

The Lions Pride

District 24-E April 2012



District Governor

District 24-E Governor's Report

Dallas Scott 2011 – 2012

District 24-E Officers

Dallas Scott, DG

Nelson Leftwich, Jr. 1st Vice District Governor

2nd Vice District Governor

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Reg II Zone III Chair

I am writing this from the MD-24 Strategic Planning Workshop. All of the District 24-E clubs have been visited by the District Governor Team. Additional club visits will be performed if a club wants help in developing a plan to improve their club. First VDG Nelson Leftwich and Global Membership Team Chair Charlie Herbert and I traveled to Northern Virginia Friday Morning, March 30, to attend this very first 3-day Strategic Planning Workshop. Lions Clubs International Executive Director Peter Lynch will present three classes and give the keynote speech for the Saturday banquet. How will this apply to District 24-E?

PCC Nelson is being presented new ideas to consider for addition to his goals for next year. Lion Charlie is determining how to grow the GMT resources. I am seeing how I can help DGE Nelson to achieve his goals. It is my hope that this meeting will improve your leadership and strengthen our resolve to lead you into a growing revitalized District.

District 24-E tree planting is proceeding as planned. Clubs are reporting their progress on the Projects and Activities Report. I have seen 42 trees planted, 5 trees, and 100 trees and one club has pledged to plant 500 trees. I am planting my 10 trees in the next three weeks. I will have pictures in the next report.

You are the most important person in Lions Clubs International! Your time is precious and yet you volunteer it to screen eyes, plant trees, serve meals and help diabetic students. This weekend Missions of Mercy is taking place in Roanoke to provide dental services. Camp too Sweet Family Weekend is taking place at Camp Bethel. This is a fun educational weekend for the students and an educational and networking weekend for the parents. Carilion Clinic is our partner in this activity. We provide the scholarship funds for the people who cannot afford to attend. I hope each of you will have a project this spring that renews your enthusiasm for your Lions Club. Remember - WE SERVE!

DG Dallas

2012 LIONS OF VIRGINIA STATE CONVENTION SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

<u>Thursday, May 17</u> 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Pin Traders /Exhibits
3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	
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6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Caribbean Night – Dinner & Entertainment
<u>Friday, May 18</u>	
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Registration/Credentials
8:00 a.m 9:00 a.m.	Past Governors Breakfast - Marriott
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Pin Traders /Exhibits
9:15 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	District Cabinet Meetings
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Spouses/Guest – Hospitality Room - Marriott
10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.	Lions of Virginia Foundation Board Meeting
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon	Lions Eyeglass Recycling Board Meeting
11:00 a.m 3:00 p.m.	Spirit of Norfolk luncheon cruise
12:00 p.m. – 1.45 p.m.	Pin Traders Luncheon
2:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	General Session
4:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Dinner on Your Own
7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.	Bland Scholarship Contest
9:30 p.m. – Midnight	
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Saturday, May 19	
7:00 a.m 8:00 a.m.	Convention Breakfast - Marriott
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Registration/Credentials
8:15 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.	Memorial Service
9:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.	Schools
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Spouses/Guest – Hospitality Room - Marriott
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Pin Traders /Exhibits
12:15 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Lions of Virginia Foundation Luncheon
2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Second General Session
3:00p.m 4:30p.m.	Fashion Show - Marriott
6:00 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.	Past District Governors Social
6:15 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Lions Social/VIP Reception
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Convention Banquet/Main Address
9:30 p.m. – Midnight	<u>-</u>
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Sunday, May 20	
7:00 a.m. – 7:30 a.m.	Non-Sectarian Worship Service
7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	Fellowship Breakfast
8:15 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	District Meetings for A, C and D
8:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	District Meetings B, E, and F
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Election Committee Meeting
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Final General Session
12:30 p.m.	Joint Luncheon (District Governor/Governors Elect)
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2012 Virginia State Lions Convention

Registration

Please fill out one form per attendee – everyone is required to pay registration fee.

District 24	Club Name:		
Name			
Nickname for Badge			
Circle all that apply (Lion) (Lioness) (Leo) (PDG) (Gues	t) This is my first State Convention - Ye	es or No
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E-mail Address		Phone No	
Function (See packet flyers)	Cost/perse	on Remarks	Total
Registration -includes convention pin	\$20.00	\$15.00 if attending two Meal Functions	\$
Caribbean Night	\$20.00	Thursday 6:30p.m. Cash Bar	\$
PDG Breakfast	\$15.00	PDG's, Spouses & Guests Only	\$
Spirit of Norfolk Luncheon Cruise	\$58.00	Friday 11:00a.m.	\$
Pin Traders Luncheon	\$21.00	Friday 12:00p.m. Surry Chicken	\$
Convention Breakfast	\$16.00	Saturday 7:00a.m.	\$
LOVF Luncheon - Sat 12:15-2:00p.m.	\$19.00	Grilled Chicken Caesar Salad	\$
Fashion Show - Sat 3:00-4:30p.m.	\$10.00	With Afternoon Tea/Coffee	\$
Banquet – Sat 7:00p.m.	\$28.00	Combo-Prime Rib/Colonial Chicken	\$
Guest Speaker PID Ron Johnson			
Fellowship Breakfast	\$16.00	Sunday 7:30a.m.	\$
		Grand Total	\$

For Hotel Reservations Call 1-888-236-2427 or use the Reservation Link NLT April 16, 2012 http://www.marriott.com/hotel/travel/orfgr?groupCode=lvslsa&app=resvlink&fromDate=5/17/1 2&toDate=5/20/12

Please fill out and Mail NLT May 3, 2012 to Sharene Nolan, 213 Consul Ave, Virginia Beach, Va 23462

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: LIONS OF VIRGINIA STATE CONVENTION 2012

Lions of Virginia Fashion Show and Afternoon Tea



Come see this spring's newest styles

And

Watch fashion and make-up experts turn people you know into models for the day! \$10.00 per person

Which includes an afternoon tea with light snacks, door prizes and much more.



Don't miss the Event at the 2012 Lions State Convention that EVERYONE will be talking about.

Saturday, May 19, 2012 3:00 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. Marriott Hotel Chesapeake



40 TH Anniversary LOVF Luncheon

Come Celebrate Our 40th Anniversary of Lions Humanitarian Service to Virginia

Keynote Speaker - Lion Dr. Karen Gearreald, a Teacher, Lawyer

and Musician

Where - Chesapeake Conference Center

Chesapeake

When - Saturday, May 19, 2012

12:15 - 2:00 p.m.

Who - All Lions and guests

What - Grilled Chicken Caesar Salad

(Marinated Chicken Breast with Romaine Lettuce,

Parmesan Cheese w/Caesar Dressing)

Warm Rolls and Butter Carmel Granny Apple Pie

Coffee and Iced Tea

\$19.00 inclusive per person

(Includes an LOVF pin)

Special dietary meals are available on request.



Pin Traders Club of Virginia Annual Luncheon & Meeting Lions of Virginia State Convention Friday, May 18, 2012 12:00 Noon

We Extend a Warm Welcome to

ALL LIONS & GUESTS

Each attendee will be given an opportunity to purchase (\$3.00) ONE very special PTCV pin upon entering the room for the Luncheon. Any excess pins will be offered to those in attendance by raffle. In this connection, a listing of those whose names are drawn will be posted in the Exhibits Area shortly after the Luncheon. This will be the only opportunity that you will have to obtain this pin, which is shown below.



If you are not presently a member of the PTCV and think you would be interested in joining, we will have some applications for membership available. Our dues are only \$7.50 per year and you receive an outstanding quarterly newsletter, a membership directory, and the opportunity to purchase limited issue pins throughout the year. We also have one of the largest annual pin swaps in all of Lionism in Winchester the second weekend of November each year. There will be over 200 traders from all over the U.S.A., Canada, and other countries.

You can register for this Luncheon at the same time you fill out the Convention Registration Form. Once again, we invite you to join us.

The First Multiple District Pin Trading Club in the World of Lionism

First Vice District Governor Nelson Leftwich

District Governor Dallas Scott, GMT District Chairperson Charlie Herbert and I attended a Strategic Planning Workshop in Northern Virginia the weekend of March 30 through April 1. Representatives from all six districts were there and each First Vice District Governor and their team, which included the District Governor, GMT Chairperson, GLT Chairperson and 2nd Vice District Governor, spent the weekend going over the various parts of a strategic plan and developing a plan for their district. This is the first time this has occurred in any multiple district and Lions Clubs International Executive Director Peter Lynch, who was one of the presenters, said that he will take the program to the Board of LCI and recommend that it be implemented world wide. This is a real coup for the Lions of Virginia. The Strategic Plan that our team developed for District 24-E will be presented to the District Cabinet for approval and then to the individual Lions Clubs in the District. We see it as great tool that all clubs can use. This is something that we expect to use indefinitely so there will be much more on this at the Cabinet Meetings, Zone/Region Meetings and Fall Conferences. Thanks so much to Lions Dallas and Charlie for all their hard work in developing this plan.

I am anxious to read and hear about the Camp Too Sweet weekend that was held the same weekend that we were away. I am sure it was a success. One of the Past District Governors from Maryland was very interested in CTS after I talked about it in our Strategic Plan presentation. We may have some financial support and campers from our neighboring state.

DG Dallas may not brag about the article in the April 2012 edition of the Lion Magazine but I will. It features an article about the Book Buddies program that the Forest Lions Club has with the New London Academy and also features a picture of District 24-E First Lady Frances reading to a kindergarten student. It is on page 34.

I am still filling positions on the Cabinet for 2012/2013, so wait by the phone for my call.

Thanks for what the Lions of District 24-E do for our communities and our district.

Yours in Lionism,

PCC Nelson Leftwich, 1VDG District 24-E



Region I, Zone III Meeting Announcement

The next Region I, Zone III meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 6, 2012, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at Parker's Seafood Restaurant on Peter's Creek Road in Roanoke. Dinner will be ordered from the menu. Club Presidents – please be prepared to briefly report on the spring events and activities of your Club, as well as planned events and activities for the summer. The District Governor and Vice District Governors will report on the State Convention, on year-end matters, and on the new Lions' year beginning July 1. District Committee Chairs – please let Lion Linda All know by May 30 if you plan to attend this meeting.

Camp Too Sweet June 18 - 22, 2012 (ages 8 - 17)



Camp Too Sweet is a five-day, four-night, safe, traditional camp for children and teens who have Type 1 or Type 2 diabetes. The week is filled with fun and adventure, while helping children accept diabetes as a part of daily living.

Great counselors, supported by licensed health professionals, provide an unforgettable week filled with group games, nature, crafts, music and singing, campfires, swimming, low-ropes group challenges, creek exploration, hiking trails, polar bear swims, night activities, and educational sessions on diabetes care. Plus, campers who are junior high age and older get a chance to experience the high ropes course! All campers will enjoy a day of adventure tubing on the James River (see tubing description).

The medical team monitors campers' diabetes care 24 hours a day, and the camp provides delicious and healthy meals and daily snacks. Education Day for parents is offered on Friday, June 22. Camp Too Sweet is a memorable week of fun, adventure, and healthy living. The children are sure to develop lasting friendships.

Cost: \$350 per camper

Space is limited and financial assistance is available to qualified applicants.

Registration deadline: May 11

For more information or to register for Camp Too Sweet, call 540-224-4360 or 866-767-4745, or visit CarilionClinic.org/camptoosweet.

River Tubing Description

It's the best new way to beat the summer heat! Campers will enjoy a fun and relaxing day of river tubing on the beautiful and historic James River, just six miles from Camp Bethel. Let the river do the work as we ride the gentle current through gorgeous scenery over riffles and mini-rapids while keeping cool splashing, swimming, and playing. Get creative with your float style or team up with your counselors and new friends to build an ultimate tube-blob-flotilla! All tubes, personal flotation devices, and leadership included. Rated: easy.







Camp Too Sweet

Please read the attached Camp Too Sweet Brochure. You will find most of the details there.

Lions Day at Camp Too Sweet will be Wednesday, June 20th. We will have hearing and visual screening as well as Lions Quest training for the campers. If you wish to attend lunch on the 20th, the cost will be \$9.00 please let me know by June 18th if you plan to have lunch so I can give the chef the number we will have attending.

If you want to send club or personal checks please make them out for Lions District 24-E Charity, Inc., with Camp Too Sweet on the "for" or "memo" line. If the company where you work or a company or individuals from which you can solicit donations follow the same directions. Again the cost of each camper will be \$350.00. Send the checks to the Treasurer of Lions District 24-E Charity, Inc., Lion Rob Senoski at 5610 Altice Road, Moneta, VA 24121-6159. Individuals or companies who wish to have their donations authorized for tax exemption must have a note with that request included with the check.

We do appreciate all of the District 24-E Lions Clubs which donate to Camp Too Sweet. All clubs which donate will receive a banner patch. Some updates will be sent to clubs and be on our district web site after our next meeting with Carilion Clinic diabetes personnel in May.

New Project

This past Friday & Saturday (March 30 & 31) Camp Too Sweet held a new experience of a week-end conference with diabetic children between the age of 5 and grade 5 and their parents. The following is a report from Debbie King who is the Carilion Clinic diabetic nurse who is in charge of Camp Too Sweet

It was a wonderful weekend for Camp Too Sweet at Camp Bethel. The weather was beautiful and we had the usual camp fun. There were 9 families who participated in the weekend, with 4 requesting scholarships.

Lion Don Rhinehart, PDG and Lion Richard Chaffin, PDG & PID joined us for camp Saturday morning. They attended part of the parent group meeting, had lunch with the families, and spoke



with the parent group after lunch about the work the Lions are doing with Camp Too Sweet.

This was the beginning of something we hope to continue conducting and growing in the future with more attendees and more weekends for different aged diabetics and their parents.

Regional Lions Leadership Institute

The Regional Lions Leadership Institute will be held at the Valley View Holiday Inn from about 3:00 p.m. on Friday, September 21, to around 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 23. The cost for each Lion from District 24-E will be \$100.00. The remainder of the cost will be paid by LCI and District 24-E.

While each of the 6 sub-districts in MD 24 has 5 openings for attendees, we can usually exceed that number. Last year we had 7 attendees. This year I am sure we can have or exceed 7 attendees.

This training session is outstanding. It far surpasses most business training which takes a lot more time. Those who have already attended can tell us all what has gone on. Last year a number of the sessions were updated from previous years and really made a very successful difference.

If any Active Lion is interested in attending, please contact me.

Lion Bill Brammer, District 24-E Global Leadership Coordinator, lionbill@jetbroadband.com 50 Avalon Drive, Rocky Mount, VA 24151, (H) 540-483-9645 © 540-493-9108

Lions Club Officer Training 2012-2013

Training for all of our District 24-E 2012-2013 Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers, and Membership Chairs as well as Leadership Development for club officers will be held as follows:

- (1) Saturday, May 12, 2012, at 10:00 a.m. at the Lions of Virginia Sight Foundation Building which is on the corner of 5th Street and Elm Avenue in Roanoke, VA. If any of you need directions to this building, please let me know.
- (2) Saturday, June 9, at 10:00 a.m. at the New River Criminal Justice Training Academy if the moving back to the tornado destroyed and rebuilt place has reached the level that will be available to us. If it is not available, Dublin Lions Club Building may be available.

All of the instructors have NOT been selected at this time. All Lions Clubs will be notified when all of the instructors are established and which New River Valley area is available.

The training sessions are required for all 2012-2013 Club Officers to be eligible for awards for themselves as well as for their Lions Club!!

Lion Bill Brammer, District 24-E Global Leadership Coordinator

The Lions of Virginia Legacy Fund The History of its Development and the Potential for the Future

In 2008 Lions of Virginia Foundation (LOVF) awarded a matching grant in conjunction with Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF) to support the final phase of the Prevent Blindness Mid-Atlantic (PBMA) installation of the Starpupils children's vision screening program into Virginia's public schools. PBMA was honored to have been the recipient of not only the award itself but also the implied level of trust and confidence it conveyed to the PBMA organization. In fact, PBMA felt so strongly about the value of this grant award and the implications for both organizations, it began to explore ideas as to how to, quite honestly, "repay" the generosity of LOVF.

PBMA had resources to share and formulated a concept which would allow the Lions to tap into these resources and provide a win-win opportunity for both organizations. After bringing the concept to the Foundation the LOVF leadership wisely comprised a committee representing all Districts of the State to help further evaluate PBMA's proposed plan of a Lions of Virginia Legacy Fund.

That committee refined the PBMA proposal for support and worked through LOVF to provide regular updates, briefings, and opportunities for discussion with the LOVF Board. After thorough consideration the LOVF Board of Directors voted to accept the proposal and work with PBMA to establish what is now known as **The Lions of Virginia Legacy Fund**. This fund has only one purpose — To provide an opportunity and a resource to help create a legacy for the work of Lions in Virginia. In 2010 the LOVLF was formally introduced at the Lions State Convention and the following year LOVLF publicly recognized its first Charter Members at the 2011 State Convention.



LOVF President Lion Phil Schrack pins the first LOVLF Charter members pictured from left to right: PDG Roy Rotenberry, PID Richard Chaffin, Lion Frank Carlomagno, PDG Shirley Wilson, and PID Roy Wilson.

The fund is designed to support the work of 3 organizations, each of which represent a branch of Lions service to Virginians. A gift to the fund is divided in accordance to requirements of the Fund which are as follows: 50% to LOVF, 5% to LCIF, and 45% to PBMA.

The distribution to LOVF supports <u>Virginia</u> Lionism by helping to fund the ever-changing and immediate or urgent needs of Virginians based on the circumstances presented at any given time. The distribution to PBMA supports <u>Virginia</u> Lionsim by helping to fund one of the core missions of Lions which is centered in promoting and protecting healthy vision. It also helps to insure the ongoing efforts of Project: Construction "Sight" which Virginia Lions worked so hard to bring to Virginia Schools. And finally, the distribution to LCIF supports <u>Virginia</u> Lionism by helping to continue the good works of the parent organization that seeks to support the worldwide needs of our fellow man.

A legacy allows us to help insure the longevity of things we've done in our lives that are important to us. Stephen R. Covey said "There are certain things that are fundamental to human fulfillment. The essence of these needs is captured in the phrase 'to live, to love, to learn, to leave a legacy'." The work accomplished through the Lions organization has made a difference and to secure its continued impact is important. A legacy of service is already yours and we hope you will consider furthering that legacy by investing in the future. If you would like more information on the LOVLF for your club, please contact the LOVLF at 804-858-0100 or visit www.LOVLegacyFund.org.

Submitted by Robin Mead, Vice President, Prevent Blindness Mid-Atlantic

Lions Quest Program

Lions Quest, a program of the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), is a life skills and prevention program to Increase Academic Achievement, Decrease Problem Behaviors, and Improve Pro-social Behaviors, of the world's youth grades K-12.

The Lions Quest programs teach young people skills necessary for everyday success. These skills include: Learning to accept responsibility, Communicating effectively, Setting goals, Making healthy decisions, and Resisting pressure to use alcohol and drugs.

LCIF's Lions Quest program has been implemented in over 50 countries, and it's curriculum materials have been translated into 30 different languages, making it one of the most widely used life skills and prevention programs in the world. To date over 400,000 educators have been certified to implement Lions Quest, and nearly 12 million young people have benefitted from the Quest Program.

In the near future, those numbers will increase yet again right here in our own back yards, thanks to the hard work and long hours of many area Lions and Lions Clubs over the past few years. Pictured Lions of Virginia (LOV) District 24-E Governor Lion Dallas Scott (Forrest Club), former Lions Opportunities for Youth Chairperson Lion Gloria Guice (Moneta Club), and current Youth Chair Lion Margaret (Peggy) Smith (Ferrum Club), check a LCIF Grant Agreement for a Community Partnerships Grant-Lions Quest. The funds associated with this grant will be used to train Elementary School Guidance Counselors throughout Bedford and Franklin Counties, qualifying them to become Lions Quest Instructors.



Submitted by Lion Rob Senoski



The Virginia Dental Association held its fifth annual Mission of Mercy project at the Roanoke Civic Center on Friday, March 30, and Saturday, March 31. From the first patient at 5:30 a.m. on Friday to finishing the last patient on Saturday at about 3:00 p.m., this year's MOM was hugely successful.

Ninety dentists, plus hundreds of dental hygienists and dental students, provided care to approximately 950 patients. Dental services included x-rays, cleanings, fillings, extractions, and dentures. For most of these patients, the MOM project in Roanoke is the only dental care they receive each year due to a lack of dental insurance and financial constraints.

550 people volunteered their time to serve at the Roanoke MOM this year, including 13 Lions from District 24-E. They represented the Roanoke Valley Breakfast Lions Club, the Mount Pleasant Lions Club, the Salem Hanging Rock Lions Club, and the Roanoke Williamson Road Lions Club. These Lions worked in areas such as volunteer registration, patient registration, and general services. Lion Cliff DeMars, PDG, was in charge of volunteer registration.



Lion J.D. Arnold, PDG, at Volunteer Registration Friday morning

As the need for affordable dental care increases each year, so does the challenge increase to accommodate more patients at the MOM projects. Volunteers are needed each year. Thanks to all the Lions who volunteered at the Roanoke MOM 2012. I hope more Lions will participate in 2013.

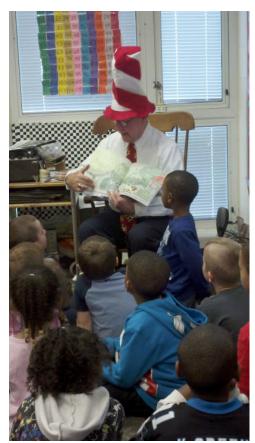
Lion Linda E. All
District Chair, RAM/LAMP/MOM

"READ ACROSS AMERICA DAY" DR. SEUSS MEETS THE LIONS!

On Friday, March 2, 2012, something remarkable happened in the Roanoke Valley.

That was the day that Dr. Seuss met some Lions from District 24-E.

March 2, 2012 was the 15th annual "READ ACROSS AMERICA" Day, an observance sponsored by the National Education Association to promote reading among children and adults. The annual observance is held on March 2 to commemorate the birthday of children's author, Ted Geisel, more popularly known as Dr. Seuss.



The Edgewood Lions Club adopted Garden City Elementary School in Roanoke City. Lions Clark Vandergrift and Dot Hayes read to a total of 11 classes from Preschool through the 4th grade. This was an extra special day for Lion Clark, because his first service as a school principal was at Garden City Elementary where he served for six years beginning in 1971.



Lion Clark Vandergrift

Lion Anne Ferguson

The Mt. Pleasant Lions Club adopted Mt. Pleasant Elementary School in Roanoke County. Six Lions from that club participated: Lions Anne Ferguson, Mike Ferguson, Lillian Wimer, Ray Wimer, Marian Bullard, and Wayne Wray. They read to all the classes from Kindergarten through the 3rd grade. Lion Mike's lion necktie was a big hit with the kids. Due to the publicity these Lions received on this day, the Mt. Pleasant Lions Club is going to be featured in an upcoming news article about their club's activities and community service.



Lion Mike Ferguson and his Lion tie

The Salem Lions Club adopted South Salem Elementary School in the City of Salem. Four Lions read to 19 Classes - Lions Alan Boyce, Jim Arnold, Mark Mitchell, and Jim Archer read to the Kindergarten classes through the 5th grade. (See Salem Host article for Lion Jim Archer's picture.)

Lion Linda All from the Roanoke Williamson Road Lions Club read to six 1st grade classes at Round Hill Elementary School in Roanoke City. The club donated three Dr. Seuss books to the school library.



Lion Marian Bullard gets lots of hugs.

Several Lions and their clubs were highlighted in the Salem Times-Register, the Vinton Messenger, and the Cave Spring Connection for participating in this program.

I would like to thank the Clubs and the Lions that did participate this year. I hope more of you will join us next year.

Lion Linda E. All

Regional Bland Contests



Region I contestants: Thomas Ayres, Sarah Richards, Becca Haynes, Grace Kim, Moriah Richards, Rebecca Moore, Louisa Britt, Timothy Byram, Morgan Short with DG and 1st VDG



DG Dallas, Lion JJ Johnson and vocalist McKenzie Prillaman, Region II finalist



Lion JJ presents award to Jellica Vance, Region II Vocal finalist



Louisa Britt, vocal winner for Zone II with Boones Mill sponsors Dot Wimmer and Frances Murray



Justin Hall and Mrs. Hall accepting award for Rachel Hall, Region II instrumental finalist



Lion JJ and DG Dallas present award to Kaily Schenker, Region II Instrumental Finalist

All Lion Volunteers please send form to Lion Tammie J. Brightwell 5004 Colonial Ave., Roanoke, VA 24018 or fax 540-989-5225

REMOTE AREA MEDICAL®

Volunteer Registration
July 20-22, 2012
Wise County Fairground, Wise, VA

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PCC G. Kenneth Isaac, Jr. for Virginia's Candidate for International Director



The Gordonsville Lions Club in 24-C presents PCC Ken Isaac for Virginia's Candidate for the office of International Director. Ken has been a member of the Lions Club since October 1970. He served the Clifton Club in 24-A as a 100% President in 1975-76. Ken was honored with the "Lion of the Year award" in 1973-74 and 1976-77 by the Clifton Lions Club.

Ken has served on most District Cabinets since 1976. Serving as Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer, Deputy district Governor, Lieutenant Governor and 100% District Governor in 1982-83. He served as Secretary of the Northern Virginia Lions Youth Camp1981-85 and President of the camp 1985-89. Ken Is a Certified guiding Lion and has sponsored 12 new members. He has attended over 40 Fall Conferences.

Ken served as Chairman of the Council of Governors MD-24 in 1982-83. He has been a member of the board of the Old Dominion Eye

Foundation since 1983 and served as President 1998-2000. He was named a Life member of the Old Dominion Eye Foundation in 2007.

He received a Life Membership of Lions Clubs International in 1991 and Virginia Life membership in 2011. Ken received the Lions of Virginia Foundation Distinguished Humanitarian award in 1996. He has received two International Presidents medals and two International Presidents Certificates of Appreciation. He has three club extension awards, attended over 26 MD-24 State Convention, 14 USA/Canada Forums and 20 International Conventions.

Ken and his wife, Lion Pat have worked the RAM Project in Wise County for the last 8 years and the last three they have been in charge of the food service for the volunteers.

Along with the endorsement of the Gordonsville Lions Club PCC Ken has received the endorsement of the Broadway, Lake of the Woods and Louisa Lions Clubs in 24-C and the Clifton Lions Club in 24-A. At the just completed 24-C Mid-winter Conference PCC Ken was endorsed by the 24-C Cabinet.

Ken and Pat have been married for 48 years and are the proud parents of 3 children and 8 grandchildren.

Ken will be a candidate at the MD-24 State Convention in Chesapeake, VA May 17-20, 2012. Ken and the Gordonsville Lions Club invite you to our hospitality room and ask that, after consideration of PCC Ken's qualifications, you cast your favorable vote for him.

Rich Creek - Giles Breakfast Branch Lions Club

From its inception, the mission of Rich Creek-Giles Breakfast Branch Lions Club has been service to the Giles County community and beyond. Sunday, February 26 proved to be a day when the group had to divide its 9 numbers to be of service in two areas.

At 9 a.m. Sunday morning six of the members of RC-Giles Breakfast Branch Lions Club joined several members of the Blacksburg Host Lions at Virginia Tech's Cassell Coliseum to do vision screenings for the participants in this year's Special Olympics Annual Basketball Tournament. Special Olympians from throughout the New River Valley participated in this day-long event. This year RC-Giles and Blacksburg Host Lions were able to use new, state of the art vision screening technology, PediaVision.



Leon the Lion having his eyes checked, RC-Giles Club Coordinator Charlie Herbert, second row R-L: RC-Giles Lions Chris Calfee, Lisa Yost, Joseph Yost, Stephen Haight, 1st Vice District Governor Nelson Leftwich, Blacksburg Host Lions Archie Phlegar, Dick Saacke and Jerry Jones. Not pictured: J.S. Browne, Elaine Cook and Paul Toffenetti.

At noon four members met at Giles High School to prepare and serve lunch to the US Air Force Rhythm in Blue Jazz Ensemble prior to its performance at 3 p.m. in the high school auditorium. The band's performance was sponsored by Giles Arts Council who asked the club to partner with them in this event. "Meeting and spending time with these servicemen was a true pleasure and blessing" stated club coordinator Charlie Herbert. As Lion Charlie told the audience, "it's the first time I've had anyone ask if they could use their bread to clean the pot. Must say something good about my chili". The Rhythm in Blue Jazz Ensemble travels to perform for a wide range of events. Giles County was very fortunate to be able to host



the men who gave a wonderful performance for the group who came out. RC-Giles Breakfast Branch Lions felt very privileged to be able to honor them in this small way.

RC-Giles Club Coordinator Charlie Herbert, Lions Betty Herbert, Edna Malone and Bill Anderson prepared and served lunch to the US Air Force Rhythm in Blue Jazz Ensemble.

When Wing-Kun Tam became International President in July he challenged Lions Clubs to plant one million trees. That was a challenge quickly met by caring and generous Lions. Doing its part to help meet this challenge the Rich Creek-Giles Breakfast Branch Lions Club in Pembroke, VA spent the afternoon of March 23 with the second grade classes at Eastern Elementary/Middle School planting 10 Yoshina Cherry trees at their school.



Since March 27 marks the 100th anniversary of the planting of Yoshina Cherry trees around the Tidal Basin in Washington, D.C. the timing was perfect for a combination history and science lesson for the children.

Club coordinator, Lion Charlie Herbert, nicknamed Cherry Tree Charlie by the children, led a short question and answer session about trees, how trees should be planted and what the children's part would be in planting and how to maintain the trees to keep them healthy and beautiful. The club also presented an age appropriate book about the Cherry trees in Washington and how the people of Japan happened to give them to the United States. Lion Charlie read to the children after which everyone took part in actually planting all 10 trees.





"Response from the children, the teachers and parents has been overwhelming and heartwarming" stated Herbert, the club's coordinator. "This will be an activity the children will remember for the rest of their lives and will be able to share with their own children in the future" Herbert added.

Submitted by Lion Betty Herbert

Smith Mountain Lake

David W. Cuff, Commander, Disabled American Veterans (DAV), Chapter 60, spoke to the SML Lions on February 9, 2012. After a career in the military, Cuff joined the Roanoke Chapter of the DAV in 1997. He has held numerous state positions and was the state commander for 2009-2010. He opened the local SML and Bedford County Chapter and has seen it grow to over 120 members. The DAV works to support veterans in many ways and Cuff encouraged any veteran who has not joined the DAV to contact him and learn more about the organization and what benefits are available.

Tom Smith, Chair of the SML Junior Golf Solicitation, presented Cuff with a check for the local DAV Chapter. Jim Leslie (far left) introduced Cuff and Walter Flindt arranged for him to speak to the SML Lions.





The guest speaker at the February 23rd SML Lions Club meeting was Tammie Brightwell, Secretary for Lions of Virginia. Ms. Brightwell described and demonstrated a new vision testing machine known as Spot. Vision problems are the most prevalent health issue among children and this device, which can be used in screening children from 6 months through adults, will truly revolutionize vision testing. The WiFi enabled handheld device makes vision screening as easy as taking a photo. Spot is faster, more accurate and results can be delivered immediately in multiple formats to facilitate diagnosis. For example, it takes one minute to test one child, versus ten minutes using the present technology. District 24-E has two machines at this time that they will loan to clubs. Ms. Brightwell encouraged SML Lions Club members to become trained on the new machine.

Cheryl Ward (right), Program Chair for the SML Lions, thanks Dr. William M. Thompson for his presentation on Age-Related

Macular Degeneration (AMD). AMD is a chronic condition that causes central vision loss. Over 200,000 people in the United Stats are diagnosed with AMD every year. Dr. Thompson stated that great treatment advancements have occurred in the last five years but early detection is key to avoiding vision loss. He is also an advisor to the Lions Vision Screening Program.





Members of the SML Lions are supporting the renovations to Lake Christian Ministries in many capacities. As contributors to the "Bent Nail Company", they have been involved with the project from its start on December 9, 2011, and have, thus far, provided over 400 hours of skilled labor. Jim Brynes, project coordinator said that "it has been an honor" to work with such a dedicated group. Shown above are (left to right) are Rick Carroll, Don Jakob, Win Tennies, Barry Baird, Jim Brynes, Steve Dorr, and George Berndt. Not shown are SML Lions Ralph Long and

Tom Scott.

Some of the members of the SML Lions Club Tax Aid team commemorate the start of another tax season. The SML Lions Club is partnering again this year with AARP and will provide the staffing for two(2) AARP Tax Aide Sites. The two(2) sites are at the Westlake Library at Westlake Center and the Franklin County Senior Center which is located at 136 Tanyard Road in Rocky Mount. This program provides free income tax filing for low to middle income individuals of all ages. SML Lions who are involved in the program are tested annually to insure that they stay abreast of the recent tax law changes.





Lions Lowell Skelton, President, and Tom Scott, thank Reagan Hunley, 12, a student at Benjamin Franklin Middle school, for her portrayal of a 19th century student at the Hales Ford Academy Reception held on March 5, 2012.

Lions Ron Jamison and Charlie Bray, are shown attending the reception. Both Ron and Charlie worked on the restoration of the

building in 1993. Ron remembers making a special trip to his in-laws' farm to retrieve the soapstone that was used for the fireplace. This original soapstone is still in place!

The Smith Mountain lake Lions Club kicked off its 30th birthday celebration with a reception at historic Hales Ford Academy, a



19th century school, which the club rescued and restored more than two decades ago. The Club provided financial support and volunteer labor to refurbish the building. Dr. Leonard Gereau, then superintendent of Franklin County Schools and a Lion, helped orchestrate the relocation to school property. The restored building is used as a museum to show what it was like to go to school a century and a half ago. As a result, the

Lions Club was nominated for the Governor's Award by the coordinator for volunteer programs for the Franklin Country School Systems for this contribution and other school related projects.



On a special night of nostalgia and festivity, the Smith Mountain Lake Lions celebrated their 30th Anniversary on March 8, 2012, at the Waterfront Country Club. Founded on March 12, 1982, with 36 members, the club estimates that it has raised approximately \$1 million for community charities and scholarships since its founding. In attendance were charter members and their spouses. Two proclamations were presented – one from the Franklin County Board of Supervisors and one from the Virginia General Assembly recognizing and thanking the SML Lions for their 30 years of service.

The SML Lions welcomed five new members. The membership of the club now stands at 86, making it the largest Lions Club in District 24-E. Seated: Lowell Skelton, Club President, new member Marge Epps, Dallas

Scott, District Governor. Standing (from left): Peter Coriasco, Chuck Sinex (new member), Bob Epps (new member), Keith Shelton, Bill Smith (new member), Debbie Farthing, and David Cuff (new member).

Ron Jamsion (right) received a "Life Membership Award" from SML Lions President Lowell Skeleton (center). Ron is the only active charter member of the SML Lions Club and was the keynote speaker at its 30th Anniversary event on March 8. He is a Past-President and Melvin Jones Fellow. This was the first Life Membership Award presented by the SML Lions. At left is District Governor, Dallas Scott.





In spite of a severe hailstorm, the SML Lions hosted its annual Reverse Raffle on March 24, 2012. The event, which was held at the W.E. Skelton 4-H Center, proved, once again, to be huge community success. Kirk Sampson, Reverse Raffle Chair, said that the event raised about \$8,000. The SML Lions will use the money for community projects such as eye exams/glasses for those in need and college scholarships for Franklin County High School seniors.

SML Lion Bill Timmins (right) presents raffle tickets to 1st Vice District Governor Nelson Leftwich (left), Immediate Past District Governor, Bernice Leftwich (center), and District Governor, Dallas Scott.

Submitted by Lion Cindy Decker

Moneta Lions Club

After hearing Punxsutawney Phil predict another six weeks of winter, members of the Moneta Lions Club sprang into action, delivering afghans to the residents of area senior living, and rehabilitation centers. The afghans were hand crafted with love, by club members and friends, using mostly scrap yarn donated to the club over the past several months.

Ruby Branch, seated front, a resident at Campbell Rest Home in Bedford, sports a big smile after receiving her gift of warmth and love. Sharing her joy are Lion Gloria Guice, Rhonda Mitchell, daughter of Ms Branch, and Lion Rob Senoski.



Residents of Moneta, and it's surrounding communities, recently took part



in a free vision screening session, thanks to the joint efforts of Lake Christian Ministries, Bethlehem United Methodist Church, and the Moneta Lions Club. LCM was instrumental in getting the word out to it's clients and prepared the necessary forms to track the results. Bethlehem United Methodist Church generously provided office space for the task, and the Moneta Lions Club members performed the vision screenings using Titmus Vision Screening instrumentation.

Pictured seated are Lion Bob Ollweiler, club Chairperson of the current project, with Gloria Lewis of Bedford, a client with LCM. Standing are Kathy Reynolds, Special Projects Chairperson at LCM, Lions Tim Haer and Del Bailey, also present was Lion Rob Senoski.



Members of the Moneta Lions Club recently held a fund raising White Elephant-Silent Auction, at a recent Covered Dish Dinner Meeting. Club members generously donated a variety of items, ranging from hard back books, small household appliances, puzzles, clothing, house plants, even fine Vino to build up their Administrative Fund. The Admin Fund is solely supported by club members to cover it's operating expenses.

All smiles, Moneta Lion Helen Pierce, displays the bounties of her successful Silent Auction bidding

Debra Silverman, Executive Director of the Central Virginia Area Agency on Aging (CVAAA) headquartered in Lynchburg, addressed the Moneta Lions at a recent club dinner meeting. Ms Silverman stressed that the CVAAA is a non profit 501(c)(3) organization dependant on donations, grants, and many volunteers, serving the counties of Amherst, Appomattox, Bedford and Campbell, including the cities of Bedford and Lynchburg.

Pictured are several Moneta Lions Club members who regularly volunteer with the CVAAA, front row: Lions



Farris Maddox, Club President Gloria Guice, Ms. Silverman, Bob Ollwewiler, and Sarah Hunt. Back row: Lions Glenn Pierce, Bart Mattheis, Jerry Over, Pat Bailey, Pat Maddox, Jim Hunt and Rob Senoski



Lion Bart Matthies, left, smiles proudly following the induction of his neighbors Don and Mary Davis into the Moneta Lions Club. Club Secretary Lion Pat Bailey presided over the installation ceremony during a recent club meeting, held at Resurrection Catholic Church. Lions Nancy Robins, and Pat Maddox briefed the inductees on Lions Clubs International , also the Moneta Lions Club history and it's many activities. Lions Don and Mary have attended several recent club meetings, and have been active in several recent community service projects.

Brownies and Junior Girl Scouts

form Troop 103 of Bedford were guests of the Moneta Lions Club at a recent Kite Event Day, held at the new Moneta Park on Rucker Road, Saturday March 24th. Pictured front row are: Katie Neel, Haley Burks, Alexis Burks, Lion President Gloria Guice, Hannah Slusser, and Samantha Fowler. Second row: Meagan Fowler, Cathy Field Emily Neel Marissa Turner and Troop Leader Jen Neel.





All participants then had the opportunity to express their artistic talents by decorating the kites, preferably but not limited to pictures relating to Lions Clubs, prior to final assembly and taking flight.

Submitted by Lion Rob Senoski

Salem Host Lions Club

The Salem Host Lions Club celebrated Valentine's Day with a special dinner at the Salem Civic Center on February 6, 2012. The club welcomed spouses and significant others to join them for dinner and fellowship.





The club has had a busy spring season. Four Salem Host Lions President Jim Archer (left), Jim Arnold, Alan Boyce and Mark Mitchell participated in Read Across America Day with other

Salem Civic Organizations. The Salem Host Lions read to students at the South Salem Elementary School, of which Salem Host Lions member Margaret Humphrey is principal. This is the second year the club has participated in this great event.

The club has also been getting trained on Spot the Pediavision screening equipment. State Secretary Lion Tammie Brightwell visited the club on February 21, 2012, to educate members on the new equipment. The club is currently working on setting up a committee to organize screenings in the Salem area.

Last but not least the club was honored to welcome Michael LeFew a Salem High School Leo Club member to give a presentation to the club during our March 20^{th} meeting. Michael told the club about the Worlds Affair Seminar he attended this past summer in Wisconsin. Michael was one of two Salem High School students selected by the faculty to attend the seminar. The club helped with the transportation expenses for Michael to attend the seminar and also welcomed two other Salem High School Leo members who joined Michael at our meeting.

Submitted by Lion Jenny Poland

Forest Lions Club

On Thursday, February 23rd, nineteen contestants gathered at Jefferson Forest High School auditorium for the Forest Lions Club's annual Bland music competition. District Governor Dallas Scott, chairman of the competition, commented that this was the largest number of contestants in his thirteen years of heading the event. Contestants included eleven public high school students and eight contestants that were home schooled. Ages ranged from 14 to 17. In the vocal category sopranos dominated, and in the instrumental category pianists dominated.

The judges for the vocal competition were Mrs. Sarah Pelfrey a lyric soprano currently the Music Director at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church and Dr. Randall Speer, Music Director at Court Street UMC and Assistant Professor of Music at Randolph College. The instrumental contestants were judged by Dr. Lynn Seipp the principal clarinet in the Lynchburg Symphony Orchestra and Mrs. Norma Stein, private piano teacher and church organist in the Lynchburg area.

Certificates of Participation were awarded to all contestants with cash prizes awarded to the first place winners Grace Kim (Soprano) and Timothy Byram (Piano), second place winners Allison Booth (Soprano) and Rachel Sochor (Piano) and third place winners Caitlyn Leach (Soprano) and Sarah Wood (Piano).

The two first place winners, Grace Kim and Timothy Byram now move on to compete in the District 24 E Region I competition to be held on Sunday, March 18th at 2:30 pm at the Ferrum College Chapel, Ferrum, VA. The public is invited to attend.



Pictured: Lion Dallas Scott, District Governor Lions District 24 E; Grace Kim; Allison Booth; Timothy Byram; and Rachel Sochor

\$10,000 Annual Raffle

The Forest Lions Club is once again planning for its annual \$10,000 raffle. This year's event will be held Friday, May 4th at the Forest Recreation Center. The evening will begin at 6:00 P.M. with dinner at 7:00 PM. Raffle tickets with dinner and an open bar are \$100 each. Additional dinner tickets may be purchased for \$35. As in the past, this will be a reverse raffle with all 250 numbers called. The final 10 ticket holders will have the option of splitting the proceeds or remaining in the running for a chance at the full \$10,000.

To purchase tickets, please call George Mohrmann at 434-385-0493 or any other club member. Businesses wishing to donate door prizes or items for the silent auction, please call Barbara Wright at 434-845-2231. The Forest Lions also support our local food bank and raffle attendees are encouraged to bring donations on May 4th. Donation barrels will be available in the Rec Center.

Submitted by: Lion George Mohrmann

Bedford Host Lions Club

Lion Margaret Anderson, President of the Bedford Host Lions Club, enjoys a presentation during a recent club meeting, by Rob Senoski, a member of the Bedford County Sheriff's Office, Retired Senior Volunteer Patrol (RSVP) program, under the direction of Captain Mike Miller.



Lions of Virginia District 24 E Safety Chair-



person Lion Rob Senoski, left, explains the workings of a home smoke alarm to Lion Paul Sherman, Vice President of the Bedford Host Lions Club. Lion Rob's presentation included recommended mounting locations, maintenance, battery replacement, and the importance of a home evacuation plan (fire drill) including a meeting location

for family members once outdoors, especially if there are children living in the household.

Members of the Bedford Host Lions Club recently planted 13 trees at the Bedford House. The Bedford Host Lions Club decided to plant the trees at the Bedford House to honor the residents and their families who take advantage of this wonderful facility and also to honor the dedicated staff who care for the residents. Pictured are (L - R) Lion Ron Robey, Chris Fulton with Peaksview Landscaping, Lion Margaret Anderson, Lion Bernice Leftwich, Lion Zack Black, Lion Dennis Gibbs, Lion Brenda Goff, Lion Walt Pankey and Cindy Bartholomew with Bedford House.





The Bedford Host Lions Club held a pancake breakfast fund raiser Saturday, March 17th at the Main Street United Methodist Church in Bedford. Lions of Virginia (LOV) District 24 E's 1st Vice District Governor, and Club Secretary, Lion Nelson Leftwich, left foreground, takes his turn as grill master, while club member Lion Carol Black prepares a breakfast plate. Marveling at Lion Nelson's talents are visiting Moneta Lion Rob Senoski along with Mitchell Bond.

Submitted by Lion Rob Senowski

Christiansburg Lions Club

The Christiansburg Lions Club held their annual Charter Night Feb. 28 at St. Paul United Methodist Church in Christiansburg. Several of the members received perfect attendance tabs as well as chevrons for years of service. Lion Scott Weaver received his 60th year of perfect attendance tab, 60 year chevron and an appreciation plaque. The Lions, whose motto is "We Serve," focus on preserving sight and hearing and have assisted hundreds of people in Montgomery County.

(Left to right) Brad Finch, President of Christiansburg Lions Club, Scott Weaver, and DG Dallas Scott.

Submitted by Lion Sue Thacker



Edgewood Lions Club

The Edgewood Lions Club had member Lion Tammie Brightwell demonstrate SPOT to their Club members at their meeting on February 16. Tessa Griffith, 7 yr old grandaughter of members, Lions Joe and Dot Hayes found the exam to be very fast and comfortable.

Submitted by Lion John Lyons



Cave Spring Lions Club



Scott Ramsburg of Roanoke Co. Parks and Recreation



Mike Doyle of Blind Veterans Association



Dr. Duncan McAllister on hearing loss

Tree Planting



Cave Spring Lions hard at work



Planting 50 trees at Penn Forest Elementary School



Assisted by students from Roanoke College