



# The Lions Pride

District 24-E

June 2012



**District  
Governor**

**Dallas  
Scott  
2011 – 2012**

## District Governor Dallas' Discussion

### District 24-E Officers

**Dallas Scott, DG**

**Nelson Leftwich, Jr.  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor**

**Kirk Sampson  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor**

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Cabinet Treasurer**

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Reg I Zone II Chair  
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**Eric Mills  
Reg II Zone I Chair  
Hubert Barton  
Reg II Zone II Chair  
J. S. Brown  
Reg II Zone III Chair**

You, the Lions of District 24-E, have done amazing things this year. We have planted trees throughout the district. We picked up a new Service activity with the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Walk. We sponsored five children and their families for the Camp Too Sweet Family Weekend. We are expanding Camp Too Sweet this year to 70 campers from 42 campers last year. We have expanded our membership to almost offset our losses. A potential location for a new Lions club has been identified.

You have performed more eye exams and bought more glasses than in years past. You are utilizing the Spot machines for eye exams. The homeless were given eye exams in Roanoke. Smith Mountain Lake secured the largest club in District 24-E with 87 members. Dublin Lions Club is challenging them with 81 members. Thank you to all clubs who added new members this year. More hands mean lighter work for everyone.

It has been my privilege and honor to serve as your District Governor. Lion Frances and I would like to thank each of you for your support and encouragement. You have made this year so very special for us.

I look forward to working with District Governor Elect Lion Nelson and First Vice District Governor Elect Lion Kirk Sampson as part of their DG Team. I will continue as the Bland Chair for District 24-E and begin serving as the Lions Club International Foundation District 24-E Chair. I will be visiting each of your clubs as time permits. I will also be serving on the Long Range Planning Committee and as the Rich Creek Giles Breakfast Branch Lions Club Guiding Lion. I will not be slowing down much.

The State Convention in Chesapeake was very educational and satisfying for me. It gave me an opportunity to observe the democratic process in action during the deliberations and voting for the constitutional changes. I taught two classes for incoming presidents. I traded a few pins. Lion Frances and I had a wonderful time meeting the Lions of Virginia. You are an amazing and inspiring group.

I wish each of you an exciting and fulfilling year to come and I look forward to Serving with you as we continue our journey of SERVICE together. God bless you all.

District Governor Dallas Scott, 24-E, 2011-2012



DG Lion Dallas enjoys a break during a very busy Lions State Convention with Moneta Lions Gloria Guice, Pat Bailey and Del Bailey.

On behalf of the Lions of District 24-E,

Thank you, District Governor Dallas.

It was a very good Year!

Lion Editor Noel

**District Governor Elect Nelson Leftwich**

First of all, I want to thank everyone who has supported me on this most recent venture. I am really looking forward to serving our District once again as your District Governor. It has been a pleasure to travel with DG Dallas to a number of clubs and renew acquaintances and meet new Lions throughout the District. There are a number of good Lions in the District with a wealth of knowledge that I can call on. I have never been one to hesitate to ask for help and don't see any reason to start now.

I personally want to thank DG Dallas for his fantastic service these past several years and want him to know that the Lions of Virginia appreciate everything he has done. I also want him to know that it doesn't stop just because his year is over. I will be calling on him for assistance on many occasions this next Lions Year.

I appreciate Lion Kirk Sampson for stepping up and taking the office of First Vice District Governor. I know that Lion Kirk will do a fantastic job as 1VDG and DG just as he has as a Zone Chairperson. Lion Kirk will be training the incoming Zone Chairs some time in June. A date has not been set but will be announced very soon.

We do not have a Second Vice District Governor. Lion DG Dallas and I have gone down the list of those in the District who are eligible and contacted several about filling the position. It is not too late to step up. As I have said a number of times "it looks good on your resume."

Our District is still considered a Transitional District due to our membership being below 1,250 members. We will be working very hard on restoring the District to Regular status. This is not something that will be accomplished overnight. Lion DG Dallas, Lion Charlie Herbert and I spent the last weekend in March at a Strategic Planning Workshop in northern Virginia with representatives of all districts in the state where we went over the strengths and weaknesses of our District and prepared a Plan that hopefully will help bring the District out of Transitional status in the next 3 to 4 years. This plan will be presented to the District Cabinet at their first meeting in July and then we will take it to the individual clubs for their buy in. One of the first things we need to do is stop the "bleeding" of members dropping out of Lionism. We are losing too many experienced, dedicated Lions. I don't believe anyone has the magic answer to this problem, but we can keep trying.

We are looking at forming a Branch Club at Ferrum, a Lions Club at Richfield Retirement Community and building up the membership of the Giles Rich Creek Breakfast Branch Lions Club to make it a Regular Lions Club.

I will be calling on all Lions in District 24-E for your help in accomplishing our goals of serving those who are less fortunate than we. IT IS GREAT TO BE A LION.

## Lions of Virginia 89<sup>th</sup> State Convention

The Lions Of Virginia (LOV) Multiple District 24 held it's 89th annual State Convention in Chesapeake, VA May 17-20, with something for everyone to participate in, thanks to Host Club Chesapeake Southside.

The long weekend convention offered many learning opportunities, meet and greet sessions, numerous meetings, elections, even a Harbor Cruise, and Fashion Show. Not to mention some friendly competition in the form of a Club Scrapbook Contest, which was open to all Lions Clubs statewide.



Pictured center, Past District Governor "Woody" Woodard of District 24 A, and current State Lions Information Chairperson also State Public Relations Chairperson, presented awards for the top two scrapbook entries. Lion President Lowell Skelton, left, with the Smith Mountain Lake Lions Club, displays his club's second place plaque. Lion President Gloria Guice, right, with the Moneta Lions Club, proudly displays the first place plaque presented to her club.

Pictured are, left to right, First V.D.G. Lion Nelson Leftwich, Lion Lowell

Skelton, Pres. SML Lions, Lion Kirk Sampson, Zone Chair and Lion Dallas Scott, District Governor for District 24-E.



Lion Nelson received a Multiple District 24 Distinguished Service Award, a Virginia Script Pin and is District 24-E District Governor Elect. for the new Fiscal Year starting July 1.



(Rt.) Lion Lowell received an International President's Medal.

Lion Kirk received a MD-24 Distinguished Service Award and is Dist. 24-E First VDG Elect for the new year. Dist. Gov. Dallas received a Virginia Script Pin and will be the Immediate Past District Governor.







Gov. Dallas presents Membership Plaques to Lion President Gloria Guice, Moneta Lions Club and to Lion President George Mohrmann, Forest Lions Club.



Lions Gloria Guice, Pat Bailey and Del Bailey from the Moneta Lions Club and Lions Kirk Sampson, Lowell Skelton, Debbie Farthing,,Ralph Long and Joanna Hudzik from the SML Lions Club were in Attendance.

Submitted by Lion Del Bailey, Ass't P.R., Moneta Lions

### **THANK YOU LIONS OF Dist. 24-E**

Fellow Lions, on Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, you honored me with your endorsement as a Candidate for International Director of Lions Clubs International. I thank you for your support and confidence.

The Virginia Delegation will go to Busan, Korea for the International Convention in June, and at that time I will be presented to the International Board of Directors for selection. If it is decided that Virginia must wait, I will return to the International Convention in Hamburg, Germany next year.

Lion Barbara Duke is constructing a Facebook page through which I can communicate to everyone in the District and you can follow my journey. We will link it to the 24D Facebook page and everyone will be welcome on the site.

Again, I thank you for the honor of your endorsement, and, given the opportunity, I promise to serve with distinction as a representative of all the Lions of Virginia.

Yours in Service,

*Lion Hauser*

Lion Hauser Weiler, PCC

Virginia's Candidate for International Director

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**KEEP THE DATE -**

District 24-E Fall Conference October 26-28 Holiday Inn Valley View. Come join Past Council Chair District Governor Nelson Leftwich for a wonderful weekend of fun, fellowship and Lionism. Room rates are \$78.00 plus tax . Once again we will kick off with a fun filled picnic and auction on Friday. Each Club is asked to donate items for the auction or give \$25.00 to help offset the cost of the conference. Please contact Fall Conference Chair Lion Tammie Brightwell 540-774-2495 or e-mail: lionva@verizon.net if you have any questions. Our International guest will be International Director Robert E. "Bob" Corlew from Milton, Tennessee. And we are very excited to have your own Lion Betty Herbert and friends. SO..... Come with your dancing shoes on and be prepared to have fun and be educated.

**Eyeglass Recycling**

Michael Ferguson's year as District Governor of 24-E

Mount Pleasant Lions

PDG Carl L. Whitaker, Williamson Road Lions

Lilian Wimmer, Mount Pleasant Lions

Dewayne Blough, Troutville Lions

Doris Oyer, Crossroads Lions

All of these Lions were present in May of 1993, when two Lions came from Munsie, Indiana to get Roanoke started in eye glass recycling.

Over these 19 years, several million pairs of glasses have been washed and processed for the visually handicapped. Lions motto, "We Serve"

Submitted by PDG Lion Carl Whitaker

## **“The High and The Mighty”**

Double signed copies of “The High and The Mighty” print by artist George Solonevich are available at the state office. The cost of \$25.00 plus shipping will go to the MD 24 Lions of Virginia Leadership Programs. Please call Lion State Secretary Tammie Brightwell 540-774-2495 or e-mai: lionva@verizon.net.

### **Corrections:**

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**District 24-E Charity, Inc.**

Please share the following formal agreement between District 24-E Lions Clubs and the Lions District 24-E Charity, Inc., with your Lions Club Board of Directors and Members.

**Deposit/Withdrawal Agreement Lions District 24-E Charity, Inc.**

Whereas Lions District 24-E Charity, Inc.(herein the " Corp.") has been formed and has an IRS 501(c)(3) designation as a tax exempt charitable organization, which allows, (1) interest earned on deposits to be non-taxable to the organization and (2) donors to the Corp. to claim such donations as a charitable gift on the donors' federal tax return, and

Whereas most individual Lions' Clubs do not have specific 501(c)(3) designations, which hinders gifts and bequests from donors and estates to those clubs, and

Whereas it is the desire of the Corp. and the \_\_\_\_\_ Lions Club (herein the " Club" ), to allow the Clubs' gifts and bequests to be deposited into the Corp.'s Money Market Account, so that donors may claim their gifts or bequests as a charitable donation for federal tax purposes.

Therefore this agreement sets forth the understandings, stipulations and covenants of the parties as follows:

1. The club will deposit \$\_\_\_\_\_ into the Corp.'s Money Market Account (herein the Fund) as of the date of this agreement.
2. Withdrawals from, or directions to pay from the Clubs' deposit into the Fund must be by written request signed by the Club President and Treasurer.
3. All interest earned on the Money Market Account will be apportioned according to the amount deposited by the Club, during the time the Club's deposit remains in the Fund.
4. In the event there are more than 6 withdrawals from the Fund in any one month the fee the Fund's bank may charge will be apportioned among all withdrawing clubs.
5. All expenses incurred by the Corp., such as the annual fee charged by the Virginia State Corporation Commission and any audits or bookkeeping fees, will be apportioned among the clubs having money in the Fund during the period in which the expense occurred.
6. This agreement shall be continuous and ongoing until canceled by one of the parties . Either party may cancel this agreement for any reason upon 30 days written notice to the other, at the address shown below the signature line.

This Agreement is entered into this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

Lions District 24-E Charity, Inc.

by:\_\_\_\_\_

(title)\_\_\_\_\_

Address:\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Lions Club

by:\_\_\_\_\_ President

Address:\_\_\_\_\_

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If your club needs a 501(c)(3) to submit grant money or make other financial deposits, please contact me so we can get to work on all the necessary paperwork. Lion Bill Brammer, PDG 24-E



**Lions Day at Camp Too Sweet, Wednesday, June 20, 2012, at Camp Bethel**

The morning beginning at 10:00 A.M. of June 20th is when all of the Campers have the following:

Hearing Screening is being done by Ferrum Lions Club.

Vision Screening is being done by Smith Mountain Lake Lions Club.

Lions Quest teaching program by Elaina Arbogast who is the Lions Quest teacher sponsored by Rocky Mount Lions Club.

All Lions are invited to attend lunch. If you want to come for lunch only arrive at 11:30. The cost of lunch will be \$9.00 for each of us. If you can have lunch, please let me know no later than June 13, 2012.

Lion Bill Brammer, PDG 24-E, 50 Avalon Drive, Rocky Mount, VA 24151

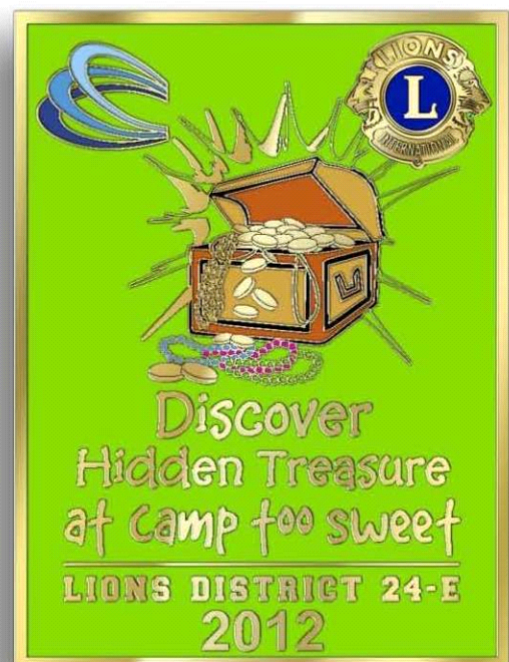
H: (540) 483-9645, C: (540) 493-9108, email: lionbill@jetbroadband.com

There will be Lions Pins on sale and Camp Too Sweet T-Shirts for order.

The pins for 2012 will be \$3.50 and pins for 2009, 2010, and 2011 will be \$3.00.

The shirts will cost \$9.00 through SIZE XL and \$11.00 SIZE XXL and larger.

Go to our District 24-E web site to get directions to Camp Bethel. [virginia-24e-lions.org](http://virginia-24e-lions.org)

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**2012 SHIRT BACK**



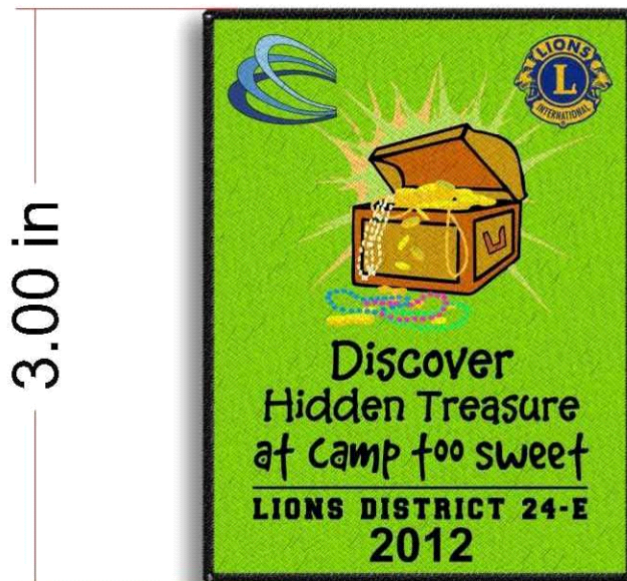
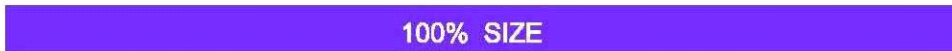
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**Camp Too Sweet Donations**

All of the Lions Clubs who make donations to Camp Too Sweet before the end of June 2012 shall receive a banner patch. Please make your donation to Lions District 24-E Charity, Inc., and write Camp Too Sweet on the "for" or "memo" line. Send your donation to Lions Rob Senoski, 5610 Altice Road, Moneta, VA 24121-6811.

The banner patch which you will receive is as below:



Thank you for your assistance for those deabetic young people attending Camp Too Sweet and who need financial assistance to be able to attend.

Lion William H. Brammer, PDG, District 24-E Camp Too Sweet Chair



## Zone Meeting

Lions of Virginia (LOV) District 24-E, Region 1, Zone 1 members gathered for a dinner meeting at Liberty Station in Bedford May 16<sup>th</sup>. A representative from each club present discussed their most recent accomplishments, and goals for the coming fiscal year.



Pictured at the head table are District Governor Lion Dallas Scott who extended a heartfelt thank you to all lions for their outstanding performance during his term. First Vice District Governor Nelson Leftwich discussed his goals as the District's incoming Governor. Zone 1 Chairperson Fred Von Bechmann was the emcee and coordinator for the evenings activities.

Several officers of the Moneta Lions Club attended. Pictured seated are President Lion Gloria Guice, First VP Lion Lynne Philbin, with Secretary Lion Pat Bailey. Standing rear are Second VP Lion Rob Senoski, Membership Chair Lion Bart Matthies, and club Treasurer Lion Del Bailey.



Submitted by Lion Rob Senowski

## SPOT Training

Please contact District 24-E Sight Chair Lion Tammie Brightwell if you are interested in having our new sight equipment SPOT demonstrated for your club. 540-774-2495 or e-mail: [lionva@verizon.net](mailto:lionva@verizon.net).



## RICH CREEK-GILES BREAKFAST BRANCH LIONS

March kept members of Rich Creek-Giles Breakfast Branch Lions Club busy taking part in National Reading Month activities. On March 3rd, at the invitation of Rich Creek Library, members met at the library for the weekly reading program. The first reading session in March was devoted to dogs and the roles they play in all our lives. Married to Rich Creek Lions Club President Gary Eaton, head librarian Marsha Eaton immediately thought about the Leader Dog Program as part of the teaching session. Union Hall is quite a trip for our Leader Dog Chairperson to travel so he sent a DVD presentation about the program which the children enjoyed very much. Local Healing Dog trainers brought two of their dogs, Foton and Sugar, to meet the children and to demonstrate how they interact with the folks they visit in schools, nursing homes and hospitals.



Lion Charlie Herbert, aka Poppi the Puppy, was the featured reader for the day. With his face painted and big, floppy puppy ears attached to his Lions cap, Lion Charlie read the children a book entitled FIRST DOG about a little black dog who travels the world looking for the perfect home only to find it in Washington DC upon his return to the United States. Not only were the children entertained by the book, but they eagerly participated in locating the different countries the puppy visited on the globe. Rich Creek Lion President Gary Eaton, Rich Creek Lions member Lion Dale Smith and Branch Club member Lion Betty Herbert were also in attendance.

The Rich Creek-Giles Breakfast Branch continues to screen vision exam and glasses requests from people living in the Eastern end of Giles County passing them along to Rich Creek Vision Chairman Phil Shrewsberry for processing. All the applicants have been seen by Dr. Chris Hansen and are now wearing their new glasses. One of those most effected by this service was a man who had become homeless and had spent most of the winter in a tent along the Appalachian Trail because he had lost his job as a truck driver when he lost his glasses. Referred to the club by Pembroke Methodist Church this person now has new glasses and has applied and is again applying for work. Just another success story of Lions helping others in need.



From March 30 through April 1 Lion Charlie traveled to Fairfax, VA with Governor Dallas and VDG Nelson for the GMT training sessions. Strategic planning for District 24E took some hard work and consideration about where we want to go over the next few years. All three attendees felt that much good work was done over the weekend.

In May Rich Creek Lions Secretary Tommy Hess along with Rich Creek-Giles Branch members Lions Charlie and Betty Herbert attended the Region II Zone II meeting held at Pearisburg Country Club during the Pearisburg Lions Club's regular meeting. Also in May, Lions Charlie and Betty Herbert attended the State Convention in Chesapeake as delegates of the Rich Creek Lions Club.

Rich Creek-Giles Breakfast Branch Lions Club is growing and with that growth experiencing some growing pains. One of our members has transferred with his job and wants to keep his membership with this club. However, the travel distance prevents him from making all the meetings. Another of our young members was elected as our Representative to the Virginia House of Delegates and must spend quite a bit of his time in Richmond. Another, a bank manager, sometimes must be in the bank early and must miss meetings. In order to accommodate these schedules and to also allow these members the opportunity to "attend" all our meetings Rich Creek-Giles Breakfast Branch Lions has held its first conference call meeting. By doing this members are able to keep their attendance records and contribute to the meetings and the decisions of the club, but also to meet their other obligations as well. As the club grows we'll be looking for more ways to involve all our members in all our meetings.



The annual fundraiser, Meadow Muffin Bingo will be held on Saturday, June 9 at Huffman House Farm in Newport, VA. A few tickets remain to be sold as of May 25 but will all be sold by the event date. The field is being prepared by farm owners Ron and Carol Baker and the horse is ready and waiting for his cue to perform.

Lions of Virginia Multiple District 24 held its Annual Convention in Chesapeake, Virginia May 18-20, 2012. Lion Charlie Herbert of the Rich Creek-Giles Breakfast Branch Lions, was honored at the Saturday night banquet with the International President's Award. The International Presidents Award is the second highest award given to any Lion and is awarded only rarely. International President, Wing-Kun Tam, received a nomination from District 24E Governor Dallas Scott outlining the achievements Lion Charlie has reached since becoming a Lion in 2006 as well as the important rolls he has played not only at the Club and District levels but also at the State level.

**At left are PID Ronald Johnson, Lion Charlie Herbert, D24E Governor Dallas Scott and PID Wayne Davis.**



Some of the accomplishments which earned Lion Charlie this high award are: Board of Directors Pearisburg Lions Club 2007-2009, District Governor's Cabinet since 2007, District 24E Campaign Sight First II Chairman 2007-2011, attended Lions Leadership Conference 2007, Multiple District 24 Council of Governors distinguished Service

Award 2008, became founding member of Rich Creek-Giles Breakfast Branch Lions Club and its coordinator in





2010, International President's Leadership Award 2011, International President's Certificate of Appreciation in Recognition of Distinguished Achievements 2011, District 24E's Chairman of the Global Membership Team since 2011. The letter which accompanied the award reads, in part, "this International President's Award is an expression of our appreciation for your dedicated service to those in need. Your hard work and compassion serve as an example to the Lions, community and world around you. Lions like you are working together to improve the lives of others and I BELIEVE that we can make a difference" and is signed by International President Tam.

Herbert says that he was more than surprised by this great honor. "It was an overwhelming experience and I was left speechless". "It is a privilege and an honor to serve as a member of Lions Clubs International at all levels."

Submitted by Lion Betty Herbert

International President's Award

## Salem Host Lions Club

The Salem Host Lions donated over \$25,000 to representatives of local schools and community groups during a Community Appreciation Dinner at the Salem Civic Center on April 3, 2012. Recipients are from left to right: Officer Robertson (DARE Program-Andrew Lewis Middle School), Scott Habeeb (Salem High School Activity Fund), Joe Hafey (Glenvar High School After Prom Event), Jenny McCormick (Salem Food Pantry), Officer Dillon (DARE Program-Salem High School), Nancy Hayes (Salem High School-After Prom Event), Jim Paxton (Salem High School Band), Al Scalera (Salem Rescue Squad), Susan Thomas (Salem High School After Prom Event), Officer Hefner (DARE



Program-East Salem and South Salem Elementary School), Officer Shelor (GW Carver and West Salem Elementary School), Officer Critz (Salem Police Torch Walk), Chris King (Andrew Lewis Middle School Activity Fund and Band), Betsy Martin (Glenvar High School After Prom Event), and Chief Woody Henderson (Fort Lewis Rescue Squad). The Salem Host Lions Club raises their funds through operation of the concession stand at the Salem Stadium.

The Salem Host Lions Club also inducted two new members to the club at their April 17th meeting. The club welcomes Paul and Claudia Everett and their son Andre. The club is also honored to have Jim and Allison McKell who transferred from a Lions Club in North Carolina.

Submitted by Lion Jenny Poland



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## **Ferrum Lions Club**

The Ferrum Lions Club invites all Lions to attend the Blue Ridge Dinner Theater at Ferrum College on the evening of June 23<sup>rd</sup> to see the production of "The Odd Couple". This is a fundraiser for the club with proceeds going toward funding Lions Quest. The evening begins with an optional seminar at 6 p.m., dinner at 6:45 p.m., followed by the play at 8 p.m. Price for the dinner and play is \$26 and \$13.00 to attend the play only. Come enjoy an outstanding evening of entertainment and support the Ferrum Lions Club, too!

For further information and to make reservations, please contact Lion Peggy Smith at 540-365-2029 or at [ms2516bs@jetbroadband.com](mailto:ms2516bs@jetbroadband.com)

## **Smith Mountain Lake Lions Club**



Mark Young, the Chair of the SML Lions Tree Planting Project, plants a tree at Smith Mountain Community Park as part of the SML Lions celebration of Arbor Day, April 27th. Seventy-two trees were planted. This new tree nursery, established at the park, will allow the new trees to adjust to the soil and water levels before they are transported in the fall to areas around the park. The transplanted trees will be replaced with new trees and the nursery will be an ongoing project to reforest public areas of Franklin County. The trees that were planted this week include ten Red Oaks, twenty-five Red Maples, ten Chestnut Trees, and twenty-five Dogwoods. In addition to Mark, SML Lions Ralph Long, Bill Timmins, and Lowell Skelton spent the morning planting the nursery.

Bill Proctor, Chief Executive Officer/Executive Director of the Old Dominion Eye Foundation (ODEF), spoke to the SML Lions on May 10, 2012. The Old Dominion Eye Foundation provides quality human eye tissue for sight restoration and conservation through the promotion of eye donor awareness and the care of donors, recipients and their families. Serving the Commonwealth of Virginia with offices in Abingdon, Annandale, Richmond and Roanoke, ODEF is accredited through the Eye Bank Association of American. Cheryl Ward, Chair of the Program Committee, thanked Proctor for his informative presentation.



Members of the SML Lions Tax Aide Team gather at the end of a highly successful tax season. Tax Aide has been a service project of the SML Lions Club for approximately fifteen years. The SML Lions Club provides the staffing for AARP Tax Aide sites. It originally started with one site in Rocky Mount, the Franklin County Senior Center. However, four years ago Marilyn Amerson, Librarian at the Westlake Library, asked the SM Lions to set





up a site at the Westlake Library, This year (Tax Year 2011), the SML Lions were open for business from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Westlake Library on Tuesday and the Franklin County Senior Center in Rocky Mount on Friday and Saturday. Tax Aide Volunteers from the Lions Club were: (left to right) Lowell Skelton, Carmen Singer, Gene Singer, Stan Smith, Doug Overman, Mike Jackson, Tom Sanders, Len Bryant, and Tom Hoflich (kneeling). Not shown is Rick Carroll. Overman and Smith are charter members of this project. The Lions spent the following number of hours working at the two sites this year: February – 475.5 hours; March - 320.0 hours; April - 175.5 hours. Total: 971 hours

Eleven SML Lions worked at the 4-H Center to support the Annual Lake Clean-up Day on May 5, 2012. Len Bryant (left) and Lowell Skelton(right) are shown in front of several dumpsters that were filled that day.



On Wednesday, May 16, 2012, the Smith Mountain Lake Lions Club and the Rocky Mount Lions Club presented a set of flags to American Legion Post 6 in honor of Charles Santrock, former Post Commander and former member of the Rocky Mount Lions Club. Shown are Roger Seale, Treasurer of the Rocky Mount Lions Club (right), Charles Santrock, former Post Commander and former member of the Rocky Mount Lions Club (center), and Lowell Skelton, President of the Smith

Mountain Lake Lions Club (left). Members of American Legion Post 6 are shown in back.



## Moneta Lions Club



The Moneta Lions Club welcomed a new member, Lion Dan Jones (center) into it's den during a recent club meeting held at Resurrection Catholic Church. Prior to his installation, Lion Jim Hunt briefed the candidate on the History of Lions Clubs International. Lion Chuck Dideon also gave a presentation on the beginnings of, also the many community projects the Moneta Lions are involved with. Pictured left with Lion Dan is his proud sponsor Lion Jerry Over, a club Past President and current Program Chair. Lion Pat Bailey, right, also a club Past President and current Secretary presided over the induction proceedings.



Jim Pulversack, Tom Mignogna, Joe Rada, and Ed Walder, made up the winning team at the Moneta Lions Club's 12th Annual Golf Outing, with a net score of 52. The fund raising event, spearheaded by Lion Del Bailey, was held Monday April 23rd, at Mariners Landing Golf Course, 2052 Lake Retreat Road, in Huddleston, VA. The outing was a huge success despite threatening weather conditions, and unseasonably cool temperatures. Following the outing, over one hundred golfers, plus many of the Moneta Lions Club members gathered for a "Buffet Feast". After lunch, and much bragging, many golfer awards, raffle and door prizes were presented.

Bobby Daniel accepts the Grand Prize of many raffle items presented, from Moneta Lions Club President Lion Gloria Guice, following the Club's 12th Annual Golf Outing held at Mariners Landing, and luncheon at Saunders Fire House Social Hall.



In observance of "Earth Day", on behalf of the Moneta Lions Club, Lions Rob Senoski and Gloria Guice visited Body Camp Elementary School, to donate recyclable items to Annette Jenkins. Ms Jemkins is the school's recycle coordinator and has earned the nickname of "Recycle Queen".

Among the items collected by club members were printer toner and ink cartridges which are turned in for credit to buy schools supplies. Cell phones, to be refurbished and used for 911 service, then redistributed to those in need. Also Campbell proof of purchase bar codes, various cereal, and other "Box Top Tabs For Education."





Lion Tammie Brightwell, Lions of Virginia (LOV) State Secretary/Treasurer, and the new SPOT Vision Screening Chair recently visited the Moneta Lions Club. During her visit, Lion Tammie discussed the many advantages of the SPOT Vision Screening Device which is a product of Pedia Vision.

Members of the Southside Seniors Association of Moneta, Shirley Goad, Gloria Guice, Rob Senoski, and



Maxine Underwood, were honored to cut the ribbon symbolizing the start of the 34th Annual Bedford County Elderfest activities. The 34th Annual Bedford County Elderfest program, sponsored by the Bedford Dept. of Parks and Recreation was held at the Bedford Moose Lodge, 2986 W. Lynchburg -Salem Tpke (Route 460), Thursday evening May 3rd from 6-8 pm, and Friday May 4th from 9am-1pm.



During the activities, Rob Senoski, left, received this year's Award of Recognition to the Benefactors of the Elderly (ARBE), from William Bailey, program coordinator for the county's Department of Parks and Recreation. Senoski is a volunteer driver for the CVAAA, delivering meals to elderly homebound residents, regularly visits the Moneta CVAAA dining site, is current President of the Southside Seniors Association in Moneta, a member of the Bedford County Sheriff's Office Retired Senior Volunteer Patrol (RSVP), and Vice President of the Moneta Lions Club.

The Moneta Lions Club received a donation from Appalachian Power in support of their local community programs. Larry Jackson, Appalachian Power Manager

of External Affairs for the Central Virginia region, presented a \$250 donation to Club President Gloria Guice. Mr. Jackson noted that Appalachian Power appreciates the Moneta Lions Club's great work for community outreach programs and shares their desire for improving the SML region.



Members of the Moneta Lions Club, the Boy Scouts of America Troop 130, and Bedford County Parks and Recreation joined together for a "Green Day" at the new Moneta Park on Rucker Road in Moneta, Saturday May 5th. Bedford County Parks and Recreation provide the mechanical power to dig the holes, near the Lion Jim Agnew Pavilion, for 12 Dwarf Burning Bushes and 4 Oak Trees, which



were purchased by the Moneta Lions. Members of Boy Scout Troop 130, assisted the Lions Club members position the "GREENERY", back fill the holes, water and apply mulch to the mounds. Pictured are Lions Tom Robbins, Green Day Chairperson, with Lions Gloria Guice and Rob Senoski, also present were Lions Nancy Robbins, Lynne Philbin, Joan Brackin, and Jim Hunt.

Members of the Moneta Lions recently held a "WHITE CANE DAY", a fund raising day when Lions help to educate the public about the aspirations, hopes

and abilities of people who are blind or visually impaired.

Pictured are Lions Bart Matthies, Tim Haer, and Mary Davis at the Shop Rite location. Also assisting throughout the day were Lions Jerry Over, Rob Senoski, Joan Brackin, Lynne Philbin, Edna Costanza, and Jim Hunt.



Submitted by Lion Rob Senowski

## Bedford Breakfast Lions Club



Bedford Breakfast Lions Club President Lion Lew Medlin presented Lion Rob Senoski with a Certificate Of Appreciation following a "Home Safety" presentation to the club's membership.

Lion Rob, a Moneta Lion and Safety Chairperson for Lions of Virginia District 24-E, recently addressed the Bedford Breakfast Club Lions concerning the installation, testing and maintenance of home smoke detectors. The use of a home fire extinguisher was also discussed, stressing that the first line of defense should be personal safety and calling 911.

Submitted by Lion Rob Senowski, Moneta Lions Club



## Cave Spring Lions Club



White Cane collectors Lions Craig Camidge, Dewey Monger, Noel Cosby and Carlton Saul



Linda Williams, Jefferson College of Health Sciences



Stephanie Ingram and her father Mike Doyle talk about Cystic Fibrosis



Ben Martin discussed WVTF's volunteer program of reading for the sight impaired with Lion Dick and Dianne Decker

Hope you all have a happy, healthy and safe summer. See you in September.

Lion Editor Noel