburg - for our first Turkey Shoot. This we hope this will turn into a great fundraiser for our club, and is being organized by Lion Conley Painter.

This spring we are raising funds for two very worthy causes: 1. sending one child (or more children) to Camp Too Sweet in June; 2. raising money to purchase a Slit Lamp for our new hospital's ER. A Slit Lamp is used for a very thorough exam of the entire eye when an eye trauma occurs. A really exciting plus to purchase of the Slit Lamp is that the three Lions Clubs in Giles County are coming together to purchase this equipment for our new hospital opening in late May.

Late February we fed 32 hungry college students from Holy Cross & Boston College in Pearisburg for their spring break doing community service. This has become an annual event for the last 4 years and has become a really great tradition. The students work on projects that need a lot of "hands-on, manual labor" and are fed by a different civic groups or church each night they are in town. Lion Lynn Hayes has become the chef for the project and we will recognize that no student has ever left hungry.

March has included a lot of planning for our Turkey Shoot and a planned visit from IPDG Lion Gene Spiess from Spartanburg, S.C. Lion Gene was in the area to continue his hike of the Appalachian Trail and had been in contact our District Governor Don for some local assistance. Unfortunately the day Lion Gene hiked it poured rain and he did not complete his hike in time to make it to the meeting. Lion Charlie Hebert gave him the guided tour of the area, helped with reservations at our local B & B run by Lion Lynn Hayes, and wished him God's Speed on his hike. It is always a pleasure to help out fellow Lions in the area who take advantage of our wealth of natural resources in Giles County.

Our Southern Hospitality is extended to any Lion at anytime.

Submitted by Lion Charlie Herbert

Roanoke Williamson Road Lions Club

The Roanoke Williamson Road Lions Club has been busy these first few months of 2010, and the Club calendar

continues to be full of activities through the spring and into the summer.

The Club held its Bland Music Scholarship Competition on February 28. We were blessed with six contestants who each gave an outstanding performance. Will Griswold, age 15, was awarded first place - instrumentalist with his rendition of Henry Mancini's "Theme from The Pink Panther" on the piano. Louisa Britt, also age 15, sang von Gluck's "O del mio dolce ardor" and was awarded first place - vocalist. Both continued their performance excellence at the Region Competition on March 21. Louisa was awarded first place vocalist for Zone 3 and will advance to the District Competition in April. The Club is very proud of both of these young people and is honored to have them represent the Roanoke Williamson Road Lions Club. Thanks to the Club members who assisted in this program on February 28: Lion Aubrey Powell, Lion Bob Wingfield, Lion Tom Atkins, and Lion J.D. Arnold, PDG. A special thanks to Nancy Wingfield who helped with the reception.



Will Griswold and Louisa Britt received their first place certificates from Lion J.D. Arnold, PDG, at the Club competition on February 28.

The Club received a request from the family of a 92 year old Williamson Road area widow to assist in the purchase of a special telephone for her as she is hearing and vision impaired. The Club purchased a phone and installed it for her. Ironically, just a couple of minutes after the phone was installed, it rang. At the conclusion of the call, Mrs. Pierce gleefully exclaimed with a big smile "She sounded like she was standing right beside me!" What a blessing it is for the Club to be able to provide something so simple that yet means so much to this dear lady.



The Club donated numerous multi-package cartons of fruit juice to the Kids Café program of the Southwestern Virginia Second Harvest Food Bank. This juice will be served to disadvantaged children in after-school programs sponsored by the Food Bank at local YMCA/YWCAs, Girls/Boys Clubs, TAP, etc.

Lions Herman Brubaker, Tom Atkins, Bob Wingfield, Janice Stephens, J.D. Arnold, PDG, Ed Stephens and Carl Whitaker, PDG with some of the donated juice boxes.

On March 26 and 27, two Club members served as volunteers for the Virginia Dental Health Foundation's Mission of Mercy Dental Clinic held at the Roanoke Civic Center for low income and non-insured area residents.

Also on Saturday, March 27, some Club members participated in the quarterly clean up of Williamson Road. Several bags of trash and debris were collected. We appreciate all the expressions of "thanks" from area residents and drivers who come by while we are picking up trash. The Club is proud to be able to assist in

keeping our community clean and environmentally safe.

The Roanoke Williamson Road Lions will hold its semi-annual White Cane Days on April 23 and 24 at the Hershberger Road K-Mart at Crossroads Mall. Club members have signed up for two full days of collections. If you're in the Hershberger Road area on these days, come by K-Mart and say hello, and make a donation.

Club members have been busy selling raffle tickets for LOVF. If only we could sell that winning ticket....

Club members will be in attendance on June 3 at the Senior Awards Assembly at William Fleming High School. At that time, we will announce this year's recipient of the Club's W. Albert Coulter Memorial Scholarship.

It's fundraising time again! The Roanoke Williamson Road Lions will have a pancake breakfast at Applebee's at Valley View Mall on Saturday morning, June 26. Proceeds earned at this event will go towards funding next year's college scholarship. Tickets will go on sale shortly. Lions Ed and Janice Stephens are heading up this fundraiser for the Club and we appreciate their good work.

The Club continues collecting eyeglasses; we have numerous collection boxes in businesses throughout the community. Lion Carl Whitaker, PDG continues his work each week at the Eyeglass Recycling Center in Roanoke. The Club is also continuing to sell brooms and mops. Several businesses allow us to display these items. Lion Bob Wingfield leads this activity for the Club and does an outstanding job.

We all enjoy being Lions and serving our neighborhood and community. We look forward to future opportunities of service.

Submitted by Lion Linda E. All

Forest Lions Club

IT'S RAFFLE TIME IN FOREST !

For the 23rd year the Forest Lions Club is in the throes of preparing for its annual \$10,000 raffle. This year, the Lions 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 Fred von Bechmann 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 7th 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.

Submitted by Lion G.F Mohrmann

Bedford Breakfast Lions Club

We missed last quarter's newsletter submission, but have been busy. Let's just start off from our Christmas social, catered by Harry Leist of The Olde Liberty Station. Fork-tender pot roast and chicken, veggies & peach cobbler. Yum!

During the holiday we were able to make things a little brighter for several families with gift certificates & canned food. One recently homeless family enjoyed "free shopping" at our December yard sale as they moved into a new domicile. Donations were also made to Bedford Domestic Services, Bedford Community Christmas Station, Make-A-Wish Foundation and Staunton River YOVASO Club. And that -- more than partying -- is what every season is all about.

Last news from 2009: Our club members were all presented with "70 for 70" appreciation pins for our club's increased contribution to the Leader Dog program. Such a worthwhile endeavor helping deaf and disabled veterans.

2010 Yard Sales!: February's was a rousing success bringing in almost \$2100 to support our ongoing charitable donations and partnerships. What a win-win situation: the community gets some really great bargains and the causes dear to our community's heart are, in turn, funded by the generosity of our donors and the purchases made. Our next Yard Sale is scheduled for April 2nd and 3rd. Unfortunately this bulletin will be published after-the-fact, but those of you who know to keep an eye on our signage announcing upcoming events will hopefully be there.

A HIGH HONOR: Our Lion Ronald "Sunny" Helms has been awarded a Lifetime Membership in the Bedford Breakfast Lions Club for his many years of outstanding service to his club. Of the 1.3 millions Lions in the world, approximately only 50,000 have attained this status. A loud round of applause to our Sonny!



Above: St. Patrick's Day Social

Left: Lion Jerry O'Brown - Leprechaun for a day

On March 17th - St. Patrick's Day - Lion members, family and friends turned out to celebrate all being Irish for an evening with a corned beef & cabbage dinner, appetizers, desserts, and in-the-spirit libations. Irish music played in the background and plenty of chatter was to be heard. Thanks to all who participated. Will this become an annual event?

On March 23rd, our Breakfast Lions Club was fortunate to have Marian Kelly -- the "Potato Lady" speak to us about national and local hunger, and what the Society of St. Andrew (SoSA) has been doing since 1983 to combat the senseless hunger of what has grown to be 36 million Americans regularly going without food. Marian is one of the founders and she presently serves as Director of the Potato and Produce Project.

A passionate lady, she uses the word "obscene" to describe the 20% of grown food wasted while over 13 million children in this country go hungry. But she speaks excitedly about the 15 to 20 million pounds of fresh food that SoSA annually receives as donations and pays to package and transport across the U.S., all without any federal, state or local government funding. The national office, located in Big Island, oversees tens of thousands of volunteers per year in the gleaning process, thus providing food at about 2 cents per serving.



The Bedford Breakfast Club has been a long-time supporter of this fine organization and Marian received a check in support of SoSA's superlative efforts from Lion President Mike Brown.

Left: Potato Lady - SoSA

Our last Turkey Shoot of the winter season will be held the first weekend in April from 5:00 p.m. to ? We never know how long these will last due to some great turnouts that have kept the shooting going 'til midnight or later. Thanks to all who made this a fantastic success -- both the unsung Lion heroes who gave up fall and winter Saturday

evenings to work the event and the wonderful shooters who had a sporting good time while supporting the Lions' efforts. Keep an eye out for the start of the next season in the fall -- hope to see both familiar and new faces!

Our Golf Tournament Fundraiser is scheduled for Friday May 28, 2010, at Ashley Plantation Golf Course on US 220 in Daleville. The cost is \$220.00 for a four-man team or \$55.00 per individual player. Format is Captain's Choice. Registration takes place 11:00A.M. thru 12:00M. Lunch will be served 12:00 noon until 1:00 pm teedoff Shot Gun Start time. Contests include Hole-in-One, Putting, and paying out cash monies to 1st, 2nd and 3rd top placers. As donations roll in (for example, free tee time), these will be awarded to additional best scorers. This event supports our funding of Liberty High School Scholarships. Hope to see you there!

We have funded three students to attend Carilion's Camp Too Sweet, a summer camp to meet the social, recreational and educational needs of children (ages 7 to 16) with Type 1 or Type 2 Diabetes. May they have the time of their lives in June!

Next on our agenda is the putting together of hygiene/care packages for some of our local senior citizens residing in nursing homes. We're also looking into the possibility of a carnival (yeah! rides and cotton candy!), organizing a litter clean-up, and helping fund the After-Prom Party at Liberty High School. Look for our next bulletin to keep you posted on our doings.

Submitted by Lion Linda Chadziewicz

Smith Mountain Lake Lions Club



The Smith Mountain Lake Lions Club recognized Lion Lowell Skelton (right) by presenting him with a Melvin Jones Fellowship on February 25. Melvin Jones was the founder of Lions Clubs International; the Melvin Jones Fellowship is an individual honor recognizing a commitment to humanitarian work, and is the highest honor a Lion can receive. SML Lions Melvin Jones Fellow Stan Smith (left) made the presentation to Skelton. Lowell is currently 2nd Vice President of the SML Lions Club, Treasurer of the 2010 Lions of Virginia State Convention, and chairman of the Tax Assistance program. He is actively involved in numerous Lions activities at the local District and State levels. In addition to his community service activities, he is a competitive marathoner.



Bland Music Contestants - Region I

Talented musicians and vocalists gathered at Ferrum College on March 21 to compete in the Bland Music Contests for the three Region I Zones. Participating in the competitions were (left to right) were Maletha Adkins (Bedford Host/Bedford Breakfast/Moneta Lions Clubs), Mary Louisa Britt (Williamson Road Lions Club), Allison Booth (front) (Forest Lions Club), Jacob Carrick (back) (Bedford Host/Bedford Breakfast/Moneta Lions Clubs), William Griswold (Williamson Road Lions Club), Katelyn Barker (front) (Edgewood Lions Club), Jonathan

Penn (back) (Martinsville-Henry County Lions Club), Evelyn Clark (Martinsville-Henry County Lions Club), Craig Sales (Boones Mill/Ferrum/Rocky Mount/SML Lions Clubs), Dylan Barber (Forest Lions Club), and Helen Cooley (Edgewood Lions Club). Not pictured was Sage Wright (Boones Mill/Ferrum/Rocky Mount/SML Lions Clubs). Wright (violin), Booth (soprano), Barber (marimba), Penn (bass), Britt (soprano), and Cooley (harp) will compete in the District competition.

Moneta Lions Club

Bedford Breakfast, Bedford Host, and the Moneta Lions Clubs, proudly sponsored the Local Lions of Virginia, Bland Music Scholarship Competition at 2 P.M. on Sunday, February 21, 2010 at the Trinity Baptist Church of Bedford. The Lions of Virginia, have established a living memorial to James A. Bland, composer of "Carry Me Back to Old Virginny." The first Bland Contest was held in 1948, with two scholarship awards of \$150 each. At the State Competition level, which will be held in conjunction with the Lions State Convention May 21st, at the Hotel Roanoke in Roanoke, Va., an estimated combined total of approximately \$15,000 will be awarded to this year's top competitors from throughout the state. The competition is open to all students in either the Voice, or Instrument category.



Pictured from left are this year's local contestants, Anna Elizabeth Gibson, Alex John Strum, William Joseph Sperraza, Rachel Ann Haldren, Jacob Carrick, Anne-Marie Hancock, Rusty Tyler Adkins, Meletha Jordin Adkins. This year's Musical Judges, Rose Hager, Johnson Scott, and Robin Zimmerman independently recorded scores in many areas, and took notes during each contestant's performance. Following the

competition, and final tabulation, it was announced that Pianist Jacob Carrick, and Vocalist Meletha Jordin Adkins would advance to the next level, Regional Competition, held March 21st, at 2:30 P.M., in Grousbeck Hall, Ferrum College, Ferrum, Va.

Members of the Moneta Lions Club recently donated a Utility Trailer to Lake Christian Ministries (LCM). The full sized, high sided trailer, with a full fold down tail gate, will allow for safer pickup, transport, and delivery of larger household items. LCM assists residents of the Moneta area not only with food and clothing during bad economic times, but also recycles many larger household items such as furniture and appliances. For more information about the services available through Lake Christian Ministries, to make a donation or arrange for pickup of larger items, visit the center located at 13157 S. Old Moneta Road, or call 540-297-3214, Monday,

Wednesday, Friday between 9 AM and 12 Noon. On



behalf of the Moneta Lions Club, and all who support the Club, Lion Rob Senoski, left, presented the trailer title to LCM Director Jim Cameron, with Lions Sarah Hunt, and Gloria Guice sharing the occasion and offering the club's continued support to the ministry and the community.



The Moneta Lions Club Members received a briefing on water fowl hunting and guide services from Mr. Clyde Rodgers at their regularly scheduled meeting Thursday March 18th held at the Resurrection Catholic Church in Moneta. Mr. Rodgers, an avid local "fowl hunter" has been assisting his son with setting up a guide service in the state of Missouri over the past two years, and is a member of several hunting organizations, conservation groups, also the NRA. During his presentation he spoke of the many rules, regulations, licensing fees, also the many other expenses of becoming a successful guide, stating that at times he sets out as many as 1,300 decoys to attract migrating birds. Following his presentation, Mr. Rodgers, who has been active with the Moneta Lions Club for the past several months, joined the ranks of the Lions Clubs

International Foundation (LCIF), and will now be addressed as Lion Clyde Rodgers by his peers. Past Club President and current Secretary Lion Pat Bailey administered the oath of induction, after Lion Jim Hunt presented a brief Club History, and Lion Rob Senoski spoke on the history of the LCIF. Pictured right, Lion Rodgers receives his official Lions Pin from his sponsor, Lion Robin Lambert.



On Thursday morning, March 11th, members of the Moneta Lions Club assembled at the Village Square Shopping Center, under a threatening stormy sky, to perform their quarterly road clean up project along Hendricks Store Road, from route 122 to route 654 in Moneta. This year's "Spring Cleaning" crew included Lions Del Bailey, George Just, Pat Bailey, Jim Hunt and Joan Brackin, with Lion Rob Senoski behind the camera.

Submitted by Lion Rob Senoski

Cave Spring Lions Club**LET'S PLANT TREES**

On Saturday, April 17, at 10:00 am., Lions of Cave Springs Club and guests will plant 3 'Village Green' Zelkova trees in pre-dug holes on the grounds of the Lions Eyesight Foundation of Virginia and Eyeglasses Recycling Building at 501 Elm Avenue near downtown Roanoke. Not only will this be an environmental project, but it will also help beautify the grounds of this building that so many viewers associate Lions with as they pass by on foot or vehicle. This shouldn't take long if we have a good turnout of workers. To volunteer, call or see Lion John Arbogast at 540-989-6740.



Lion President Larry Nash presents Lion "Doc" Bartley with the 55 Year Monarch Award

Captain Gordon Ewald describes "Angel Flights" at the March 11th Meeting. Needy patients are provided access to distant specialized medical evaluation, diagnosis or treatment by air transportation.

Jim Gear discusses hearing aids at the March 25th Meeting.



The Cave Spring Club will hold its annual Art Show and Sale at the Lions Club Building, April 24 from 10 am to 4 pm. Contact Lion Bob Morse at 540-989-0219, for more information or an entry form.