



The Lions Pride

District 24-E

February 2013



District Governor

Nelson Leftwich
2012 – 2013

District Governor's Message

This article written by Lion Annette Carter of the Vinton Breakfast Lions Club says it a thousand times better than I ever could ever do.

What the Lion's Club means to me

God has blessed me all my life. I needed to find ways to give back. When I was approached by Lion Fred St Clair, I was very impressed what he told me about the Lions, I joined the Lions Club. It was my way to give back to the community and be able to help others.

I never knew what the Lions Club did until now. They helped my mother in a time of need to get glasses. I was so grateful that there was a group of people out there to reach out there to help when a person is in need.

I am honored to be part of an organization that helps others. I volunteered to help when our Lion's Club took kids Christmas shopping. It brought great joy to my heart to see the smiles on those faces.

Helping with the fund raisers is so much fun and talking to people. The Lion's Club makes me feel useful in knowing that we help people and this puts a smile on my face as well.

Helping with the eyeglass recycling gives me great pleasure knowing that I am helping to get glasses to people who could not afford them.

Just knowing that we help schools with school supplies gives me a great feeling and realizing that there are people out there that are willing to help others, is a wonderful thing.

It is a good feeling to belong to an organization that takes time to reach out to help others. I want to thank the Vinton Breakfast Lions Club for letting me be a part of their organization.

Lion Annette T. Carter

In A World of Service

DG Nelson Leftwich

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First Vice District Governor's Message

Greeting fellow District 24-E Lions,

Hope everybody had a wonderful Holiday Season is now ready to get started on making 2013 a great year for Lionism in District 24-E.

I want to welcome Lion Jim Newman to the DG Team as 2nd VDG. I know Jim will do a great job and I look forward to working together over the next year and a half.

In the last issue of the Lions Pride, I promised to announce the District Peace Poster winners in this issue. The Rocky Mount Club won first place, Smith Mountain Lake was first runner up and Troutville was second runner up. The winning poster for the state was from District 24-D

Finally, your District Governors Council and Lion Tammie have been working hard to plan an exciting and informative State Convention in Bristol, May 30 through June 2. Please try to attend. The facilities at the Holiday Inn and the room rates are really good. This is a good event for fellowship and learning more about Lionism.

1st VDG Lion Kirk Sampson

Second Vice District Governor

Dear Governor Leftwich,

The English Language Department is pleased to inform you that the association has accepted the district's recommendation that Lion James J. Newman serve as second vice district governor for the remainder of the Lion year 2012-2013. The association's records will now reflect him as second vice district governor for District 24-E.

Please share this good news with other members of the district cabinet and Lion Newman.

Sincerely,

Esther Ancira,
North American Coordinator
English Language Deptment, Lions Clubs International

Newtown Tragedy

December 18, 2012

Dear Fellow Lions

Last evening I met with President Ray Keegan and his Board of Directors of the Newtown Lions Club. They are all very moved to say the least of what happened in their town last Friday, and they aim to help those involved in whatever way they can.

Without exception, they all appreciate the many messages of condolences they and our district have received, from Districts around the US and abroad. Australia, New Zealand, Denmark, the UK to name a few...and of course many of our own States. Maine, Mass., Virginia, Arizona.

One of their goals is to help the family members of the deceased and the responders with whatever they need in counseling care. The Newtown Lions feel very strongly that this is probably both a short and long term need, and should be at no cost to those who require it. So they are setting up a sub account of their 501c3 to which we can make donations specifically to help as the needs arise.,

Mail to Newtown Lions Club Foundation/SHEF. (Sandy Hook Elementary Fund)
 P.O.Box 218, Newtown, CT. 06470

The website is www.newtownlions.com

More "hands on" help is still in the exploratory stage. The Newtown Lions are meeting with town officials and other organizations to determine what tangible things can be done. Obviously, they don't want to be duplicating their efforts.

I will get the word out to you as soon as possible when we know what other things we can do.

Thank you all for being Lions!
"In a World of Service"

Linda Maggs, District Governor, 23A CT.

The Dublin Lions Club has voted to send \$2,500 to this fund to provide counseling to family members and first responders and Lion Zone Chair Marty Alford has issued a challenge to all the clubs in his zone to send what they can. This will be a very necessary service to all who were involved in the tragedy recovery. I would like to expand this challenge to all clubs in our District to dig deep and send whatever they feel they can to this very worthwhile fund. Please report anything you are able to donate on your monthly activity reports.

Another great example of Lions helping Lions in a World of Service.

DG Nelson Leftwich



LIONS OF MULTIPLE DISTRICT 24
INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION SHIRT ORDER FORM
HAMBURG, GERMANY

Please indicate your preferences on the form below and return, with your payment, to Lion Tammie Brightwell (**No later than May 1, 2012**). Shirts will be delivered at the Virginia Lions State Convention in Bristol, VA on May 30- June 1, 2013.

Shirts can be ordered in White or Blue; with or without pockets and please indicate **MENS** or **WOMENS**.
ONLY MENS CAN BE ORDERED WITH POCKETS.

Name: Lion _____

Lions Club: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: () _____

VA Lions 2013 International Convention Shirts	Men's White Shirt With pocket	Men's White Shirt W/O pocket	Men's Blue Shirt With pocket	Men's Blue Shirt W/O pocket	Women's White Shirt	Women's Blue Shirt		Total
Size: Small							\$35.00 EA	
Size: Medium							\$35.00 EA	
Size: Large							\$35.00 EA	
Size: X-Large							\$35.00 EA	
Size: XX-Large							\$35.00 EA	
Size: XXX-Large							\$35.00 EA	
Size: XXXX-Large							\$35.00 EA	

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Make checks payable to Lions of Multiple District 24.

Return order form and payment to: Lion Tammie Brightwell
5004 Colonial Ave
Roanoke, VA 24018

2013 Multiple District 24 Website Contest Entry Form

Club Name: _____ District 24- _____ Date: _____
Web Master Name: _____ Web Master e-mail: _____
Website URL: _____

Pre-Qualification Requirements:

Instructions: The Club website must have its link on the Lion Net site by May 7, 2013. This can be done by going to <http://www.lionnet.com/contact.html> and requesting your web site's link be added to Lion Net. A word of caution: The link does not occur the same day. They review your website, thus it may take a week or two for your web site link to show up on their site.

The Club Web Master must verify compliance with the pre-qualification requirements on this entry form when submitting their web site to their District PR Chair for entry into the MD-24 contest. The District PR Chair will validate correctness of this data prior to submitting the web site to the MD-24 Chair. If you do not meet the pre-qualification requirements, your Website is NOT eligible for entry. The entry form must be submitted to your District PR Chair by May 7, 2013.

1. The Website must be listed as a link on www.LionNet.com Is it? _____ Yes _____ No
2. Professional Websites are judged separately from non-professional designed sites.
Professional Websites are defined as Websites which a club paid a professional to develop. Indicate to which category the Website belongs below:
Professionally developed site? _____ Yes _____ No
Non-professionally developed site? _____ Yes _____ No
3. Club submitted to their District Chair by May 7, 2013? _____ Yes _____ No
4. District Chair submitted to the MD-24 PR Chair by May 16, 2013? _____ Yes _____ No
5. Was a separate list of current Club Officers attached to the entry? _____ Yes _____ No

District & MD-24 PR Chair Scoring

Instructions: (Club Web Masters may use this section to evaluate their Website for competition, if they so desire.) Upon receipt of an entry from one of their Clubs, District PR Chairs will score the entered Website against the scoring criteria below and forward it to the MD-24 PR Chair, by May 16, 2013. Upon receipt of all entries, the MD-24 PR Chair will score each Website and average the scores with the scores of District PR Chairs to determine a final score.

1. Is the Website current, factually correct, and constantly updated? (20 pts.) Score: _____
2. Does the Website contain the goals and objectives of: (5 pts. each) Score: _____
Your Lions Club;
Your District; and
Lions Clubs International?

3. Does the Website contain the: (5 pts each) Score: _____
Lions Mission Statement and the
Lions Code of Ethics?
4. Does the Website contain: (10 pts each) Score: _____
Display of club fundraising, meeting and service activities;
Links to your District's service activities such as Sight & Hearing Vans;
Links to MD 24 State service activities such as BLAND and LOVF; and
Links to LCI service activities such as LCIF, SIGHTFIRST II?
5. Is the Website: (5 pts each) Score: _____
Easy to navigate?
Does it interest a non-Lion to continue reading? and
Do all the "links" take the viewer to the correct place(s)?
6. Does the Website reflect that Lions Clubs are the world's largest service organization and not a fraternal organization (5 pts) Score: _____
7. Does the Website: (15 pts each) Score: _____
Provide membership information?
Provide a way to contact the club for more information about membership?
8. Does the Website provide a means to ask questions, ask for assistance, or leave a message such as a: (10 pts each) Score: _____
Website helpdesk (e-mail link) or
Guest book?
9. On a scale of 1-20, judge the Website overall: (20 pts max.) Score: _____
Look;
Ability to interest anyone reading it;
Overall content;
Use of color and graphics;
Use of pictures;
Proper use of Lions logos; and the
Promotion of Lionism.

Total Score: _____

Selecting the Winners:

After the initial scoring, the MD-24 PR Chair will submit the top four (4) scored Websites to one (1) professional Website developer and to at least two (2) non-Lions for evaluation and for ranking of the submitted Websites in the order of 1 through 4, with 1 being the best. Rankings 1 and 2 will be the first- and second-place contest winners.

Presentation of Awards:

The MD-24 PR/PA Chair will present the winners their awards at the Saturday General Session at the 2013 State Convention.

**Multiple District 24
2013 Scrapbook Contest Judging Score Sheet**

Club Name: _____ **District 24-** _____

1. Club civic or service activities published in newspapers, including photographs and headlines. **(5 points for each article)** **SCORE:** _____
2. Club-related activities, **such as articles about member recognition, charter nights, membership, etc.,** published in newspapers, including photographs and headlines. **(5 points for each article)** **SCORE:** _____
3. Captioned **(names, date, and description)** photographs of club civic or service activities. **(5 points each activity)** **SCORE:** _____
4. Captioned **(names, date, and description)** photographs of District Governor or District Cabinet member attending a club meeting. **(3 points each meeting)** **SCORE:** _____
5. Captioned **(names, date, and description)** photographs of club meeting related activities **(1 point each activity)** **SCORE:** _____
6. Copies of **printed posters, handouts, etc.** **(5 points each)** **SCORE:** _____
7. Copies of **club newsletters, brochures, or other published material** **(5 points each)** **SCORE:** _____
8. Neatness, rated on a scale of 1 to 10 **(1-10 points)** **SCORE:** _____
9. Attractive appearance, rated on a scale of 1 to 10 **(1-10 points)** **SCORE:** _____
10. Club name, district, and city appropriately placed **(10 points)** **SCORE:** _____
11. Scrapbook keeper's name and address displayed **(10 points)** **SCORE:** _____

TOTAL SCORE: _____

ENTRY AND JUDGING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Scrapbook submission: To be eligible, a club must notify their sub-district PR Chair of their intent to enter a scrapbook in the contest at least 30 days prior to the start of the State Convention. Deposit scrapbook on the designated table in the state convention exhibition area by 10:00 AM, on Saturday, June 1, 2013. Entry can include only ONE scrapbook no thicker than two and a half (2.5) inches - not counting the front and back cover - with pages no larger than twelve (12) inches wide and twelve (12) inches high. Only scrapbooks for current Lions year 2012-2013 can be submitted. Scrapbooks must be picked up from the exhibition area by 4:00 PM, on Saturday, June 1, 2013.
2. Judging of scrapbooks: The MD-24 General Chairperson of the Public Relations Committee will be responsible for conducting the judging of scrapbooks in accordance with the criteria listed above and will present a tally card to each club which shows exactly how many points were given for each item. When the MD24 PR-PA Chair cannot obtain enough committee members to assist with judging, the Chair will make the selections and will not provide a scoring tally card to contestants. **First- and second-place awards will be presented at the Saturday afternoon general session by the MD-24 PR Chairperson.**

Nominations

January 22, 2013

Dear Lions Club Secretary:

Article V, Section 3, of the Virginia Lions' Constitution states that the State Secretary-Treasurer shall notify each Lions Club in the State Organization of the names and addresses of the members of the Nominations Committee at least seventy-five (75) days prior to the convening of the Annual State Convention. Therefore, the names and addresses of the members of the 2013 Nominations Committee follow:

* 24-A PDG Charles L. Trigger	9903 Leavells Road, Fredericksburg, VA 22407
24-B Lion Michael Oglesby	7524 Prairie Road, Richmond, VA 23225
24-C Lion Larry Bowman	PO Box 218, Broadway, VA 22818
24-D IPDG Alton Miller	521 Royal Palm Drive, Virginia Beach, VA 23452
24-E PCC Tom Ruble	2130 Feather Road, Vinton, VA 24179
24-F PDG Carl Tolley	PO Box 542, Rural Retreat, VA 24368
* General Chairperson	

Any club wishing to place the name of one of its members in nomination for the Office of District Governor, 1st Vice District Governor or 2nd Vice District Governor must submit a letter giving the name and physical address of such candidate, his/her occupation, and qualifying positions (at both club and district level). The letter must be signed by both the Club President and Secretary, certifying that the candidate's nomination was endorsed by the club or that the candidate was endorsed by the majority of the clubs in the sub-district.

The original letter must be submitted to the General Chairperson of the Nominations Committee (PDG Charles L. Trigger), with a signed copy to the State Secretary-Treasurer, at least sixty (60) days prior to the convening of the State Convention, which will occur on May 31, 2013. (April 1, 2013) As a courtesy, clubs also usually send copies of the letter to their respective District Governor and to the sub-district Nominations Committee Chairperson, if that Lion is not the General Chairperson of the Nominations Committee.

Yours in Lionism,

Tammie J. Brightwell, State Secretary

Club Secretaries please note:

The letter sent with the Constitution and By-laws stated the effective date of changes as July 1, 2013. All changes approved at the 2012 State Convention were effective as of July 1, 2012.

Virginia Lions Eyeglass Recycling Inc.

The VLERI is offering a new program that will provide new eyeglasses for the Lions Clubs and their clients at reduced prices. Through the combined efforts of ID Hauser Weiler, PDG Art Dubey, PDG Donna Weiler and Randy Smith from the Virginia Correctional Enterprises, we will be able to provide new prescription eyeglasses for your clients. We have put together an eyeglass frame kit that has an assortment of new Women's and Men's frames from which your client may choose. With the generous donation from the Michigan Eyeglass Recycling Centers and Old Dominion Eye Care Center in Kilmarnock, we have been provided with a wide assortment of almost 4000 new Maui Jim eyeglass frames that we can use for this program. The Virginia Correctional Enterprises have been manufacturing eyeglasses for ten years and have joined partnership with us to provide our eyeglasses. Costs for the glasses, including shipping, are as follows.



\$10.00 for CR-39 Single Vision,

\$12.00 for CR39 Bifocals - FT-28

\$18.00 for Trifocal - FTT 7x28

ADDITIONAL CHARGES: Sphere powers over 6.00D, add \$1.50 per diopter per lens

Cylinder Powers over 3.00D, add \$1.50 per diopter per lens

All prescriptions requiring prism, add \$1.50 per diopter per lens

These eyeglasses have been tested for quality in a pilot program with Clubs in 24-D, and proven excellent.

This program is offered to any Lions Club that wishes to participate in the program. The cost of the program is a onetime fee of \$30.00 that buys the carrying case [above] for these new eyeglass frames and associated software. With every eyeglass order, you will receive a new replacement frame of equivalent style to replenish your kit so your kit will always be stocked with new frames. For those Clubs that provide frequent LAMP Clinics, this program will offer you additional savings. Each Club will deal directly with the VCE, having their own eyeglass account. Contact Ms. Brenda Munson at 804-743-4100, ext. 73998 or Brenda.Munson@vadoc.virginia.gov to establish your Club account.

If you would like more information on this program, or want to sign up for our program, contact: PDG Donna Weiler at weiler2020@cox.net and info. copy PDG Art Dubey, VLERI President, at carole.dubey@langley.af.mil

PDG Arthur H.J. Dubey, President, VLERI

Peace Poster Contest

Each year, Lions clubs around the world proudly sponsor the Lions International Peace Poster Contest in local schools and youth groups. This art contest encourages young people worldwide, ages 11, 12 or 13, to participate by expressing their vision of peace. The theme of the 2012-13 Peace Poster Contest is **"Imagine Peace."**

At the international level, judges from the art, peace, youth, education and media communities select one grand prize winner and 23 merit award winners. The international grand prize winner will receive \$5,000 and a trip to a special award ceremony with the sponsoring club president and two family members at Lions Day with the United Nations. Each of the 23 merit award winners will receive a cash award of \$500 and a certificate of achievement.



Staff members of The Little Gallery on Smith Mountain Lake made up the official District 24-E judging panel, declaring Matthew Housman's poster as the winner in this year's competition. Each poster entered was judged on originality, artistic merit and expression of the theme.

Lions of Virginia District 24-E 1st Vice District Governor / Peace Poster Chair Lion Kirk Sampson displays this year's winning poster. Matthew, a student at Ben Franklin Middle School, was sponsored by the Rocky Mount Lions Club, and is studying art under the direction of Teri Wright. Matthew's poster will now advance to the multiple district level, and hopefully on to international judging..

Shown right are the Benjamin Franklin Middle School winners for the 25th-annual Lions International Peace Poster contest sponsored by the Ferrum and SML Lions clubs. The winning posters were selected by faculty and staff and Ferrum College art intern, Leah Irby. Winners from the Ferrum club are (front row, from left) Celia Bourhill (3rd place); Miranda Chrisjohn (2nd place); Mazie Dee (1st place); winners from the SML club: Brittany Shifflett (1st place); Chase Fitzgerald (2nd place); Jacob Brown (3rd place). Second row (from left) are Chris Stone, Ferrum club president; Peggy Smith, Ferrum Club Peace Poster chairperson; Freda Nichols art teacher at Benjamin Franklin Middle School; and Kirk Sampson, SML Club and District 24-E Peace Poster chairperson. Brittany Shifflett's poster was the District 1st runner up.





Lion President Jim Bailey of the Cave Spring Club presents Achievement Award Certificates to winners Daniel Bell, a student at Woodrow Wilson Middle School (art teacher Anne Fournier) and Clara Spence, a student at James Madison Middle School (art teacher Janet Curry).

In an effort to further promote the contest, Lion Gloria Guice of the Moneta Lions Club, has introduced the Peace Poster into the local elementary schools. Though the students cannot compete on the international level, they gain experience, building their confidence and enthusiasm. The club members vote on the best entry from each school, presenting each winner a "Certificate of Appreciation" along with a gift card.



(Left) Body Camp Elementary School: Art Instructor Linda Keltz and Riley Linkous with her winning entry.

(Center) Huddleston Elementary School: William Pringle, Principal Aprille Monroe, and Asiah Anthony.

(Right) Moneta Elementary School: Principal Melanie Simmons, Zeke Hawthorne, and Guidance Counselor Donna Mustard.

Moneta Lions Club



The 10th annual Chili Festival, sponsored by the Smith Mountain Lake Regional Chamber of Commerce proved to be a huge success yet again. Many Chili Teams were on hand, Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Among them were members of the Moneta Lions Club, under the direction of Lion Chuck Dideon, Club Fund-raising Chair. Moneta Lions Club Head Chef, Lion Tim Haer, prepared "Boiling Hot Cocoa", and his famous "Funnel Cakes" for sale to the visiting public. Other club members were busy selling Lions Brooms, water, and the top selling item of the day...Lions of Virginia Foundation (LOVF) Raffle Tickets.

Approximately half the membership of the Moneta Lions Club gathered for a "Photo Op" displaying four individually boxed Thanksgiving Meals, which were delivered to two local elementary schools for distribution to families in need.

The boxed meals have become a tradition with the Moneta Lions over the past several years. This year Lion Gloria Guice served as chairperson and prepared a list of meal essentials. A new addition this year, hot mitts and hot pads were attached to the exterior of the boxes. All items were purchased out of pocket by the club's members.



God's Pit Crew is a non-profit, faith based, group of over 300 volunteers, who serve others locally, nationally and internationally, in their time of need. Since "Superstorm" Hurricane Sandy hit, God's Pit Crew has sent a total of 14 truckloads of relief supplies to nine different places in New England.. This most recent collection drive, requesting Christmas Toys, will be heading to the New Jersey-New York area.

Moneta Lions Club responded to the plea, not with toys, but with nearly 300 ski caps and more than 150 afghans. All items were crafted by club members, friends and neighbors.

God's Pit Crew Crisis Response Team Volunteers Steve Wright, and Cynthia Collie are shown with the donations of Warmth and Love delivered by Moneta Lions Club Representatives Lion Gloria Guice Youth Services Chairperson and Vice President Lion Rob Senoski.



The Moneta Lions Club Board of Directors recently bestowed the Honor of a Melvin Jones Fellowship Award to Lion Tim Hear, presented by Club President Lion Lynne Philbin on behalf of the entire membership.

Lion Tim has worked on every committee within the club at one time or another, served as Chairperson of several, and is a Past Club President. Over the years, Lion Tim has served above and beyond the normal expectations of a Lion, volunteering with the Central Virginia Area Agency on Aging (CVAAA), also with Lake Christian Ministries (LCM), even pretending to be an amateur landscaper doing yard work for the elderly. Lion Tim has

also taken on the task of Head Chef at various informal club gatherings. It's been said that he "burns a mean steak".

The Moneta Community Park continues to take shape. Moneta Lions Club members Lions Chuck Dideon, Lynne Philbin, and Del Bailey recently toured the site with Wayne Shepherd a park volunteer coordinator. Mr. Shepherd accepted a donation check to be passed on to the Bedford County Parks and Recreation.

Shortly after initial grading for the softball, baseball, and soccer fields several years ago, the Moneta Lions sponsored the first permanent structure, the Lion Jim Agnew Memorial Picnic Pavilion, which can be seen in the background



Pictured are Moneta Lions Club members Lions Gloria Guice, Lynne Philbin, and Joan Brackin, donating 16 gallon size bags of pop top tabs collected by club members and their friends. The tabs will be taken to a local recycling firm and exchanged for cash to help maintain "Ronald McDonald's" operating budget.

Lion Del Bailey, Moneta Lions Club Golf Outing Chairperson addressed the club membership at a recent meeting. He discussed the Thirteenth Annual Golf Outing Fund Raiser, scheduled for Monday, April 22th at the Mariners Landing Golf Course, 2052 Lake Retreat Road in Huddleston, VA. The Moneta Lions Tournament is one of the earliest for the year, and generally the best with prizes and sponsorship certificates given out, thanks to the generosity of hundreds of area businesses. All net proceeds are redistributed to the local community throughout the year.



Submitted by Lion Rob Senoski

Smith Mountain Lake Lions Club

The SML Lions, working with other volunteers, assembled Thanksgiving food bags for Lake Christian Ministries' clients on November 16, 2012 and helped with their distribution on November 17, 2012.

Smith
Mountain
Lake Lions
Club
members



and Lake Christian Ministries (LCM) volunteers prepared 400 Christmas breakfast baskets on December 14 for local families in need. The SML Lions and volunteers from LCM and the youth groups from Morgans Baptist Church returned the next day to help distribute the baskets to families representing the three counties that border the lake.

Submitted by Lion Cindy Decker.

Stewartsville - Chamblissburg Lions Club

Bedford County Sheriff's Office, Retired Senior Volunteer Patrol (RSVP) Officer Rob Senoski, (a.k.a. Lion Rob-Moneta Lions Club), recently received a Certificate of Appreciation from Lion Marshall Smith, President of the Stewartsville-Chamblissburg Lions Club.

Officer Senoski addressed the club's membership concerning the RSVP program, under the direction of Captain Mike Miller, including the training involved, general duties of volunteers, and the many outreach programs available to the citizens of Bedford County.

The Lions Quest program continues to grow in Bedford County, with the addition of yet another volunteer, and two more elementary schools added to the list. Lion Brenda Dellis, center, a member of the

Stewartsville-Chamblissburg Lions Club will be the program's coordinator for Stewartsville, and Goodview Elementary Schools. Pictured right is Lion Gloria Guice, Moneta, Quest Liaison for Bedford County, and Lion Peggy Smith, Ferrum, Youth Outreach / Lions Quest Chairperson.



Forest Lions Club**Christmas tree sale**

Jim Bowersett (left) and Jim Love (right) haul out a Fraser Fir Saturday morning at the Forest Lions Club Christmas tree sale.

Members of the Forest Lions Club rose early Saturday morning ready to send families on their way with a Christmas tree, a tradition they've kept for over 30 years.

The Christmas tree sale is one of the club's biggest fundraisers. Last year, the group sold about 300 trees, raising \$7,000. John Wilkins, leader of the Christmas tree project for the Forest Lions, said he expects them to reach that number again this

year. "We will sell out," Wilkins said. Every dollar earned from the tree sale helps local residents in need. "A hundred percent of that goes back to the public in some form," Wilkins said. Across 206 countries, 1.4 million Lions Club members work to improve their communities, making it the largest service organization in the world. In Forest alone, the Lions Club offers scholarships, literacy programs for children and more.

The group's success may lie in the freshness of their trees. Slaughters' Tree Farms in Floyd County delivers Fraser Firs and white pines to the group each year. "All of the trees that we sell are Virginia grown," Wilkins said. "They're great trees." Whatever their secret, customers seem to return year after year to the lot along U.S. 221 for a Christmas tree. "I'm guessing that 60 to 70 percent of the people we have are repeat business," Wilkins said.

Saturday marked the second weekend for the Forest Lions Club Christmas tree sale. A week ago, volunteer firefighters and high school athletes arrived to help the club unload trees. Bob Grant, a member of the group's Christmas tree committee, said some trees sold almost immediately off the truck. "What we saw was a big rush the day we put the trees up," Grant said Saturday. "This morning, it's been very heavy again." Families streamed through the lot at 14956 Forest Rd., checking trees for fullness and durability against heavy ornaments. Susan Jenkins, of Forest, came with her husband, son and daughter to buy two Fraser Firs. "We come here every year," Jenkins said. She added that the group's work with charities does not go unnoticed. "When it's a nonprofit, that makes it even better," Jenkins said.

Forest Lions Club will once again host the James A. Bland Memorial Bland Music Competition on Thursday, February 21, 2013 starting at 6:00 PM at the Jefferson Forest High School Auditorium. The competition is open to high school, junior high school and home schooled students in the jurisdictional area of the Forest Lions Club. Students in other local areas not having a Lions Club may also participate. The competition includes both vocalists and instrumentalists. The Deadline for registration is February 15, 2013. We look forward to a large turn out of our very talented youth again this year. The rules of the competition and registration information and forms can be found on the Forest Lions Club web site. <http://www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/forestva>. Detailed rules and registration forms and instructions are posted on the link on the left of the home page. Questions should be directed to Lion Dallas Scott at 434- 525-8496.

Submitted by Lion George Mohrman

Dublin Lions Club

The last few months have been a busy time for the Dublin Lions. In early November we held our annual Christmas Craft Show. We had 1,000 people come through the gates and netted almost \$1,800. It was a fun time and we were blessed with our new committee chairperson Lion Regina Dean. She did a fantastic job and we saw renewed enthusiasm within the Lions Club and the public.



In December we also participated in two community events. Over 15 of our members served at the Pulaski Daily Bread food kitchen, both cooking and serving meals to the public. This daily event (Monday - Friday) averages around 100 people being served. In addition to volunteering, we collect non-perishable food items at our meetings. We also donated \$2,000 to this wonderful organization to help with purchasing meats and necessities.



The Dublin Lions also continued their tradition of "ringing the bell" for the Salvation Army. Over 50 members came out to the Dublin Walmart and manned the kettle at both doors on December 15th. Folks contributed generously, and our club donated \$300 as well. This is always a fun event and no one complained that it was warmer this year as compared to the last several!

As with the rest of our country, we were shocked and deeply saddened by the tragic event in Newtown, CT in December. Lion Joel Stuart was the first to ask our President Lion Andy Hullender what we could do to help. Lion Andy quickly checked into the situation and learned of the Newtown, CT Lions' efforts to collect money to provide counseling services to the victims and families at no charge. We were able to send a \$2,500 donation to the Newtown, CT Lions Club. We continue to be blessed as a Lions Club, with opportunities for service and fellowship. We are looking forward to our next big event, a members & families social in either March or April. These events are usually well attended with over 100 people getting together for a catered meal and entertainment.

Submitted by Lion Burl Bowman

Salem Host Lions Club



The Salem Host Lions Club has wrapped up another busy concession stand season. Club members and volunteers so far have put in over 2400 hours at the concession stand this season. The club celebrated the end of the season with a Christmas dinner at the Salem Civic Center. The Salem Host Lions Club collected Toys for Tots during their annual Christmas dinner at the Salem Civic Center on December 4th. The club collected over 40 toys which were received by Staff Sargent Gentry, Staff Sargent Portis and Corporal Shields. (photo by Lion Tom McClure)

The Club also donated funds for the purchase of an Apple Ipod touch and Ally Learning membership for a South Salem Elementary School student with congenital glaucoma. Assistance was requested by the student's teacher to provide the student with access to audio books for reading and to assist with school work. The club is also assisting with the purchase of braille printer for couple.

During the clubs January 15th meeting, the Salem Host Lions donated over \$18,000 to representatives of local community groups during a Community Appreciation Dinner at the Salem Civic Center. Recipients are from left to right include: Jenny McCormick (Salem/Roanoke County Food Pantry), Kristine Bronnenkant (Community Christmas Store), Nancy Robertson (Salem Needlework Guild), Jerry Brittain (Military Family Support Center) and Becky Parson (Community Outreach Program - not pictured). (picture by Lions Tom McClure). Submitted by Lion Jenny Poland



Williamson Road Lions Club

The February issue of the Lion Magazine reported the death of Past International President Kay K. Fukushima on November 30, 2012 at the age of 75. Lion Kay was elected to the association's highest office at the International Convention in Osaka, Japan in 2002. In the picture on right, Past President Fukushima presents Lion Carl Whitaker of the Williamson Road Lions Club with his second Melvin Jones Award and a 14k gold pen in 1994.



Cave Spring Lions Club

Dr. Cavitt K. Bartley, 87, of Roanoke, passed away on Friday, January 25, 2013. A Veteran of World War II, he served in the Army as PFC 103rd Infantry Division. Dr. Bartley was captured in France on November 29, 1944 at the age of 19. He was liberated on May 1, 1945 after spending six months between rail road box cars and Stalag VII. Dr. Bartley was awarded the Purple Heart, Prisoner of War and good conduct medals.

After the war Cavitt Bartley returned to Virginia, where he attended classes at Roanoke College and met his future wife, Elizabeth. They were married in 1949. He graduated from the University of Virginia School of Medicine.

Upon graduation, he moved with his wife and children to Cave Spring, where he was one of the first family doctors, a practice he would run for nearly three decades. Dr. Bartley made a name for himself with his \$10 house calls, though he often accepted payments of garden vegetables. When making house calls, he'd often bring along one of his children, introducing them to patients and letting them observe his profession firsthand.

After years working as a private-practice physician, Dr. Bartley accepted a position as a staff physician at the Salem Veterans Hospital, where he often worked with former prisoners of war. He was active as the POW coordinator and State Commander of the Virginia EX-POW organization.

Dr. Bartley served the Cave Spring Community as team physician for the Cave Spring High School Football team for 18 years and was a Life Member of the Cave Spring Lions Club serving for over 50 years.

“Doc” Bartley was truly a Lion who lived by the motto “We Serve”.

Happy Valentine's Day to everyone!

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