



The Lions Pride

District 24-E

September 2012



District Governor's Message

**Nelson
Leftwich
2012 – 2013**

Bedford Host Lions Club loses a dedicated Lion

The Bedford Host Lions Club lost its last charter member this month with the passing of Lion Mike Reynolds. Lion Mike joined 20 other businessmen in July 1935, in forming the Bedford Lions Club. This was a true act of faith to start a new Lions Club in the middle of the depression. Lion Mike remained a dedicated and faithful member throughout the years and had over 40 years of perfect attendance until his health prevented him from attending all of the meetings. He gave 14 people the opportunity to serve their community by sponsoring them as members of the Lion Club. He served his club as President in 1942/43 and the club honored him with a Melvin Jones Fellow Award, the highest honor a club can bestow on a member, in 1989, the first in the club to be so honored. In May 1994, he was honored as a Life Member.

A number of us were envious of Lion Mike because he could eat anything and everything, and did just that. At the club meetings he would always order the meal with the highest cholesterol content and then order an extra side of onion rings. He would then proceed to clean his plate. Mike kept the Lions Club in the fruit cake business long after most members wanted to quit selling them as a fund raiser because he wanted to continue giving them away to his customers around Christmas time. As Bill May noted in the article last week, Mike still showed up to sell Christmas trees when he was over 90 years of age, and of course, he had on a suit and tie.

Mike was a true friend to Bernice and me personally and to the Bedford Host Lions Club. He was definitely a member of "The Greatest Generation."

Lion DG Nelson Leftwich
Secretary, Bedford Host Lions Club

In the picture, Lion Mike attended the 75th Charter Night of the club in July 2010, the last meeting he was able to attend.



District 24-E Officers

**Nelson Leftwich, Jr.
District Governor**

**Kirk Sampson
1st Vice District Governor**

2nd Vice District Governor

**Clark Vandergrift
Cabinet Secretary**

**James Newman
Cabinet Treasurer**

**Tammie Brightwell
State Sec/Treas.**

Reg / Zone Chairmen

**Fred von Bechmann
Reg I Zone I Chair
Lowell Skelton
Reg I Zone II Chair
Deborah(Susie) Argabright
Reg I Zone III Chair**

**Eric Mills
Reg II Zone I Chair
Marty Alford
Reg II Zone II Chair
Joseph Wade
Reg II Zone III Chair**

First Vice District Governor's Message

I want to thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve you as your 1st Vice District Governor for 2012 - 2013. I look forward to meeting and serving with all of you this year. I plan to visit many of the clubs and to attend all zone meetings this year. It will be my pleasure to accompany District Governor Nelson on his visits to the Region I Clubs. I also look forward to seeing and talking with many of you at both the Fall Conference and the State Convention.

I will also be serving the District as Peace Poster Chair, as Diabetes Awareness(Camp Too Sweet) Co-chair and as a member of the Global Membership Team, covering Region I Clubs for District Chairman Charlie Herbert. If any of you or your clubs have any questions or want more information in any of these areas, please contact me. I am available to do club presentations upon request.

I am excited about the up coming year and the opportunities we have to serve before us. I know that by working together and utilizing the resources available in District 24-E, we can begin to add the new members we need to regain full District status by 2017.

Yours in Lionism,
1st VDG Lion Kirk

Lions of Virginia, Thank you!

Fellow Lions, as you probably know by now, I was elected to the Board of Directors of Lions Clubs International at the International Convention in Busan, Korea in June. This is an honor and I will fulfill my new duties to reflect well on Virginia's decision to send me forward.

This will be an exciting journey, as I can tell from my brief exposure to all the activities of the Board. I have been assigned to the Service Activities Committee which has broad reaching responsibility for all Youth Programs including LEO Clubs, Eyeglass Recycling, Eye Banking, Hearing and Sight Conservation and SightFirst, Cultural Activities, Environmental Programs, International Relations and Service to the Community.

To communicate with the Lions of Virginia and let you know what is going on at Lions Clubs International, I have joined the world of Social Media – I now have a Facebook Page and invite you all to connect and follow my journey as well as share your thoughts with me.

I will be attending the Fall Conferences and look forward to talking with as many of you as I can, and getting your ideas for improving the Service Activities we have and for new areas of Lions Service. Please share your ideas with me. Your District LEO Chairs have already been asked to provide ideas for improving the meaning of LEO Service with a award program, much like the Merit Badge program in Scouting.

Again, thank you to all of you

In Service,
Lion Hauser

.Lion Dr. H. Hauser Weiler
Director 2012-2014
Lions Clubs International



District 24-E Fall Conference

To: Fellow Lions, Lionesses, and Leos

Date: August 16, 2012

The District 24-E Fall Conference will be held October 26 and 27, 2012 at the Holiday Inn Valley View, Roanoke. The Bedford Host Lions Club will be your host for the Conference.

Activities on Friday will include a Masquerade dinner, followed by District 24-E's traditional auction. If you have your own Masquerade mask, please wear it, if not you will have your choice from an array of beautiful masks. All clubs are asked to provide items for the auction or a donation of **two dollars**, per member. Your support helps us to defray some of the cost of the Fall Conference. **Please give your items to your Zone Chairman by October 19, 2012. If you are sending a monetary donation in lieu of items to auction, please mail your check to 24-E Fall Conference 5004 Colonial Ave, Roanoke, VA 24018.**

A Fellowship Breakfast will take place on Saturday morning followed by informative sessions. The luncheon will feature International Director Lion Bob Corlew, Milton, Tennessee as our keynote speaker. The afternoon activities will include a District Meeting, LOVF Meeting and a reception for you to meet International Director Lion Bob Corlew and his spouse, Lion Dianne. The evening will include the Conference Banquet with Dancing. Entertainment will be our own Lion Betty Hebert and Ratatouille. Please come and enjoy the evening's entertainment. Be ready to dance.

Lady Lions, Lionesses, and Guests: The Lady Lions of District 24-E extend to you an invitation to a complimentary Ladies Tea in honor of Lion Dianne Corlew, wife of International Director Lion Bob Corlew. This Ladies Tea will be held on Saturday afternoon, October 27, 2012.

A Registration Form is included for your use. Return the form along with your check for meals to me at the address found in the top left box of the Registration Form. **The deadline for registration for the Conference and Ladies' Tea is October 17, 2012.**

Hotel accommodations at the Holiday Inn Valley View must be made directly with the hotel at (540) 362-4500. Please ask for the District 24-E Lions of Virginia rate of \$78.00 plus tax. Reservations may also be made by accessing www.holidayinn.com/roavalleyview and using the code LFC. **The deadline for Hotel reservations is October 19, 2012.**

Registration packets can be picked up in the hotel lobby on Friday from 1:00 – 6:00 pm and on Saturday from 7:00 – 3:30 pm.

District Governor Nelson Leftwich would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the District 24-E Fall Conference as he begins to carry out this year's theme **"In A World of Service."**

Yours in Lionism

Enclosure: Registration form, DG Letter, Schedule of events

Mail registration to:
District 24-E Fall Conference Registration
5004 Colonial Ave., SW
Roanoke, VA 24018



Contact Person for this registration form:

Name: _____

Telephone Number: _____

24-E Lions Fall Conference 2012

October 26 - 27, 2012

Holiday Inn Valley View Roanoke, VA

A registration form must be completed for everyone attending the Fall Conference. Nametags, conference packet and a Fall Conference Pin will be provided for all registered attendees. Those attending the paid activities must indicate their choices below. If you need a table for your club to use for display or sales, indicate by checking here. _____

Hotel Reservations: Call the Holiday Inn at (540) 362-4500 or Toll Free (800) 465-4329 to make your reservations. Request the District 24-E Lions of Virginia rate (\$78.00 plus tax). Or go online to make your reservations by accessing www.holidayinn.com/roavalleyview and use 3 letter code **LFC**. **The deadline for hotel reservations is October 19, 2012.**

Deadline for Fall Conference registration is October 17, 2012.

A Ladies' Tea honoring Lion Dianne, spouse of International Director Bob Corlew, will be held on Saturday, October 27, 2012. Please check the appropriate box below if you plan to attend (The Ladies' Tea is complimentary.)

Name: _____

Lion __ Lioness __ LEO __ Guest __

Club: _____

Office Held _____

Nametag: _____ (please indicate how you would like your name on nametag)

Registration Fee (includes pin) \$20.00 \$20.00

50/50 (two drawings) \$5.00 _____

Friday Masquerade Dinner \$20.00 _____

Saturday Fellowship Breakfast \$15.00 _____

Saturday Buffet Lunch \$20.00 _____

Saturday Banquet \$30.00 _____ please indicate selection below

Prime Rib _____ Salmon Rosemary _____ Chicken Saltimbocca _____

Ladies Tea ____ Will attend ____ Will not attend No Charge

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Checks should be made payable to: **District 24-E Fall Conference** **Please mail registration to the address above.**

Friday Masquerade Dinner – Buffet

Southern Fried Chicken
B-B-Q Ribs
Red-Skinned Potato Salad
Macaroni Salad
Baked Beans
Mashed Potato's
Assorted Cookies
Iced Tea and Lemonade

Saturday Breakfast – Buffet

Scrambled Eggs
Hickory Smoked Bacon
Homestyle Breakfast Potatoes
Assorted chilled fruit juices
Assorted milk
Coffee
Fresh Fruit w/ Honey Yogurt
Assorted Pastries
Biscuits
Butter
Fruit Spread

Saturday Lunch – Buffet

Herbed Baked Chicken
Yankee Pot Roast
Mixed Greens Salad with Julienne Vegetables
Assorted Dressings and Toppings
Chef choice 2 vegetables
Assorted Gourmet Rolls w/butter
Assorted desserts
Iced Tea, Coffee, Water

Saturday Dinner – Plated (3 choices)

Salmon Rosemary

Salmon Filet simmered in White Wine and fresh Rosemary Sauce with Bacon, Bell Peppers and Onions

Chicken Saltimbocca

Natural Chicken Breast with Slices of Prosciutto wrapped around a puree of sage, rosemary and garlic with swiss and American cheeses served with a chardonnay sauce.

Prime Rib Au Jus

Eight ounce slow roasted Prime Rib and napped with a natural au jus. Served with a creamy horseradish sauce

All above served with salad, chef choice vegetable and starch, gourmet rolls, assorted desserts, ice tea, coffee and water

District 24-E Fall Conference Schedule of Events

Friday

1:00 – 6:00	Registration	
1:00 – 6:00	Exhibits	
6:30 – 8:00	Dinner	
	Welcome	DG Nelson Leftwich
	Pledge, Invocation, Song	
	Dinner	
	Announcements	DG Nelson Leftwich
8:00 – 10:00	Auction	Auctioneer – PID Richard Chaffin
10:00 – 12:00	Hospitality Room	Room ____

Saturday

7:00 – 3:30	Registration	
7:30 – 8:30	Breakfast	
	Welcome	DG Nelson Leftwich
	Pledge, Invocation	
	Breakfast	
	Announcements	DG Nelson Leftwich
7:00 – 3:30	Exhibits	
	Sessions	
9:00 – 9:50	Club President Training	
	Leadership - Randy Krantz - Commonwealth Attorney	Bedford County
10:00 – 10:50	Club Secretary Training	
	Leadership - Randy Krantz - Commonwealth Attorney	Bedford County
11:00 – 12:15	LOVF Meeting	
12:30 – 2:30	Lunch	
	Welcome	DG Nelson Leftwich
	Pledge, Invocation, Song	
	Lunch	
	Introduction of Special Guests	DG Nelson Leftwich
	Introduction of Guest Speaker	PID Wayne Davis
	Address	ID Bob Corlew
	Awards	DG Nelson Leftwich
	Announcements	DG Nelson Leftwich
2:45 – 3:45	District Meeting	
4:00 – 5:00	Ladies Tea	
6:00 – 6:45	Reception	
7:00 – 9:30	Banquet	
	Welcome	DG Nelson Leftwich
	Pledge, Invocation, Song	
	Banquet	
	Introduction of Entertainment	SST Tammie Brightwell
	Announcements	DG Nelson Leftwich
9:30 – 12:00	Hospitality Room	Room _____

GRUNDY-RAM IN OCTOBER

The Remote Area Medical (RAM) expedition in Grundy, Virginia, is Saturday and Sunday, October 6 and 7, 2012. This event will be held again this year at the Riverview Elementary/Middle School.

A registration form for Grundy is included in this newsletter. Complete this form and send it to person at the address noted on the form. At the bottom of the form, please write the name of your Lions Club.

If you need a room reservation at the Breaks Interstate Park, send a copy of the form to Sandy Stiltner, Buchanan County, VA Government, P.O. Box 289, Grundy, VA 24614; sandy.stiltner@buchanancounty-va.gov, and request that she make a reservation for you.

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

If you have any questions regarding the Grundy-RAM event, please let me know.

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

Special Editor's Note

Lion Jim and I were on a trip across the Canadian Rockies in July and while in Vancouver their national paper, The Globe and Mail (comparable to USA Today), ran a two page centerfold article on RAM in Wise, VA. The article has been reduced and I have included it after Linda's registration forms. Just goes to show that good news travels fast and wide!

GRUNDY - RAM
October 2-3, 2010

Name: _____

Organization: _____Lions of Virginia, District 24-E_____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

I will be able to attend on the following date(s):

_____ Saturday, October 2nd , 2010

_____ Sunday, October 3rd, 2010

I will need _____ room(s) reserved at the Breaks Interstate Park. I will be arriving
_____ 2010.

Please return form to Sandy Stiltner, Buchanan County, VA Government, PO Box 289, Grundy, VA
24614: sandy.stiltner@buchanancounty-va.gov.

REMOTE AREA MEDICAL®

Volunteer Registration

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

NAME _____ PHONE (preferred) _____

ADDRESS _____ PHONE (work) _____

EMAIL*: _____

*(Please print legibly - volunteer information is sent via e-mail)

Profession/specialty _____
(if student, please state)

Dates: **October 6-7, 2012** Location: **Buchanan Co., Grundy, VA** Country: **USA**

Days you are volunteering:

Set Up: Fri. (10/5) _____ Take-down: Sun. (10/7) _____

Clinic days: Sat. (10/6) _____ Sun. (10/7) _____

ALL VOLUNTEERS MUST CHECK IN AND OUT DAILY AT VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION TABLE

BLOOD-BORNE PATHOGENS TRAINING IS REQUIRED FOR ALL REMOTE AREA MEDICAL®
VOLUNTEER ***MEDICAL*** AND ***DENTAL*** PERSONNEL.

I hereby certify that I have completed a training / educational program dealing with the risks of exposure to blood-borne pathogens and methods to prevent exposure.

Print Name

Signature

Compliance Statement

I hereby attest that my license/certificate is not suspended or revoked pursuant to disciplinary proceedings in any jurisdiction. **A COPY OF MY CURRENT STATE LICENSE OR CERTIFICATE AND DEA# (where applicable) ARE ATTACHED HERETO.**

Confidentiality Statement

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

Release and Indemnification

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

I fully understand that I am volunteering at my own risk and that due to my occupational/other possible exposure to blood or other potentially infectious materials, I may be at risk of acquiring Hepatitis B virus (HBV) infection or other blood borne pathogens. I understand if I do not have the HBV vaccine, I continue to be at risk of acquiring Hepatitis B, a serious disease. If, in the future, I want to be vaccinated with Hepatitis B vaccine, I can acquire the vaccination at my own expense.

Printed Name

Signature

State(s) of Licensure(s)/Certification(s)

Remote Area Medical® is a 501(c) (3) medical relief charity located at 1834 Beech Street, Knoxville, TN 37920, 865-579-1530

Please return form and copy of current license (if applicable) to: fax to 865-609-1876; email to_laurak@ramusa.org; or mail to

Remote Area Medical®, 1834 Beech St., Knoxville, TN, 37920

Name of Lions Club: _____; District 24 E



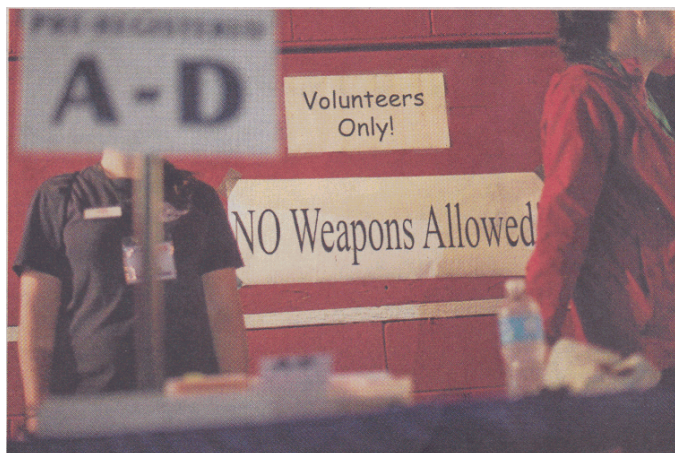
Folio: Poverty



Board lists medical talks offered at a RAM clinic, Wise, VA



Patients have vital statistics recorded before treatment



Sign posted at clinic entrance



People wait to receive wristband number



Dentists work on multiple patients performing numerous procedures. For many, it is their first visit to a dentist.

What some Americans do when they can't afford health care

Uninsured or underinsured Appalachians flocked to rural Wise County, Va., earlier this month to seek free dental vision and medical services. The Remote Area Medical Volunteer Corps transformed the local fairgrounds into a field hospital to provide care on a first-come, first-served basis. It's estimated 2,400 people received care over a three-day period at the clinic. The event has been held annually for 12 years.

The Lions Quest Program

Design (CEED) complex in Rocky Mount, VA. A total of 23 area School Guidance Counselors from throughout Bedford and Franklin Counties were in attendance. Standing, L-R, are Lions: Peggy Smith, District 24-E Lions Quest Chairperson, Joyce Gordon, Gloria Guice, Ralph Long, Kirk Sampson, Lowell Skelton, and Roger Seale, all passionate diehards when it comes to the Lions Quest Program.



The Smith Mountain Lake Lions Club, working with the Moneta, Ferrum and Rocky Mount Lions Clubs, recently received a \$10,000 Lions Club Quest Grant for District 24-E to support the implementation of the Lions Quest program in 23 elementary schools in Bedford and Franklin Counties.

The Lions Quest program teaches young people skills necessary for everyday success at three different age groups. Skills for Growing ages 5-10, for Adolescence ages 11-14, for Action ages 15-18. Skills that are taught include learning to accept responsibility; communicating effectively; setting goals; making healthy decisions; and resisting pressure to use alcohol or drugs. Lions Clubs International Foundation has implemented the prevention program in nearly 60 countries throughout the world. At this time, Skills for Growing is being taught in Franklin and Bedford Counties.

For more information contact Lion Peggy Smith, Quest District Chairman, 540-365-2029

Lions Quest Leadership Recognition

We would like to thank the following Lions for promoting Lions Quest and organizing teacher training workshops:

Peggy Smith and 24 E Lions, Rocky Mount (VA), Community Partnership Grant

Dennis Cope and 14 C Lions, Biglerville (PA), Lion Funds

Pennsylvania Lions, Phoenixville (PA), Lions Funds

Vickie Walton and WV Lions, Elkins (WV), Core 4 Grant

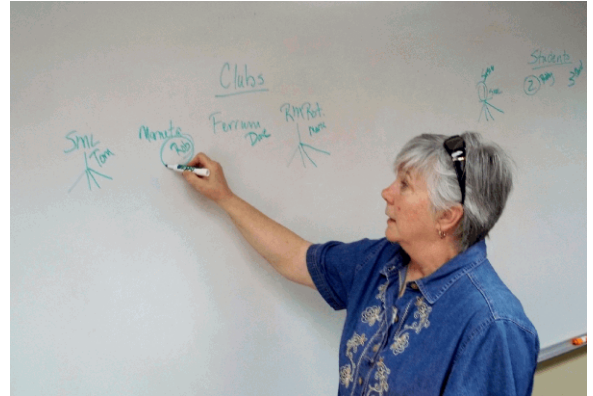
Tony Dowell and OK Lions, Wewoka (OK), Core 4 Grant

Hilary Kumnick and 23 C Lions, Haddam Killingworth & Colchester (CT), Core 4 Grant

Dianne Pitts and 32 D Lions, Clinton (SC), Community Partnership Grant

Trick or Treat for Canned Goods

Lion Susan (Susie) Crow E-term & Assistant Professor at Ferrum College Virginia and District 24-E Campus Chair, recently briefed area civic organizations at the Franklin Center located in Rocky Mount, on the "Trick or Treat for Canned Goods" (TTCG) project to be held in October.



Nine years ago a small group of very service and community minded students at Ferrum College had the idea of collecting food for local food pantries in Franklin County. They started small involving campus clubs and athletic teams. Since then it has grown to be one of the major service projects on campus.

Over the years the Ferrum, Moneta, and Smith Mountain Lake Lions Clubs, also the Rocky Mount Rotary Club have joined the effort. The volunteers will be visiting their local neighborhoods during the month of October, talking with the residents and distributing flyers explaining the project. A week later the same groups will return to pick up the donated items. All items collected will be delivered to area food pantries in Franklin and Bedford Counties, including Heavenly Manna, Lake Christian Ministries, God's Provision and the St. James Center.

Non perishable food items should have a sell by date no earlier than 12-31-12. Other items considered will be disposal baby diapers / wipes, hand soap, dish soap, paper towels, bathroom tissue, etc.

For additional information about, or to join the TTCG project, contact Susan Crow at P.O. Box 1000, Ferrum VA 24088 or email scrow@ferrum.edu , as soon as possible to be included in this year's project.

Dates to Remember:

The 2013 International Convention will be held in Hamburg, Germany July 5-9. If anyone is interested in attending contact Lion J.D. Arnold, PDG for more information.

The 2012 Lions Leadership Forum will be held in Tampa, FL September 13- 15.

The 2013 Lions Leadership Forum will be held September 19-21 at Overland Park, Kansas. If you are interested in going you should start your planning before the first of the year. As soon as I receive them, I will hand out brochures. I encourage every Lion to attend a Forum at least once while they are in Lions.

Lion J.D. Arnold, PDG



District 24E Cabinet Meeting

Lions of Virginia (LOV) District 24-E Governor Lion Nelson Leftwich conducted a Cabinet meeting at the Lions Sight Foundation Center at 501 Elm St SW in Roanoke Sunday August 12th.

Governor Nelson discussed the Strategic Plan for District 24-E for the fiscal year 2012-2013. Some of the topics covered were: the District's Mission Statement, it's Vision Statement-where do we see our District in the future, and spoke about the District's Situation Assessment, covering the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats to the district's existence.

Rich Creek-Giles Breakfast Branch Lions Club

Saturday morning, June 9, saw several members of RC-Giles Breakfast Branch Lions Club at Huffman House in Newport for their annual Meadow Muffin Bingo event. Ron and Carol Baker, owners of the farm, generously provided a large, flat pasture and the services of one of their horses, Wonder, for the morning's event. Wonder lived up to her name making a very nice "deposit" with little delay.

(Right:) Lions Stephen Haight and Betty Herbert, Wonder the horse, Lions Charlie Herbert and Chris Calfee along with Bella Calfee and Shep the dog.



By Saturday evening members reassembled at the Giles County Historical Museum where they had been asked to assist with the barbeque and dance evening that was part of the Sesquicentennial celebration of the Battle of Pearisburg Civil War weekend events. Lions Lisa and Joe Yost, dressed in period costume, served as interpretive actors, Lion "Wild" Bill Anderson taught and led period round and square dances, while Lions Stephen Haight and Charlie and Betty Herbert sold tickets for the barbeque dinner.

(Left): Lions Charlie and Betty Herbert, Lisa Yost, Bill Anderson, Stephen Haight and Joe Yost take part in the Civil War Battle of Pearisburg event on Saturday night.

Sunday morning found Lions Charlie Herbert, Stephen Haight, Bill Anderson and Al Katz assisting with parking for visitors of the re-enactment at the Confederate encampment on Rt. 100 outside Pearisburg at Bluff City. As in the actual battle the Union Troops were bested by the Confederates.

As is their custom, Rich Creek Lions Club holds a family picnic as their July meeting. At that time officers for the coming year are installed.

On Tuesday, July 10th club members, their families, the RC-Giles Breakfast Branch Club, and guests enjoyed a dinner catered by Hometown Restaurant of Peterstown. Lions of Virginia District 24-E's newly installed Governor, Lion Nelson Leftwich of Bedford, was a special guest and installed the officers.



New officers for the 2012-2013 year are: President Lion Don Thompson, 1st Vice President Lion Lewis Haldren, 2nd Vice President and Membership Chair Lion Bill Fleenor, Secretary Lion Tommy Hess, Treasure Lion Gary Midkiff, Assistant Treasurer Lion Franice Epling, Lion Tamers Lions Bill Fleenor and Lion Fred Anderson, Tail Twister Lion Dale Smith, Sight and Hearing Chairman and Eye Caseworker Lion Phil Shrewsberry. The remaining seats on the Board are: 1 Year Director, Branch Club Coordinator Lion Charlie Herbert; 2 Year Director Lion Bill Fox, and 3 Year Director Lion Phil Shrewsberry,

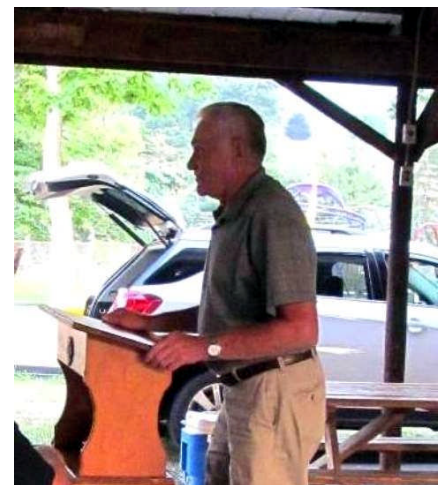
Branch club Secretary/Treasurer Lion Al Katz and Assistant Secretary/Treasurer Lion Chris Calfee.



A Melvin Jones Fellowship was awarded to Lion Lewis Haldren (**left**), incoming 1st Vice President Lewis Haldren.

Lion of the Year was awarded to Lion Charlie Herbert (**right**), Branch Club Coordinator.

(**Far right:**) Incoming President Don Thompson addresses those who attended



the picnic

Sunday August 19 saw the RC-Giles Breakfast Branch Lions Club performing vision screenings at the Pembroke Methodist Church's annual Back to School Bazaar. Members of the host, Rich Creek Lions Club, joined in to assist with the screening.

The vision screening was done in conjunction with the Pembroke Methodist Church, the club's home base, as part of their 2nd annual Back to School Bazaar. This program targets needy children from grads K-12 all over Giles County. Each child who has been pre-registered receives a backpack filled with his/her school needs. These items fill the requirements of each individual child and their specific grade level as set forth by the school system. The children also receive new socks and underwear, may pick up new and gently used clothing and shoes provided by the Giles Christian Mission as well as members of the community. A dental hygienist is there as well as a barber and a hairdresser.



RC-Giles Breakfast Branch Lions, in a combined effort with the host Rich Creek club, provided socks and underwear for 180 children in addition to doing vision screening using the SPOT for PediaVision system. The number of Giles County children served by the church's efforts more than doubled from last year's 75 children to 210 pre-registered children this year. Children who were not pre-registered were also welcome and did participate in the event. RC-Giles Lions screened 50 children.

(Left:) Lion Bill Anderson screens student for vision problems using SPOT. Coordinating Lion Charlie Herbert stated: "We're fortunate to have SPOT technology in our District. Being able to see the look on a parent's face when they know that their child can be helped with a vision problem brings huge rewards for what we do. We're looking forward to being able to use SPOT again in the near future."

(Right:) front: RC-Giles Lion Bill Anderson with Leon the Lion, second row: RC-Giles Lions Stephen Haight and Betty Herbert, Rich Creek Lion Tommy Hess and RC-Giles club coordinator Charlie Herbert. Back row: Rich Creek Lion Gary Eaton and RC-Giles Lion Al Katz



Submitted by Lion Betty Herbert

Moneta Lions Club

The faculty and staff of Moneta Elementary School recently hosted a festive "Appreciation Tea" staged in the school's cafeteria. The event was held to personally greet and thank the many surrounding area civic groups and individuals who regularly volunteer in numerous capacities within the school system.



School RN Ann Long, standing, expressed her sincere appreciation to Lions Bob Ollweiler, and Gloria Guice, representatives of the Moneta Lions Club. Throughout the year club members assist the school in many ways: vision screening, supplemental family holiday meals, tutoring, maintaining the adjacent playground, and more.



Among the many volunteers present at the Appreciation Tea were two "Reader Dogs", Tucker and Desti, escorted by their owners. Students appear more at ease when reading to the K-9, rather than adults, making the task of improving their reading skills more fun.



Staunton River High School held their annual Academic and Athletic Awards Presentation June 4th honoring many of the 2012 graduating class. Members of the Moneta Lions Club were on hand to honor graduates Christopher Sayre, and Ryan Willis. The duo not only maintained high scholastic standards and grades throughout their high school career, but also performed hundreds of hours volunteering within the community during their senior year. Sayre and Willis were both presented with Club Volunteer Service Awards, and a check to help further their education. Pictured are Moneta Lions President Gloria Guice, Graduate Ryan Willis, with 1st VP Lynne Philbin. (Christopher Sayre was not present)

What sounded like a Carnival Hawkers Convention at the Moneta Shop Rite True Value Store, was really members of the Moneta Lions vocally advertising their Hot Dog Sale held Saturday June 2nd. Mr. Lewis Creasey, owner/manager of the local supermarket sponsored the sale, with all proceeds going to the Moneta Lions Club. The club in turn will redistribute all profits back into the community through their many charitable endeavors in the coming months.



Pictured are Lions: Chuck Dideon, Tim Haer, Bob Ollweiler, Rob Senoski, Gloria Guice, and George Just. Also assisting during the event were Lions: Joan Brackin, Edna Costanza, Bart Matthies, and Jim Smith.



A second sale was held on the 4th of July. It was a busy, and enjoyable five plus hours for the Lions who sacrificed part of their holiday, not only selling hot dogs, but also Lions of Virginia Foundation (LOVF) raffle tickets.

Pictured are Lions: Dan Jones, Chuck Dideon, Lynne Philbin, Jim Smith, Gloria Guice and Rob Senoski, having fun on the first of two shifts. The second shift consisted of Lions: Mary Davis, Farris Maddox, Pat Maddox, Bob Ollweiler, Nancy Robbins, and Tom Robbins.



Members of the Moneta Lions Club recently celebrated the annual anniversary of their "Charter" with Lions Clubs International. Joining them were several family members, friends, and potential new members, all enjoying a banquet dinner at Liberty Station Restaurant in Bedford, Club President, Lion Gloria Guice presided .

Pictured seated are: Immediate Past President Lion Gloria Guice, 1 year Director Lion Joan Brackin, President Lion Lynne Philbin, Secretary Lion Pat Bailey. Standing rear: Lion Tamer George Just, 2 year Director Lion Mary Davis, Vice President Lion Rob Senoski, Treasurer Lion Del Bailey, and Membership Chair Lion Bart Matthies.

Past District Governor (PDG) of District 24-E Lion Mike Ferguson and his wife Lion Anne Ferguson were guests of honor at the gala event, with Lion Mike presiding over the installation of Officers and the Board of Directors for 2012-2013.

Lion Mary Smith, left, and Lion Pat Bailey have been named Melvin Jones Fellows by the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) in recognition of their commitment to serving the world community in service.



Mr. Christopher Sayre, right, a recent graduate of Staunton River High School, accepts a "Lions Young Leaders in Service Gold Award" from Moneta Lion Gloria Guice. Lion Guice presented the award on behalf of Lions International President Wing-Kun Tam. Mr. Sayre is a recently certified EMT, and volunteer Ambulance Crew Member with the Vinton First Aid Crew, Christopher volunteered 300 plus hours under the categories of: Public Health, Safety, Helping Children, and Assisting Elderly, while maintaining top academic grades.

Pictured are members of the Moneta Lions Club following a recent meeting with their bounty of school supplies to be donated to area elementary students. Composition books, notebook paper, pencils, crayons, glue sticks, etc., were all purchased out of pocket by the club's membership.





Ms Nancy Reed, Secretary, and Principal Mrs. Christy Craig, at Body Camp Elementary School, displayed smiles of joy when they viewed the display of school supplies donated for use by their students. Moneta Lions (standing) Joan Brackin, Rob Senoski, and Club President Lynne Philbin, delivered the supplies on behalf of the club's membership, just in time for the start of the new school year.

Members of the Moneta Lions Club recently held an abbreviated business meeting, allowing additional time for an informal workshop to prepare for their Annual Fall Treasure Sale. The sale will be held on Saturday September 8th from 8 AM till 2 PM. The sale will be held at the former Craghead Antique Store in Moneta, on 122 North, just North of Shop Rite, and across from the street from Smith Mountain Flowers.

Pictured are Lions: Gloria Guice, Jo Ann Beachum, Pat Bailey, Sarah Hunt, and Pat Maddox.

Submitted by Lion Rob Senoski



Smith Mountain Lake Lions Club

Lions Ray Holt (left) and Bill Ward (right) were among a team of SML Lions that supported White Cane Day on June 2, 2012 at the Westlake Kroger's. On White Cane Day, Lions help to educate the public about the aspirations, hopes, and abilities of people who are blind or visually impaired. Contributions are used to support programs and services for the visually disabled as well as for sight conservation.



On June 20, 2012, Smith Mountain Lake Lions attended Camp Too Sweet at Camp Bethel to conduct vision screening for children and young adults (ages 8-17) who have Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes. In addition to conducting vision screening, the SML Lions also presented a donation which will be used to provide scholarships for children to attend the camp. The SML Lions who attended were (left to right): Lowell Skelton, Tom Merriman, Kirk Sampson, Joanna Hudzik, Don Abel, and Bill Timmins, project chairman.



Smith Mountain Lake Lion Debbie Farthing (left) and Norton Lions Club Lion Amy Rolen (right) assisted with the Lions Volunteer Food Service during the three-day clinic held by the Remote Area Medical (RAM) organization July 20-22, 2012 in Wise County, VA. A total of 3,907 meals were served during the event.

Founded in 1985, RAM is a publicly supported, all-volunteer charitable organization providing free health care, dental care, eye care, veterinary services, and technical and educational assistance to people in remote areas of the United State and the World. All medical supplies, medicines, facilities, and vehicles are donated.



During their annual picnic on August 2, 2012, the Smith Mountain Lake (SML) Lions Club presented the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award to two outstanding Lions, Ralph Long (left) and Tom Scott (right). Also attending the event was District 24E Governor, Lion Nelson Leftwich, Jr. Both Long and Scott are long-time members who have been involved in numerous club and community programs that have been key to the community's well being and the success of the SML Lions Club.

Submitted by Lion Cindy Decker

Stewartsville - Chamblissburg Lions Club



Lion Rob Senoski, Safety Chairperson for Lions of Virginia (LOV) District 24-E, addressed the club members concerning the proper use of electric extension cords in the home. Emphasis was placed on reducing the number of applications, using the shortest possible extension cord, and insuring the proper thickness, size and capacity of the wire for the intended use. The home's circuit panel-breaker box, and Ground Fault Interrupter (GFI) receptacles were also topics of discussion.

Lion Ken Price, left, President, presented Lion Rob with a Certificate of Appreciation following his presentation.

Boones Mill Lions Club

The Boones Mill Apple Festival will be held on Saturday, September 15, 2012, starting at 10:00 am.

Submitted by Lion Steve Richards

Fort Lewis Lions Club

The Fort Lewis Lions presented two Glenvar High School graduates with Scholarship Certificates and Checks at Awards Dinner in their Honor. Both students are Eagle Scouts. Corey Webb attained the Eagle Scout Rank with Troop 352. Andrew Landreth completed his Eagle requirements with Troop 256. Both Troops are in the Catawba District – Blue Ridge Mountains Council, Boy Scouts of America.



Corey Webb making a few comments



Andrew Landreth receiving Scholarship Certificate from Club President Karen Rogers.

Corey will be attending Virginia Western Community College classes toward a Computer Science Degree.

Andrew will attend Coastal Carolina University an independent, state-supported, liberal arts university in Conway, South Carolina, USA, located eight miles west of Myrtle Beach.

Submitted by Lion Carl Stump

Cave Spring Lions Club



Lion Jim Bailey receives President's pin



Lion Larry Nash receives International Pres. Award



Volunteers at Recycling Center receive awards



Lion of the Year Dharam Sawh, Zone Chair Eric Mills



Lion John Arbogast receives Certificate of Appreciation



District 24E cabinet members Noel Cosby and Jim Newman receive appreciation awards