



The Lions Pride

District 24-E

November 2011



**District
Governor**

**Dallas
Scott
2011 – 2012**

District 24-E Governor's Report

Your DG Team has been busy making the club visitations and the Fall Conferences. You have been busy with Fall FUNd raisers. The final Fall Conference will take place this weekend in 24-C. Each fall conference has been different with the Governor's identity in place. All have had very educational classes and great fellowship. There is a great group of First and Second VDG's following the current Council of Governors.

Tree planting is starting to take off in District 24-E. I am starting to see clubs report more trees have been planted. The rains and cooler weather make it easier to plant. Now we just have to remember to water them.

Lion Carl Stump (Fort Lewis Lions Club) has been busy as a beaver making a web page for each Cabinet Committee Chair. If you have not checked your page out, please do so soon and send Lion Carl any changes you desire.

If you are a James A Bland Memorial Scholarship Chair now is the time to set your club contest in February.

Lions of Virginia Foundation raffle tickets have been distributed for sale. Remember the tornadoes last year and the donation by LOVF of \$50,000. If you need more tickets, please contact Second VDG Jo Nelson.

Thanks to First VDG Nelson Leftwich for the fine effort he did in leading the JDRF Registration by District 24-E. Thanks to the District 24-E walkers (Lion Lowell Skelton, Mrs. Kathy Skelton and Lion Deborah Farthing) for raising \$500 for JDRF in the District's name.

Thanks for Global Leadership Team District 24-E Chair PDG Bill Brammer for his awesome efforts in getting seven (7) District 24-E Lions to the Regional Lions Leadership Institute this year and for having three officer training schools this year. We are better trained and better prepared for the future thanks to PDG Bill.

Would you like to serve on a standing committee for the State Convention in Chesapeake? If so, please contact me at 434-610-4314. The standing committees include: Credentials, Elections, Memorial, Nominations, Resolutions, Steering, Sargent At Arms and Minutes Approval. Please contact me if you want to serve for District 24-E at the State Convention.

I look forward to our next newsletter.

DG Dallas.

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Dallas Scott, DG

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1st Vice District Governor**

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1st Vice District Governor

It is hard to believe that 4 months of this Lions year is in the history book and 2012 is almost here. It has been a very busy time since I was elected 1VDG; going to Council of Governor meetings, Official Visits with DG Dallas and traveling to some of the clubs I have not visited in years. It is truly GREAT TO BE A LION.

One of the highlights of this Lions year was when IPDG Bernice and I had the privilege of escorting International Director Carolyn Messier and her husband PDG Normand during the 24-E Fall Conference weekend. They are a wonderful couple and we thoroughly enjoyed being with them. I think ID Carolyn paid us the ultimate compliment when she wrote us and said that she only wished we had met and gotten to know each other years ago. The feel is certainly mutual.

We started a new District project when we were asked to help with registration for the JDRF Walk in September. There were nine Lions participating, three of whom walked and raised \$500 for JDRF. This will be a recurring project for the District.

I will begin selecting my Cabinet for 2012/2013 very soon and I ask that you seriously consider serving, if asked. It will look good on your resume.

I hope that everyone has a very Merry Christmas and a successful, Happy New Year.

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Spotlight on “Spot”

Spot it early, Treat it early

Spot is a breakthrough device that quickly and easily detects vision issues across all age groups. Spot helps ensure children have an opportunity to reach their full potential.

About 80% of learning is acquired visually, yet as important as vision is, screening approaches are often inaccurate and cumbersome. Undetected vision disorders can significantly handicap a child’s potential. Spot is a better way.

Designed to work as easily with toddlers as with teenagers, Spot provides reliable data in seconds. With Spot, educators, healthcare professionals and charitable organizations can confidently assess eyesight for all ages.

What Spot Sees

Spot is powered by sophisticated technology that quickly detects the indication of the following vision issues:

- Near-sightedness (myopia)
- Far-sightedness (hyperopia)
- Unequal refractive power (anisometropia)
- Blurred vision, eye structure problem (astigmatism)
- Pupil size deviations (anisocoria)
- Eye misalignment (strabismus)

In just seconds, Spot provides a comprehensive, reliable analysis that enables informed decision making about the need for follow-up diagnosis.

Spot Design

If you can take a picture, you can use Spot. The touch-screen display intuitively guides you and automatically captures the vision data. Everything you need is contained within the device.



Cave Spring Lions receive PediaVision training from Lion Stephen Haight, Sight Conservation Chairman

The Tab Top Program

How you can help!

Pull it,

Twist it.....

Pop it!

Little things can make a big difference. Tab tops from your soda, beverage or soup is a major fund-raising effort for the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Southwest Virginia. This tiny tab can help raise thousands of dollars to support the families of seriously ill or injured children receiving medical treatment in local Roanoke Valley area hospitals.



Laney Mofield Executive Director for Ronald McDonald House Charities of Southwest Virginia escorted members of the Moneta Lions Club on a personal "House" tour recently. The club members donated sixteen "gallon size" bags of beverage pop tabs collected by it's members and friends, including the staff and residents at the Runk & Pratt Residential Adult Care Facility located at 20212 Leesville Road in Lynchburg.

The House, located at 2224 Jefferson Street in Roanoke, VA, just one of 300 Houses located in 50 countries, provides lodging and meals for up to 18 families each day, 365 days a year. Participating families are not billed for their stay at the House, but donations are requested. All monies raised through the pop tabs program goes toward the operating budget of the local Ronald

McDonald House. On average two to two and a half tons of tabs are collected annually at this site, equaling approximately six months worth of it's electric bill.

Pictured seated in the Living Room/Reception Area of the House are Lions Gloria Guice, Jim Hunt and Mary Smith, standing are Ms Laney Mofield, with Lions Rob Senoski, Pat Bailey, Sarah Hunt, Del Bailey, and Jim Smith, not pictured Lion Bob Ollweiler.

If you, your club or organization are interested in "PULLING FOR THE HOUSE", any container can be used to store tabs. When the container is full, contact the Ronald McDonald House at 540-857-0770 or send an email to rmhc@rmhouse.net for further instructions. For additional information about the "HOUSE" visit their web site at www.rmhcswva.org

NOVEMBER IS DIABETES AWARENESS MONTH

Eyeglass Recycling Center



Eyeglass Recycling Center

Helping the less fortunate to see!

The Eyeglass Recycling Center (ERC) located at the corner of Elm Avenue and 5th Street in Roanoke is the facility where the volunteers of VBLC go each month to recycle eyeglasses to be sent around the world. This is just one of the many Lions Clubs International Foundation Eyeglass Recycling Centers.

This Center serves to process, recycle and identify used eyeglasses that we have collected from containers placed in public places in and around our Vinton community, as well as in neighboring communities.

The most usable eyeglasses are those with intact frames and undamaged lenses. Lenses without frames are not used. Sunglasses can be helpful with peoples in hot climates and children's used eyeglasses are particularly needed.

Over the past years, thousands and thousands of used eyeglasses have been collected to be recycled. Each pair is visually inspected, usable pairs are then cleaned, the prescription read by special equipment, categorized (there are 49 categories by gender and prescription), packaged in plastic, labeled, sorted, boxed and put into inventory.

VBLC is not the only club that volunteers to recycle eyeglasses. Other local Lions Clubs members also volunteer their time to recycle the eyeglasses at the ERC.

At any given time the ERC available inventory is usually in the thousands of pairs of eyeglasses. These are provided without a cost to sponsors of the Vision Mission

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projects to developing countries. The need is great. There are millions of people in the world today who need eyeglasses to see clearly.

Globally, one child in four cannot see well enough to learn to read without glasses. By age 40, over 90% of adults experience a decrease in the ability to read print and need eyeglasses.

Many developing countries lack the resources to manufacture quality lenses. The cost of imported eyeglasses is far beyond the means of the average citizen. Millions will fail to reach their economic, educational, and social potential without access to vision assistance. People in developing countries have been known to walk miles and miles to get their free eyeglasses.

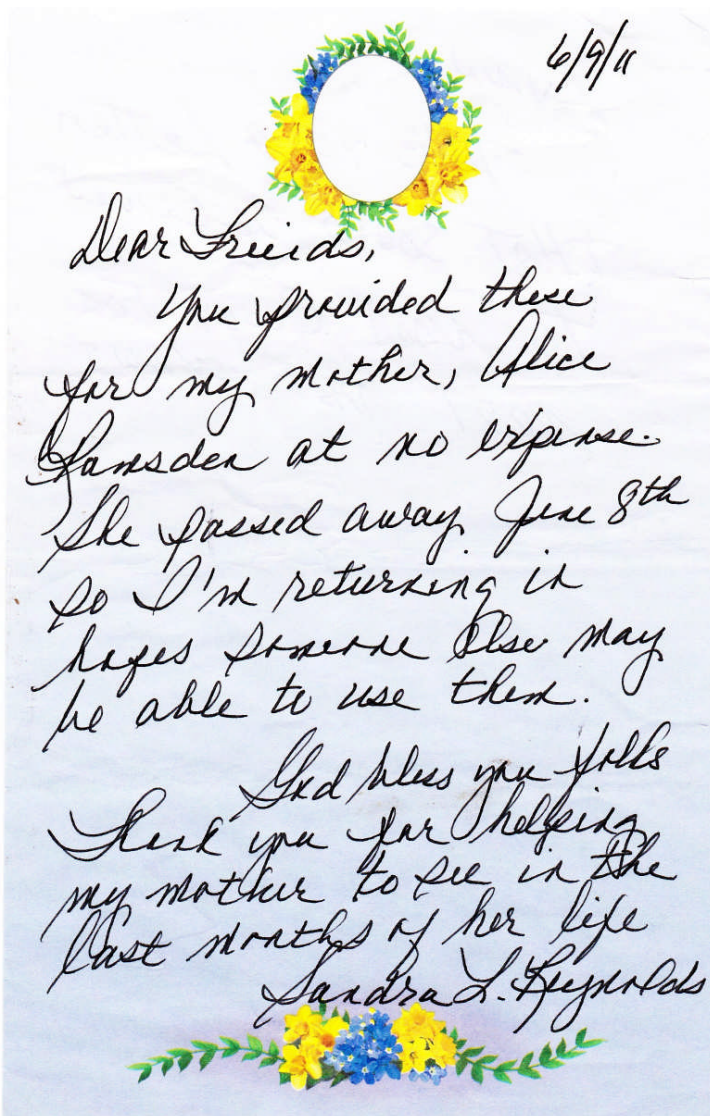
This is why it is so important for our club to continue to recycle eyeglasses at the ERC. We need more volunteers to join in this most important project that we undertake each and every month.



So saddle up, and ride on down to ERC and volunteer the next time we have a work project. If you haven't volunteered, you will never know how good it feels to accomplish such a very good and important deed as recycling these eyeglasses to be used by the needy vision impaired individuals around the world.

**BE A VOLUNTEER FOR OUR
NEXT RECYCLING PROJECT!**





Cave Spring Lions Lynn Slonaker (above), Dharam Sawh and Doug Law (below) work at the Eyeglass Recycling Center.



Lion Doug Overman (left), Eye Glass Recycling Chair for the Smith Mountain Lake Lions Club, presents a check to Past District Governor J.D. Arnold, Board Member of Virginia Lions Eye Glass Recycling, Inc. Also, in the picture are Merle Hash, Manager of The Eye Glass Recycling Center, and Lowell Skelton (right), President of the Smith Mountain Lake Lions Club. This presentation was made at the Virginia Lions Eye Glass Recycling Center in Roanoke. The contribution will be used by the Recycling Center to re-calibrate and maintain their digital readout lensometers that are used to determine the prescription of the glasses. On the day of the

presentation, October 20, 2011, the SML Lions Club established a new club record by processing a total of 1386 pairs of eyeglasses in their four hour shift.

Region 1 Meeting



Members of Lions of Virginia, District 24 E, Region 1, met at Liberty Station Restaurant in Bedford October 5th to discuss recent past, current, and immediate future activities within the Region which is divided into three Zones, with a total of sixteen clubs.

Pictured is the newly created "DALLAS SANDWICH", consisting of 2nd Vice District Governor Lion Jo "NELSON", a healthy serving of Governor Lion "DALLAS" Scott, and 1st Vice District Governor Lion "NELSON" Leftwich.

The master of ceremonies for the evening was 1st VDG Nelson Leftwich, who introduced the evening's guest speaker, Mr.

William Powers. Mr. Powers discussed and invited the Lions to engage in a joint project with the Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs called "Dr. Suess on the Loose", a program where club members enter local schools to read to the students.

Zone Chairpersons Lions Fred von Bechmann, Kirk Sampson, and Linda All reported on major activities within their areas, followed by brief reports from all club presidents, and several Cabinet Members.

Submitted by Lion Rob Senoski

Buchanan Lions Club

The Buchanan Club has been busy with fund-raiser recently. We had our largest fund-raiser on September 16th with our 9th annual auction. This was a great success and fun for all with many great bargains. Here is a picture of Lion Floyd Markham waiting anxiously to bid!

The club set up a booth at Buchanan's annual Mountain Magic on October 1st. We sold brooms, water, boxed greeting cards, and nuts.



Zone Chair Lion Linda All from the Roanoke Williamson Road Club; spoke at our meeting on October 27th. She provided good information on the RAM and MOM projects along with an update on International President Tam's challenge to Plant a Tree.

The club is planning to do a White Cane drive November 4th and November 11th.

We are looking forward to District Governor, Dallas Scott coming to our club on November 10th and to our Christmas get-together in December.

Submitted by Lion Penny Cochran

Rich Creek - Giles Breakfast Branch Lions Club

Rich Creek-Giles Breakfast Branch Lions continue a busy schedule of community outreach projects. October 8 saw club members manning an information booth at the Pembroke Heritage Festival. Several good contacts were made and hopefully one or two new members may be added to the Breakfast Club from that contact.

Below: Lions Al Katz and Charlie Herbert chatting with member applicant Chris Calfee of BB&T bank at "Reality Store" while participants wait in line to buy or rent housing.



October 20 proved to be an extremely busy day for the RC-Giles Breakfast Branch Lions. After the regular, monthly breakfast meeting, with one prospective new member in attendance, members re-grouped at the Pearisburg Community Center to assist with "Reality Store". "Reality Store" brings all the 9th and 12th grade students from Giles County to the gym at the community center. As they enter, each student pulls one slip of paper from each of two bowls. One tells them how much education they've achieved for the purposes of this exercise, what their occupation is and what their annual and monthly salaries will be based on those criteria. The next slip tells them how many children they have and will need to support on this single salary. They then proceed to Uncle Sam who makes his deductions. Next is the bank to set up accounts. From this point each student is required to purchase a car, purchase or rent a place to live, purchase insurance for each of these. They then proceed to buy groceries, visit doctors and dentists, pay utilities, secure childcare, etc. All those things that they will be facing when they leave school at whatever level and enter the "real" world. They also will have to pull a slip that will indicate what type of unexpected expense they will have to pay. At the end of the exercise the students are divided into two groups - those who have overdrawn their accounts and those who still have money in theirs. They're divided again when those in the group in the black are asked which ones had to take a second job to do so. Those students join the group who are in the red. Very few of the students made it all the way through with money left. RC-Giles Breakfast Branch Club manned the Donations Store. Several students thought they would receive extra money here. Quite a surprise when they had to make the donation instead of receiving money. Members also manned the cafeteria making sure snacks and drinks were kept available for all the "storekeepers". At the end of the exercise several students commented that they now understood why their teachers encouraged them to stay in school and to continue on to college. The event is directed by Tonya Vaden the Giles County Schools Career Counselor. The event is in its 5th year and marked the first time that those now in 12th grade were attending "Reality Store" for the second time.



Front row seated: Lions Betty Herbert and Edna Malone (RC-GBBLC); Back row Left -right: Al Kazt (RC-GBBLC), Buddy Shaver (PLC) Bill Anderson and Charlie Herbert (RC-GBBLC) Robert Allen Givens, Dell Sutphin, Tom Miller and Pete Imhof (PLC). Right: Lions Edna Malone and Al Katz work with Eastern Elementary/Middle School student at eye screening

Next on the plate for RC-Giles Breakfast Branch Lions was eye screening day at Eastern Elementary Middle School on November 1. This marked the group's first eye screening in the schools. Several members of the Pearisburg Lions joined in to assist with the screening. Children from 3rd and 7th grades were screened. The Pearisburg Club also screened Macy McClaugherty Elementary Middle School and Giles High School students during the same week. Submitted by Lion Betty Herbert

Troutville Lions Club – Making Apple Butter



Start filling the jars



Electric stirrer being pressure-washed



The Old-fashioned Way



Half-full



Our constant companion

Submitted by Lion Stan Diez

Stewartsville-Chamblissburg Lions Club

The Stewartsville – Chamblissburg Lions Club has changed its meeting time to 5:30 P.M. and will continue to meet on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month.

Submitted by Lion Bill Massart

Smith Mountain Lake



Ken Hurt (center) was inducted as the newest member of the SML Lions Club by District 24-E Governor Dallas T. Scott (left) during his annual visit on October 13, 2011. Lion Tom Scott (right) sponsored new Lion Hurt.

In September 2011, the SML Lions Club once again hosted the attendees of the Multiple Sclerosis Society Respite Camp at the 4-H Center, to cruise on the Lake. The three day camp is conducted by the Blue Ridge Chapter of the MS Society. Nearly 130 people, including those afflicted with MS and their families, participated in the event.



To accommodate that large group, the SML Lions Club put together a volunteer "flotilla" of 19 boats captained either by Lions members or friends of Lions. Most of the boats were pontoon or deck boats to facilitate the movement of those attendees in wheelchairs or scooters. Each "cruise" lasted an hour and the route followed was at the discretion of the captain. Many of the participants say that this event is the highlight of their year. SML Lions participants included Bill Telford, Bill Timmins, John Carlson, Ralph Long (pictured), Tom Scott, Larry Iceman, Steve Dorr, Ron Holasek, Lowell Skelton, Win Tennies, and Don Jacob. This kind of effort demonstrates, once again, the spirit of giving of Lions in helping their fellow man.

SML Lions and students from Ferrum collected food the last week of October to help stock the shelves of Lake Christian Miniseries(LCM). The students at Ferrum college have participated in this project for ten years and the SML Lions were delighted to support them. The food was delivered to LCM on Friday, October 28, 2011.

Jerry McNulty, Food Representative for LCM (2nd from left), estimated that 1,500 pounds of food was collected. Lion Tom Sanders (far right) was the SML Lions coordinator. SML Lions Tom Scott, Ron Holasek, Tom Hofelich, Preston Michael, Kirk Sampson, Dennis Payne, Gary Slusher, and Ralph Long served as neighborhood coordinators.



Submitted by Lion Cindy Decker

Moneta Lions Club

The 21st annual Antique/Classic Boat Show and Festival was held September 17th at Mariners Landing Resort on Smith Mountain Lake VA. It was a busy, fun filled day, from an early morning launch, on through the Boat Show Awards Dinner in the evening, with many vendors and sponsors offering their wares and support. Members of the Moneta Lions Club were among those present offering a "rest tent" to allow weary visitors shaded seating, free water, also distributing Lions informational pamphlets, selling brooms made by the visually impaired in Greensboro NC, and Lions of Virginia Foundation raffle tickets. Pictured are just several of the many Lions participating: Lions Del Bailey, Bart Matthies, Chuck Dideon, Elizabeth Binnings, George Just, Rob Senoski, and Jerry Over.



Moneta Lions Jerry Over and Chuck Dideon recently spent a sunny afternoon inserting new tree stakes to support the 24 trees recently planted by club members along the roadway leading to the Lion Jim Agnew Memorial Pavilion at the Moneta Park on Rucker Road. The tree planting was a combined effort of the Bedford County Parks and Recreation Department, Epworth United Methodist Church Boy Scout Troop # 130, and members of the Moneta Lions. Many of the club members purchased trees out of pocket as living memorials to family members and friends. The tree planting was just one of several recent "GREEN" projects involving the local Lions.

Lions District 24- E Governor Lion Dallas Scott sports his new "collectors" lapel pin presented by Moneta Lions President Gloria Guice. The pin is the first ever designed by and minted for the club, features a Lion identifying the district and club, flying a kite bearing the Lions International logo and fiscal year. The lapel pin will be symbolic of the club's first "Kite Flying Contest", to be held early spring at the Moneta Park on Rucker Road in Moneta





Lions of Virginia District 24-E Leader Dog Chairperson, Lion Ralph Long, receives a club pin from Lion Gloria Guice, President of the Moneta Lions Club, during his recent visit to update the club members on the Leader Dog Program.

To this day, the mission of the Lions, "WE SERVE", perfectly complements the Leader Dog mission of enhancing the lives of people who are Severely Visually Impaired, Blind, of Deaf-Blind. Lion Long emphasized the various programs that are offered at the Rochester Hills, Michigan campus, where recipient students live during their training. All programs are offered free-of-charge to qualifying recipients with Leader Dog paying for travel expenses within North America including room and board.

School Nurses at Body Camp, Huddleston, and Moneta Elementary, also Stauton River Middle and High Schools are breathing a sigh of relief after completing the yearly mandated "health screening" of their students. Several members of the Moneta Lions Club, who have been trained by Prevent Blindness America and hold the title of Certified Children's Vision Screener, assisted the nurses and other club members with the task by performing "vision screening" of nearly 1,250 students. Participating in this year's task were Lions Bob Ollweiler, Pat and Del Bailey, Gloria Guice, Jim Smith, and Rob Senoski. Not pictured were Lions Bart and Corrine Matthies, Lynne Philbin, Jerry Over, Chuck Dideon, and Tim Haer.



The Annual Chili Festival was held Saturday November 5th at the Bridgewater Plaza, with some 20 contenders offering samples of their recipes, hoping to gain the patrons vote for the Best Chili at the event. Also on hand were approximately 30 craft, business and civic booths offering their wares, the Moneta Lions Club being one of them.

The Moneta Lions offered pamphlets on the Lion Clubs International, Leader Dog Program, Organ Donor/Save Seven Lives, Domestic Violence, Diabetes Awareness, and more. Among the many visitors at the Lions booth were 2012 Miss SML Outstanding Pre Teen Jenna

Lambert, greeted by Lion Bart Matthies with Lion Gloria Guice welcoming Miss SML Katelyn Dockery. Pictured left rear, is Chef Lion Tim Haer, who was busy throughout the day preparing Funnel Cakes and

whipping up Hot Chocolate, as fund raising items. Various members were also busy peddling tickets for three different raffles. The major one being the Lions of Virginia Foundation (LOVF) raffle, offering a top prize of ten thousand dollars.

Local "Hood Leaders" are identified as prominent members of the Moneta Lions Club. To be politically correct, Lions Gloria, Rob and Elizabeth, were Neighborhood Leaders in a Trick or Treat for Canned Goods (TTCG) project sponsored by Ferrum College. the neighborhood food drive project, headed up by Assistant Professor Susan Crow, Director-Academic Resources Center, has been constantly expanding over the past nine years.

This year, the Moneta Lions Club added three new neighborhoods to the list, Beechwood Shores, Mariners Landing, and Mayberry Hills/Villas, joining the Smith Mountain Lake, Rocky Mount and Ferrum locations with 27 student clubs and organization participating.



The students of Ferrum College, accompanied by their respective "Hood Leaders", did all the so called leg work, door knocking, talking with the residents to explain the project and leaving pamphlets. Returning a week later, the same groups collected, personally thanked, and distributed notes of appreciation to the many generous donors. An inventory was later taken of the various non perishable items, mainly canned fruits and vegetables, plus an assortment of cereals, personal and bath products, even disposable baby diapers, which in turn were donated to area food banks and church pantries near the respective Hoods.

Pictured are Lions Rob Senoski and Gloria Guice delivering the bounties from their neighborhoods of Beechwood Shores and Mayberry Hills/Villas, to Lake Christian Ministries (LCM) in Moneta, with a very appreciative LCM volunteer Co-Pantry Manager, Colleen McNulty looking on. Also, assisting were Lions Lynne Philbin and Bob Ollweiler.



Hood Leader Lion Elizabeth Binnings, inventories her bountiful assortment of Trick or Treat for Canned Goods donated by her friends and neighbors at Mariners Landing, prior to being delivered to lake Christian Ministries

Submitted by Lion Rob Senoski

Cave Spring Lions Club



Lions Craig Camidge and Dewey Monger



Lions Dallas Scott and Eric Mills – DG Visit



Charlene Ellestad, HCA and Lion Craig



Lions Jim Bailey & Eric Orange, Roa. Co police



Lion John Arbogast & Supvr. Charlotte Moore



Cave Spring Lions collect for White Cane