



# The Lions Pride

District 24-E

June, 2010



**District**

**Governor**

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

## Lions of Virginia State Convention

The Lions of Virginia (LOV) held their 87<sup>th</sup> annual State Convention, hosted by the Rocky Mount and Smith Mountain Lake Lions Clubs, May 20-23 at the Hotel Roanoke, in Roanoke Va.

Lions, Lionesses, and Leos from across the state and country were in attendance, for a busy yet fun filled weekend, which included exhibitors offering their wares, also meetings at the State and District level which included the nomination and election of officers for the new fiscal year.

Registration began Thursday afternoon followed by dinner and entertainment at the O. Winston Link Museum.

Friday morning was devoted to District Cabinet Meetings, also meetings held by the Lions of Virginia Foundation Board and the Lions Eyeglass Recycling Board. The Opening General Session of the Convention took place mid afternoon.

Friday evening was highlighted by the James A. Bland Memorial Music Scholarship Competition, which was presided over by Lion Vickie Yankis, President of the LOV Bland Music Foundation, Inc. The competition is open each year to school age youth thru the 12<sup>th</sup> grade, from throughout the state, in the instrumental, and vocal categories. Approximately \$18,000 in prizes were offered this year.

The top instrumental honor was awarded to Violinist Annika Brynn Jenkins, age 15, a 10<sup>th</sup> grade student at Laurel Springs Academy for her rendition of "Concerto in A Minor, Op. 37 by Henri Vieuxtemps."

This year's top Vocalist was Caroline Scruggs, Soprano, age 18, a 12<sup>th</sup> grade student at Washington Academy, who sang "Una Donna a Quindici Anni by W. A. Mozart".

Saturday morning was devoted to education, with various classes and seminars being offered to all in attendance, for their personal enrichment, as well as their club, and community. Social gatherings were abundant throughout the afternoon, followed by the Convention Banquet Saturday evening.

Lion Wayne E. Davis, Virginia's Immediate Past International Director, introduced Past International Director (PID) Lion Wayne Madden from Auburn, Indiana, who presented the Convention Address. PID Madden referred to Lions, Lionesses, and Leos as everyday heroes for all the services that are provided, in the local community, state, nation and the world,

## District 24-E Officers

**Donald "Don" Rhinehart, DG**  
**Bernice Leftwich**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor**  
**Dallas Scott**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor**  
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**Cabinet Sec/Treas.**  
**Tammie Brightwell**  
**State Sec/Treas.**

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**Reg II Zone II Chair**  
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**Reg II Zone III Chair**

regardless of the situation. It may be just helping your neighbor with yard work, or responding to disasters such as "911", a Tsunami, an earthquake, etc. Lions, numbering more than 1.3 million world wide, with 45,000 plus clubs, in over 200 countries, are always at the ready to assist both physically and financially and are often among the "first responders." Lions live by and express their motto "WE SERVE" each and every day.



Pictured (left to right) are Lion Ralph Long (SML Lions 1st Vice President), Lion Lowell Skelton (Convention Treasurer and SML Lions 2nd Vice President), Lion Win Tennes (SML Lions Membership Chair), Nancy Tennes, Lion Jim Miller (Convention Co-Chair), Beatrice Iceman, Lion Larry Iceman (SML Lions President), Lion Lorrie Witcher (SML Lions Tail Twister), and Lion Doug Overman (SML Lions Eyeglass Recycling Chair).



Pictured (left to right) Lion Joyce Gordon (Rocky Mount Lions Secretary and Convention Hospitality Room Chair), Lion Kirk Sampson (Convention Exhibit Hall Chair and District Leader Dog Chair), Margaret Hager, and Lion Phil Hager (SML Lions Program Chair).



Over 30 members of the two Lions Clubs volunteered during the Convention to register attendees, direct attendees to events, plan meetings, and offer Franklin County hospitality to all. Pictured (left to right) are Lions Tom Merriman (SML), Jerry Beckner (Rocky Mount), Lowell Skelton (SML), Larry Iceman (SML), Kirk Sampson (SML), and Ralph Long (SML). Past District Governor Bill Brammer (Rocky Mount) was General Chairman of the Convention."





Lions of Virginia Multiple District 24 James A Bland Music Scholarship Competition...

1st place Instrumentalist Annika Brynn Jenkins, Lion Ginny Rauca, 1st place Vocalist Caroline Scruggs, District Governor Gary Rapier

Moneta Lions Club Members attending the Lions of Virginia State Convention:

Lions Lynne Philbin, Joan Brackin, Rob Senoski, Elizabeth Binnings, and Gloria Guice, also attending but not pictured were Lions Pat Maddox, Farris Maddox, and Jerry Over



Lions State Convention Guest of Honor, Past International Director, Wayne A. Madden

Text and photos of convention submitted by Lions Jim Miller and Robert Senoski

**Message from District Governor Elect Bernice**

I just want to say thanks to every Lion that placed their trust in me as their District Governor for next year. What an honor you have bestowed on me. I will do all that I can do to make our District the best in the state of Virginia. One of my goals for our District will be to work on retention and attract new members. Another goal will be to encourage Lions to take on leadership responsibilities. We need to encourage Lions to participate in local training programs. I believe that Public Relations need to be an important part of our clubs. The more the public sees of our works the more they will want to be a part of our organization. We need to reach younger members and put them to work. I believe that communication from the District Governor down to the individual club member is vital to having a District that will grow and do the work that we need to do to reach our goals for membership, leadership and retention. I want you to know that our Vice District Governors, Lion Dallas and Lion J.J. and I will be working together for the good of our District. I know that we will have a great year!

Roar to Soar  
VGE  
Bernice Leftwich

**Second VDG Report**

Can you believe the Lions year is almost over? This has been a great year for District 24-E. We are on the road to recovery with membership. We have made significant contributions to the Special Needs Equipment Program. We had a great James A. Bland Memorial Music Scholarship program. Many service projects have been accomplished from Children eye screening, hearing screening, Camp Too Sweet, eye glasses recycling, eye exams, community clean up projects, and peace posters. We have also done some awesome fund raising to finance these projects. FUNd raising in Lions includes free will giving, pancake breakfasts, Christmas tree sales, apple butter sales, broom sales, Lions of Virginia Foundation Raffle ticket sales, \$10,000 Raffles, Virginia Tech parking, concession sales, turkey shoots, ringing the bell for the Salvation Army and White Cane.



All of these have been accomplished in District 24-E and More has been done that I have not mentioned. Public Relations is alive and well in 24-E. I see the Lions in the newspaper, magazines and newsletters all the time. Keep up the good work!

I look forward to the challenges next year. I thank you for giving me the opportunity to SERVE with you. I humbly ask your forgiveness for anywhere I have failed you this last year and ask for your help to make 2010-2011 a better year for us all. Yours in Lions,

Lion Dallas Scott, Second VDG, District 24-E, 2009-2010

**2010 Camp Too Sweet's logo is "GO FOR THE GOLD".**

This year's Camp Too Sweet sponsored by Carilion Clinic and the Lions of 24-E for children from age 7 through 16 with diabetes. This is a four night and a four and one-half day camp. is from June 21-25, 2010. There are 60 applications which have been accepted and there is a waiting list. Some parents can pay the full cost of the camp, but right now we have 44 full-week campers who need financial assistance. The cost of the full week camp is \$330.00 and the cost for day campers only is \$205.00. All of the requests for assistance are full week campers. Please send any contributions for Camp Too Sweet to  
Lion John T. Johnson, Jr., District 24-E Secretary/Treasurer  
P.O. Box 13051  
Roanoke, Virginia 24030-3051

Lions Day at the camp will be on Wednesday, June 23. This is the day when hearing and vision screenings will be done along with Lions Quest training. Lions are invited to attend lunch at the camp. The cost for lunch will be \$8.00. Please plan to arrive by 11:30 with your Lions Pin and ID. No cameras are allowed. If any of you want to tour the sleeping area of the camp, we will have someone from Camp Roanoke or Carilion Clinic accompany you.

Please let PDG Bill Brammer ([lionbill@jetbroadband.com](mailto:lionbill@jetbroadband.com)) know how many will be attending lunch from your Lions Club by June 21st.

The brochure for Camp Too Sweet and directions to Camp Roanoke are available on our District 24-E web site ([www.virginia-24e-lions.org](http://www.virginia-24e-lions.org)).

**WISE-RAM IN JULY**

Reminder that the Remote Area Medical (RAM) expedition at the Wise County Fairground is July 23-25, 2010. I have just learned that this year, Wise-RAM has its own volunteer registration form. That form is included in this newsletter. Lions who want to volunteer for this event in Wise must fill out this form and return it to the person noted at the bottom of the form for Non-Clinical General Volunteers. Please write on the registration form that you are volunteering as a member of the Lions Clubs.

Be aware that this registration form is for medical (clinical) and non-medical volunteers - be sure to note the non-medical activity for which you want to volunteer. Please remember to notify Lion Cliff Demars if you plan to attend the Wise-RAM event so he can have your volunteer badge prepared when you check in.

Also included in this newsletter is a listing of lodging facilities in the Wise area. All motels continue to be booked up. The motels are keeping waiting lists in the event of cancellations, so you may call and have your name put on a list. Alternately, you may reserve a dorm room at the UVA-Wise campus. Contact information for that reservation is noted on the attached listing.

Club Presidents - please share this information with your members who plan to volunteer this year at Wise.

If you have any questions regarding the Wise-RAM event, or have any difficulty registering, please let me know.

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

**REMOTE AREA MEDICAL**  
**Wise RAM Volunteer Registration Form**  
Registration Deadline: July 1, 2010  
(Registrations may not be accepted after this date)

Date(s): July 23-25, 2010 Location: Wise, Virginia Country: USA

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE (primary): \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

PROFESSION: \_\_\_\_\_

**JOB ASSIGNMENT (CIRCLE ONE):**

**Medical:** MD DO FNP PA **Triage:** RN LPN EMT **Pharmacy:** Pharmacist Certified Pharmacy Tech

**Vision:** Ophthalmologist Optician Optometrist Optical Tech Support OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_

**Dental:** Dentist Dental Hygienist Dental Assistant Dental Support OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_

**Patient Registration** **Volunteer Registration** **Patient Escort** **Security** **Grounds** **Parking** **Other:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATES/SHIFTS FOR WHICH YOU ARE VOLUNTEERING (Preference is given to volunteers who can work all day) Circle all that apply:**

Friday, July 23: 6am – 12 noon 12 noon – 6pm Saturday, July 24: 6am – 12 noon 12 noon – 6pm Sunday, July 25: 6am – 12 noon

Volunteers are needed many days prior to RAM to mow, weed-eat, spruce up the Fairgrounds, and set-up for the event. Volunteers to assist with parking are needed early each morning of the event. Security personnel are needed throughout the event. General Volunteers are needed Thursday afternoon, Sunday afternoon, and Monday following RAM as well. Volunteers are needed for patient registration at the Wise County Health Department on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday during RAM, as well as during the following week to help with patient counts, verifying records, etc. If you are interested in any of the duties mentioned above, please indicate dates, times, and duties for which you are volunteering in the space below:

**Compliance Statement**

I hereby attest that my license/certificate is not restricted, suspended or revoked nor is any such action pending, pursuant to disciplinary proceedings in any jurisdiction. **A COPY OF MY CURRENT STATE LICENSE OR CERTIFICATE AND DEA# (where applicable) IS ATTACHED HERETO.** If functioning as a Nurse Practitioner or Physician's Assistant at RAM, the supervising physician of record must also be present.

**Confidentiality Statement**

I understand that while I am participating as a registered volunteer at the Remote Area Medical Clinic, it is mandatory that I maintain complete privacy and confidentiality of all patients. This pertains to all present and future digital, written and verbal communications referring to any Remote Area Medical Clinic patient. I also understand that unless I am obtaining information strictly for patient registration, I **DO NOT ASK** a patient any questions regarding medical insurance coverage, Medicaid, or Medicare. Further I agree not to photograph or record patients while at RAM. With my signature on the line below, I acknowledge that I have read, understand, and agree to adhere to this policy of confidentiality for the Remote Area Medical Clinic.

**Release and Indemnification**

I hereby release and indemnify Remote Area Medical, a non-profit organization, and all its respective officers, directors, agents, contractors, heirs, successors and assigns, from prosecution or presentation of any claim for bodily injury or death or for property loss or damage incurred in connection with this Remote Area Medical expedition or related activities.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Printed Name**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**State(s) of Licensure(s)/Certification(s)**

Remote Area Medical is a 501(c)(3) medical relief charity located at 1834 Beech Street, Knoxville, TN 37920, 423-579-1530

**Clinical Volunteers: Medical/Licensed Health Professional Volunteers (doctors, nurses, therapists, pharmacists, etc): Please return form and copy of current license (if applicable) to:** Wendy Welch, 1 College Avenue, Wise, VA 24293 or FAX to 276-328-0295. Questions may be directed to [medvols@uvawise.edu](mailto:medvols@uvawise.edu) or Wendy Welch at (276)376-4882.

**Non-Clinical General Volunteers: Please return form to:** Stacey Ely, Mountain States Health Alliance, 32 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Bristol, TN 37620 or FAX to: 423-764-1172. Questions may be directed to [ramvolunteers@msha.com](mailto:ramvolunteers@msha.com) or Stacey Ely at (423) 764-1137 or Bo Wilkes at (423) 431-1002.



## TIPS FOR RAM VOLUNTEERS

The Remote Area Medical Health Expedition (RAM) will take place at the Wise County Fairgrounds in Wise, Virginia on July 23-25, 2009. The deadline for Volunteer Registration is July 1, 2009 (registrations may not be accepted after this date).

Questions may be directed to: The Health Wagon at (276) 835-9474, Clinical/Medical Volunteers may contact Wendy Welch at (276) 376-4882, and Non-Clinical General Volunteers may contact Stacey Ely at (423) 764-1137 or Bo Wilkes at (423) 431-1002. If you are helping with pre- RAM and post- RAM duties (set-up, clean-up, etc.), please turn in those hours at the Volunteer Registration table during the event.

We look forward to working with you!

- + Exhibitors/Vendors need to complete a separate vendor application. We reserve the right to limit the number of volunteers that accompany the exhibit due to overtaxing the event resources such as volunteer food, etc. We recommend no more than 10 people per exhibit. Prior approval to bring more than 10 needs to be approved by Mike Waddell at 276-870-2232/ Email [michael.waddell@halliburton.com](mailto:michael.waddell@halliburton.com)
- + Please note that parking inside the fairgrounds is not allowed. Loading and unloading is permitted but the vehicle must be promptly moved to the designated volunteer parking area.
- + A brief general orientation will be held at 6:00 PM on Thursday at the Wise County Fairgrounds. Smaller group orientation meetings will be held EARLY on Friday morning for each individual group (Medical, Dental, Vision, Patient Registration, Volunteer Registration, Patient Escort, etc.). All Volunteers are encouraged to attend at least one orientation meeting.
- + You will need to bring proof of your professional licensure (M.D., D.O., DDS, R.N., N.P., P.A. etc.) if applicable. This should not apply if you have already pre-registered with us.
- + Please wear your institutional I.D. badge.
- + Due to the great desire on the part of many professionals to assist and the publicity that this event has received, the number of volunteers in all categories has increased greatly, for which we are most grateful. However, please be advised that if you have not pre-registered prior to the deadline noted, we cannot guarantee that we will have space to accommodate you working in your area of expertise; your services may still be useful and will be much appreciated as a general volunteer.
- + Individuals registered as volunteers are not allowed to receive patient services until ALL patients have been seen, except in emergency situations. If you wish to receive patient services, you must register as a patient. We suggest that you do this first and volunteer after having received the patient services that you need. Dental and vision services generally are not available to volunteers registered as patients due to the large number of patients who register for these services.
- + When arriving at the RAM site, parking attendant staff will direct you to the Volunteer Parking area. Proceed to the "Volunteer" registration table to check in. A bar coding system will be used to track Volunteer hours so it is very important that you register before going "on duty". Be sure to check out at the end of each day as well. Due to limited parking spaces, carpooling to the event is strongly encouraged.
- + Bring your own diagnostic equipment (such as otoscope/ophthalmoscope, stethoscope, blood pressure cuff, etc) as they are only available in limited quantity. If you have a favorite instrument, please bring it with you. Basic supplies will be available (gloves, hand sanitizer, etc).
- + If you have prescriptive authority, please bring your own tamper-proof prescription pads. You will not be allowed to prescribe any medications if you do not.
- + All medications donated to the event are to be given over to the on-site pharmacy for dispensing to patients. No samples or other stock medication are to be kept at other locations.
- + Food and cool drinks will be provided for all volunteers.
- + Prepare for all kinds of weather. It may be cold in the morning and oftentimes it will be hot by the afternoon. Although there is shelter in many areas, rain is always a possibility so consider bringing rainwear as well. Casual attire is recommended (scrubs, shorts or jeans, tee shirts, tennis shoes).
- + Remember to bring bug deterrent and sunscreen.

RAM IS A TOBACCO-FREE EVENT! NO PETS ALLOWED (SERVICE ANIMALS ONLY).

**LODGING IN THE WISE COUNTY AREA**  
**(Listed in order of closest to the Wise County Fairgrounds)**

**\* When you make your reservations, let them know you are coming for RAM \***

**Best Western:** Wise, VA on Rt. 23 – (276) 328-3500

**Journey's Inn:** 9050 Camp Bethel Rd., Wise, VA 1-800-359-4049  
or (276) 328-6876

**Holiday Inn Express:** Downtown Norton, VA- (276) 679-6655 or 1-888-HOLIDAY

**The Inn at Norton (formerly the Holiday Inn):** Norton, VA (at the Rt. 23 and  
Rt. 58 Junction) – (276) 679-7000

**Super 8 Motel:** Norton (at the Rt. 58/Rt. 23 Junction) – (276) 679-0893

**Days Inn:** Newly remodeled (at the Rt. 58/Rt. 23 junction Norton) –  
1-800-DAYSINN or (276) 679-5340

**Carriage Hill Motel:** (on Rt. 23N, 2 miles North of Wise) – (276) 328-8071

**Comfort Inn:** 1928-B Wildcat Road (on Rt. 23 South in Big Stone Gap, VA)  
1-800-4CHOICE or (276) 523-5911

**Country Inn:** (627 Gilley Avenue, Big Stone Gap) – (276) 523-0374

**Clayburn Inn:** (9437 Orby Cantrell Hwy – Rt. 23N, Pound, VA) – (276) 796-9199

**Southern Heritage Motels (formerly the Travelers Motel):** (one in Clintwood, VA and one in Pound, VA)  
– (276) 796-5428

**Dorm Rooms at UVA-Wise:** limited availability. Contact Julie Scott at (276) 376-1000  
or email: [jba4f@uvawise.edu](mailto:jba4f@uvawise.edu)

**Note:** If you choose to stay in Abingdon, VA or Kingsport, TN, plan for a 1 ½ hour commute to the Wise County Fairgrounds.



### RESULTS OF THE ROANOKE MISSION OF MERCY PROJECT 2010

The final numbers are in for the MOM project held at the Roanoke Civic Center on March 26 and 27, 2010. Free dental, health screenings, and pharmacy services were provided to 1,029 adults during those two days, with 1,125 "patient visits" for a value of \$1,101,360.00 in free services provided to the public. Residents from 37 localities were served; 42.6% of the adults seen were residents of Roanoke City. The project organizers estimate that by 7 a.m. each day, despite the cold rainy weather, they had turned away as many people as they saw during this event. The demand for these services by the low income/uninsured public is overwhelming, and is increasing.

A total of 2,616 teeth were pulled during this event. Adults age 40-49 composed almost 31% of the people who had teeth pulled.



282 non-medical volunteers assisted with this project, many of whom were Lions. Overall, the total hours worked by all volunteers on these two days was 9,304.

Plans are underway for the Roanoke Mission of Mercy Project 2011. A date for a Spring event and location are currently being determined.

If your Lions Club would like to make a monetary donation to the Roanoke MOM Project, please make checks payable to Virginia Dental Health Foundation/Roanoke MOM, and mail the checks to Karl Vandegriff, Roanoke MOM Finance Officer, 500 Waverly Lane, Moneta, VA 24121. The Virginia Dental Health Foundation is a 501(c) 3 organization and serves as the fiscal agent for all funds donated to the Roanoke Mission of Mercy Project.

Thanks to all the Lions who volunteered at the Roanoke MOM project this year.

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

### Smith Mountain Lake Lions Club

The white cane is an international symbol used by visually-impaired individuals to alert others to their presence. The Smith Mountain Lake Lions conducted a White Cane Day event at Kroger-Westlake on June 5 to raise public awareness of Lions' long-standing vision preservation projects and to solicit funds to support those projects. SML Lions pictured (left to right) are Lorrie Witcher, Bob Kosel, Ralph Long, Ray Holt, and Bill Timmins. Event chairman, Warren Chace, reported record donations from the community, and offered his appreciation for the continuing support of the Lions' efforts."



Submitted by Lion Jim Miller

### Bedford Host Lions Club

In April we had a really interesting program on the 75th Anniversary of the Blue Ridge Parkway. This was presented by Elmer Hodge, former Roanoke County Administrator, currently serving as the Virginia Chairperson, and Parkway Ranger Peter Grimes. We highly recommend this to all clubs.

The club made it's quarterly contribution to the Bedford County Department of Social Services. The Bedford Host Lions Club and the Bedford Breakfast Lions Club have a unique arrangement with the Bedford County Dept. of Social Services. Since Lions Clubs do not have an effective way to screen applicants for assistance, the two clubs entered into a joint venture with DSS several years ago whereby the clubs refer all applicants for

sight assistance to DSS who will do the screening, make the decision and refer those who qualify to Dr. Dave Gladwell, a member of the Breakfast Club, who will provide the exam and glasses. DSS also sends out decline letters to those who do not qualify. The clubs provide the funding on a quarterly basis or on a "as needed" basis if funds run short. DSS provides a monthly report showing the number who received assistance and amount spent. This is a win/win situation for both the Lions Clubs and DSS.

75th Anniversary. The Blue Ridge Parkway isn't the only thing celebrating their 75th anniversary. The Bedford Host Lions Club, chartered as the Bedford Lions Club in July 1935, will celebrate our 75th anniversary with a Charter Dinner at Liberty Station on Tuesday, July 20, 2010. Lion Mike Reynolds, a charter member, is still a Life Member of the club and is able to attend meetings occasionally. Lion PID Roy Wilson and his wife PCC Shirley, will be our speaker for the celebration. Lion Roy was our speaker for our 60th anniversary in 1995.

On May 17th, the club sponsored a successful Blood Drive. 68 donors presented with 8 deferred. 61 units were collected with 4 first time donors.

On May 25th, PCC Nelson Leftwich presented 4 \$500 scholarships to deserving seniors at Liberty High School. Two of the scholarships are presented to scholastic/athletes and honor Dr. J. G. Jantz who was a member of the Bedford Lions Club for over 30 years and served as team physician for Bedford High School and then Liberty High School. The recipients are selected by the coaching staff. The other two scholarships are new this year and are "applied for scholarships" presented to students who exhibit leadership/volunteerism characteristics during their time at Liberty High School. Liberty's principal announced that Liberty High School seniors were awarded over \$1.7 million in scholarships for the 2009/2010 year.

Members of the club participated in the State Convention at Hotel Roanoke in May with a successful hospitality room. The comment was heard from one of the visitors that we had the best food of all the hospitality rooms. 1st Vice District Governor Lion Bernice Leftwich was elected to the office of District Governor Elect on Sunday morning. She and first spouse Nelson will be attending the International Convention in Sydney, Australia. Lion Bernice will be installed as District Governor on July 2nd at the convention and Lion Nelson will become an official HOG (Husband Of Governor) at that time. Look for those HOG pins, which will probably become a collectors item in the future.

Lion PCC Cliff DeMars will install the officers for 2010/2011 at our June 15th meeting.

**WATCH WHERE YOU STEP!!!** It's that time of year again. The Bedford Host Lions Club began selling **Cow Patty Bingo** tickets at the state convention and will continue to sell until all 150 tickets are sold or we sell enough for two droppings. The dropping(s) will occur on Saturday, October 2, 2010. Tickets are available from any member of the club and PCC Nelson always has tickets in his pocket.

Lion Jen Persinger had a project at work and could not submit the report this month. Hurry back Lion Jen!!

Submitted by Lion PCC Nelson Leftwich

## Buchanan Lions Club

The Buchanan Club has been busy in the beginning of 2010. We are a small club of 11 members, but have a lot of fun with our events and fund-raisers.

Five members of our Club went to Eagle Rock Elementary School on February 26, 2010 to assist the Sheriff's Office in making ID cards for students. This was a lot of fun and around 100 students were processed for ID cards. (Please see picture of President Mike Burton, Lion Bill Boone, and Lion Barbara Markham.)



In May, we held a bake sale in front of the Buchanan Town Hall and netted \$200. This money will be sent to the Lions Relief Fund for Haiti and Chile.

During the 2009-2010 year, we have assisted 22 individuals with eye exams and/or glasses.

We will hold our annual auction on Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at Sam Saunders' Auction House in Buchanan. This is our major fund-raiser for the year. We are seeking donations of new or gently used items (no clothes). If anyone has a donation, we will pick up and can provide a tax receipt if needed. Call President Mike Burton at 540-254-3345 or Lion Wanda Smith at 540-254-1212 for more details.

Submitted by Lion Penny Cochran



**TROUTVILLE LIONS CLUB****CHILD IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM AT CLOVERDALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Members of the Troutville Lions Club, in cooperation with the Botetourt County Sheriff's Department, conducted a child ID program at Cloverdale Elementary School on April 20th. The Child ID program involves placing a photograph of the student along with right and left hand finger prints on a printed form provided by the Sheriff's Office. The form is then taken home by the student for safe keeping by the parent. A total of 175 students from Kindergarten through Third Grade participated in the program during the first morning session. The Fourth and Fifth Grade students will complete the program on May 13th.

Lieutenant Jeff Stritesky and Deputy Jacqueline Hartman from the Botetourt County Sheriff's Department took fingerprints and printed the photo ID of the students while members of the Troutville Lions Club registered the students and processed their forms. The Sheriff's Department is dedicated to prevent all crimes including child abductions.

David Marcum, Principal of Cloverdale Elementary School, coordinated the effort with teachers who brought their classes into the music room where photographs and fingerprints were taken. Bill Rader arranged and managed the project for the Troutville Lions. Troutville Lions President Ken Venable and members of the club provided the personnel to man the stations involved to include registering the students, taking photographs, and assembling the ID forms. The excellent support from the Cloverdale Elementary School staff and teachers and the cheerful attitude of the students made the entire project a success.



Ms. McDonald's Kindergarten Class shows off their new Child ID documents at Cloverdale Elementary School

Submitted by Lion Stan Diez

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**ROANOKE WILLIAMSON ROAD LIONS CLUB**

The Roanoke Williamson Road Lions Club held its semi-annual White Cane Days on April 23-24 at the Hershberger Road K-Mart. Despite the weak economy, collections over the two-day period were impressive. In addition to collecting donations, it's always interesting to interact with the public and hear their stories of how the Lions provided them with glasses when they were children, or assisted a family member in some way, and there are always those requests for Lions brooms.

The Club's Bland vocalist winner, Louisa Britt, advanced all the way to the state competition on May 21. Although she did not take first place, Louisa's performance was outstanding. As she is only 15 years old, we look forward to Louisa's participation in future Bland competitions.

Members of the Club attended the State Convention at Hotel Roanoke. Pictured is Club member Lion J.D. Arnold, PDG, at the Bland competition Friday evening.

At the William Fleming High School Senior Awards Assembly on June 3, the Club presented its W. Albert Coulter Memorial College Scholarship to Stephanie Cheridieu. Stephanie will be attending Ferrum College in the fall.



Lion Bob Wingfield, Club Scholarship Chair, announcing the recipient of the Club scholarship on June 3.

The Club is planning several activities this summer aimed at getting new members. One such activity is including the Club's new brochure in 500 gift bags to be distributed at the Star City Motor Madness rally on Williamson Road on June 19. We are hoping that through such activities, our Club will become better known in the north Roanoke City area and hopefully we will find some people who want to serve the community as Lions.

Submitted by Lion Linda E. All



## PEARISBURG LIONS CLUB



## LIONS CLUBS HELP NEW HOSPITAL PURCHASE EQUIPMENT FOR EYE CARE

Representatives from three Lions Clubs in the Giles County area presented Carilion Giles Community Hospital (CGCH) with \$3070 to go toward the purchase of a Slit Lamp for the Emergency Department. A slit lamp helps detect an injury or disorder in the eye by allowing a physician to see a magnified, three dimensional view of the eye structure.

Lions Clubs from Rich Creek, Pearisburg and Narrows collected donations through ongoing project work and were also awarded a grant from the Lions of Virginia Foundation for this

purpose. Charlie Herbert, Sight Conservation Chairman for Lions District 24-E said The Lions Club's mission to help with vision projects comes from a challenge by Helen Keller in 1925. Blind, deaf and mute from birth, Keller called on the Lions to be The Knights of the Blind, and this project falls in line with her challenge to us, he explained.

The real recipients of this donation are future CGCH patients. "Having a slit lamp in our ED allows us to have the same level of diagnostic equipment available in major emergency rooms across the country," said Don Miller, M.D. from the CGCH Emergency Department. "We are indeed very grateful for the Lions Club's generosity, and it will be our patients who will get the benefit of this outstanding technology."

The Lions Club donation of \$3070 to Carilion Giles Community Hospital went toward the purchase of a Slit Lamp (shown here in the middle). Pictured here are (holding check) Darrell Adams President of Pearisburg Lions Club and Don Miller, M.D, CGCH emergency department physician. Also on hand were (left to right) Charlie Herbert of PLC & District Sight Conservation Chairman; James Tyler, vice president and CGCH administrator; Wayne Stanley President of Narrows Lions Club; Steve Taylor of PLC; and Don Thompson President of Rich Creek Lions Club.

The PLC also had their annual elections during the visit of District Governor Don Rhinehart and 2nd VDG Dallas Scott. . The new officers of the PLC are Tom Miller-Pres, Vic Marcussen-1st VP, Billy Hobbs-2nd VP, Pat Laughlin 3rd VP, Dell Sutphin-Tres, Curtis Coulthard-Lion Tamer, James Carter-Tail Twister, Howard Canter-Sec, and Steve Gary, Steve Taylor, Conley Painter, Warren Gillespie all elected Directors. We wish them all good luck.

Our two spring fundraisers included a very successful White Cane headed up by Curtis Coulthard; and a brand new event for the PLC, the 1st Annual Turkey Shoot organized by Conley Painter. The bottom line for both projects netted the PLC over \$1000.00 the majority of which we used as our portion toward the purchase of the Slit Lamp for the new Giles Hospital.

Submitted by Lion Charlie Herbert

## Bedford Breakfast Lions Club

We've welcomed a new member -- Eva Smith -- to our club, although Eva is no stranger to us. She's the lovely wife of member Francis Smith ("Smitty" to his friends), and has been a hard-working supporter of the club for years. Welcome, Eva! That brings our current Lions year total to 5 new members including Tom Gurley, Janet Brown (wife of our current President Mike Brown), my husband Bob and myself. Welcome to us all!

We Lions worked diligently at our latest yard sale in May and were rewarded with almost \$2,000 to be redirected into the community. Kudos especially to Tom Morgan who heads the "Yard Sale Crew", to all crew participants, and to Eva for bringing us refreshing ice cream frosties!



And it looks like that money comes just in the nick of time to aid us in support of the Bedford Group Homes. At a presentation at our Lions Breakfast Club meeting in May by Paul Tesi, Facility Director of the Homes, we asked what we could do. Director Tesi advised that both scholarships and the upgrading of the Homes' backyards were their biggest needs at this time.

A number of us soon went out to view the homes and brought our findings back to the Board who unanimously voted to present to our members plans for the initial improvement of 2 of the 4 homes. We're confident that our members will joyfully vote for the proposed storage buildings for bikes and tools, reseeding of the lawn, and -- with extra help from other clubs, if possible -- planting of

shrubs and flowers (perhaps a vegetable garden?), patio furniture, a picnic table, heat pump enclosures and electric grills. Here's our "Before" photo.

For those unfamiliar with the group home: 2 are Boys' homes (6 residents max each) and 2 Girls' (the same). Also part of the facilities are Segue, a program that transitions those residents aging out, and New Hope Academy, an alternative school for those not doing well in a traditional setting. More information is available at [www.bedfordgrouphomes.com](http://www.bedfordgrouphomes.com). And we are planning to help with scholarships, too. If any Lions Club or individual would like to partner with us in this endeavor, you may contact Lion Secretary Cindy Watson at 540-586-9141 or Lion Linda Chadziewicz at 540-586-8336.

Our annual Golf Tournament was held May 28th at Ashley Plantation Golf Course. Twenty-eight teams had a rousing good time until the skies opened and poured on them, but most were able to finish. To start them off, hamburgers, hot dogs, fried balony and all the fixings were served -- which may have slowed them down a bit on the links. Thanks to all who helped, especially our





Tournament chair Roland "Sonny Helms" and to our cooks, Clarence "Hawk" Hawkins and Sam Mayhew. And much appreciation to those Lions, vendors and business people who generously provided much of the food, beverages, and many fine prizes.

On the evening of June 22nd we will be hosting our 2010-2011 officer installation meeting and supper. We are looking forward to our new slate of officers: Ricky Gardner President, Lewis Medlin 1st VP, Joe Pillow 2nd VP, and Robert Bryant 3rd VP. Secretary Cindy Watson and Treasurer Doris Foutz will be returning in their same roles which they have done so well, as will Tail Twister Tommy Harrison and Lion Tamer Tom Morgan. Outgoing president Mike Brown will be our new Membership chair. The menu will be steak, baked potato and salad at a cost of \$10 per member and \$15 per guest. If you are interested in attending, call me (Lion Linda Chadziewicz) at 540-586-8336 as soon as possible, and no later than June 17th.

Last, but not least, we look ahead to our annual Lions Barbeque to be held Saturday, Oct 2, 2010. This is a change (requested by many) from Wednesday evening to Saturday. And we are happy to announce that the catering will be done by Harry Leist of Olde Liberty Station. Barbeque chair Lion Bill Edwards is doing a bang-up job of getting this event put together. However, he's still looking for a band. Any suggestions?

That's it for this quarter. Have a roaring and safe summer. See you in the Fall!

Submitted by Lion Linda Chadziewicz

## Forest Lions Club

### LIONS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE YIELDS RESULTS



L to R: District Governor Don Rhinehart, new member Barabara Wright, new member Jim Love with sponsor Lion John Wilkins, President Lion Fred Von Bechmann, Lion Beulah Lawhorne, new member Jeff Kraber with sponsor Past International Director Richard Chafin

Last October, the Forest Lions Club like many service organizations was confronting flat or declining membership. In response the Club announced the kick-off of a fall campaign to recruit new members. With assistance from the local news media and the concerted effort of its members, the Club is happy to announce that this campaign stemmed the tide and resulted in a 17 percent increase in membership.

Joining the Forest Lions Club at its monthly meeting on April 13 were Barbara Wright, Jim Love and Jeff Kraber. Performing the induction ceremony was District Governor Don Rhinehart.

In his remarks, District Governor Rhinehart, congratulated the Club for its efforts. He elaborated on the local, national and worldwide contribution of the lions organization commenting that Lion membership growth in countries such as China and India were surpassing that of the United States. He emphasized the need to continue the focus on recruitment stating that both women and young adults played a significant role on the future of the Lions Organization.

Taking his comments to heart, Forest Lions Club President Fred von Bechmann committed the Club to continue its membership campaign with the ultimate goal of doubling the size of the club in the next 12 months. Lion Fred stated that the Lions Club's commitment to serve the needs of the local community can only accomplish things for the community proportionate to its size. The greater the size, the greater the accomplishments.

Submitted by Lion Dallas Scott

## Salem Lions Club



Salem Lions Club donates to Salem schools, DARE Program, Food Pantry, Torch Run for Special Olympics, and rescue squads.

From left (in photo): Jim Paxton, Band Director at Salem High School (SHS), Bryan Robertson, School Resource Officer (SRO) at East Salem Elementary and South Salem Elementary Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) Programs Carey Harveycutter, Vice Chair for Salem/Roanoke County Food Pantry, Don Rickman, Asst. Fire & Rescue Chief with Ft. Lewis

Rescue Squad, Bryan Jenkins, SRO at SHS (DARE), Bill Gerrol, Asst.

Principal of SHS, Marge Dillon, SRO at Andrew Lewis Middle School (ALMS), Mike Moulse, Officer with Salem Rescue Squad, Ken Cook, Officer with Salem Rescue Squad, Shaun Chelgreen, SRO at G. W. Carver Elementary (DARE), and West Salem Elementary (DARE) Tim Sutphin, Salem Police Officer sponsoring Torch Run for Special Olympics Mike Akers, Asst. Principal of ALMS, Chris Wilkes, Band Director at ALMS.

The Salem Host Lions Club presented Salem High School, Andrew Lewis Middle School, the DARE Program at each Salem School, the Salem/Roanoke County Food Pantry, the Torch Run for Special Olympics, the Fort Lewis Rescue Squad, and the Salem Rescue Squad with donations totaling approximately \$23,000.

At the end of the 2009-2010 school year, Salem Lions will award scholarships totaling over \$20,000 to deserving local high school seniors.

The Salem Lions funds for making these donations are raised as a result of their long-standing agreement with the City of Salem to provide concession services at the Salem City Stadium.

Should you have any questions, or have a problem in obtaining a copy of the photo attached to my previous Email, please let me know.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jim Arnold, Salem Host Lions Club Secretary

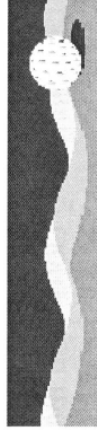
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## Auburn Hills

If you love the thrill of standing on an elevated tee box to strike a ball that sails like a bird down to the fairway, then come take on the adventures of Auburn Hills Golf Club. Here in the scenic shadows of the Blue Ridge Mountains you'll find an outstanding course, among the best golf in Southwest Virginia.

There's great variety on this course – links-style open fairways on some holes as well as tight, tree-lined paths to the green on others. As you travel along, you'll enjoy the getaway-from-it-all atmosphere and dramatic scenery. You can literally see the surrounding countryside for miles around. And there's beauty here in every season of the year – including the blazing reds and golds of autumn and the sweet green buds and blooms of spring.



The Christiansburg Lions Club has a long and rich history of providing vision care and eye glasses for individuals of our community who cannot afford the care on their own. Citizens of Christiansburg are requested to make application for assistance to any Lions Club member.

The sight conservation committee reviews the application and if qualified the applicant is given a voucher for care.

By participating in this golf tournament you are assisting us in providing this invaluable service to your fellow citizens.

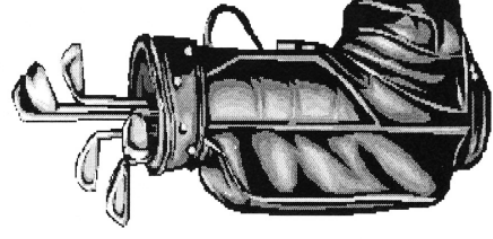
## Golf Tournament

July 20 2010

Auburn Hills

1:00 Shot Gun Start

Christiansburg Lions Club





Teams will be accepted in both men's and women's categories, prizes will be awarded for each group.

Team fee \$200.00

Name of team players

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Please make checks payable to:

Christiansburg Lions Club

Pre-payment is expected with application

Please Contact Neal Turner

Home 540-382-8437

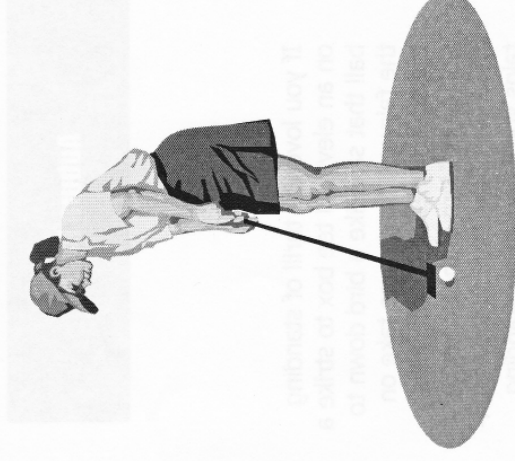
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The Christiansburg Lions Club meets the second and fourth Tuesday of every month at Ryan's in Christiansburg near the New River Valley Mall.

The Lions do much more than just glasses and vision care. We are active supporters of Diabetes prevention and education, leader dog program assisting the blind with leader dogs,

We also assist by contributing to the hearing conservation program with special attention to those in need of hearing aids.

At most meetings we have a guest speaker presenting an interesting topic.



This year we are accepting applications for all female teams. Over the last two years our ladies teams have grown to the point we felt it was necessary to add the ladies to our tournament.

Ladies will be awarded first through third places.

Please ladies, invite your friends to join you for a great afternoon of golf at the Auburn Hills Golf Course.

## Cave Spring Lions Club



Lions Bob Morse, Larry Nash, Jim Newman, John Arbogast, and Craig Camidge plant trees at Eyeglass Recycling Center. Lion Tressa Camidge also participated.



Lion Bob Morse and his family artists at Art Sale on April 24<sup>th</sup>



Lions Jim Cosby, Lynn Slonaker, Carlton Saul and Jim Bailey at Applebee's pancake breakfast fund raiser

Photos by Lion Dharam Sawh





Boones Mill President Lion Tom Webster, Apple Queen Jessica Saunders and Lion Debra Baliles at joint meeting with Cave Spring Club on May 13<sup>th</sup>



Lion Charlie Herbert (Pearisburg Lions) and Lion President Larry Nash at sight conservation program May 27<sup>th</sup>