



The Lions Pride

District 24-E

April 2013



District Governor's Message

District

Governor My fellow Lions of District 24-E

**Nelson
Leftwich
2012 – 2013**

We are rapidly coming to the end of this Lions Year and it has been a very fast year. The Council of Governors has finished planning the state convention that occurs May 30 - June 2 at the Holiday Inn at Exit 7 in Bristol, VA. The convention will be hosted by the Lions of District 24-F, with PCC Jan Bowling serving as the Chair. A number of informative sessions are planned to help us become better Lions. Our International Guest will be International Director Carolyn Messier from Connecticut. ID Carolyn was the guest at PDG Dallas Scott's Fall Conference in 2011 and she and her husband PDG Norm are two outstanding Lions. You will enjoy meeting and talking with both of these great Lions.

District 24-E Officers

**Nelson Leftwich, Jr.
District Governor**

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1st Vice District Governor**

**James Newman
2nd Vice District Governor**

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Reg II Zone II Chair
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Reg II Zone III Chair**

When I made my official visit to the Ferrum Lions in March, I got the fantastic news that a campus branch Lions Club is being formed on the Ferrum College campus. I got to meet a couple of their officers and they are very enthusiastic about becoming Lions. The president, Jessa, is a former LEO and will be providing good leadership. Thanks to Lion Katie Goff, Ferrum Lions Club, for guiding these young Lions.

I feel that our District is in good hands with the upcoming leaders. Lion Kirk Sampson, Smith Mountain Lake Lions Club, will be moving up to District Governor for 2013/2014. Lion Jim Newman, Cave Spring District Lions Club, moved up to 2nd Vice District Governor in January and will become 1st Vice District Governor. Lion Zone Chair Lowell Skelton, Smith Mountain Lake Lions Club has announced that he is a candidate for 2nd Vice District Governor. We will vote on these Lions at the State Convention in May. We also have a couple of Lions who want to move up the ladder in the next few years. All of these Lions will need the support of each club and its members.

I want to give a very special thanks to the members of the District 24-E Cabinet. They are a very devoted group of Lions and have been there when I called.

It has been my pleasure to serve as your District Governor this year and visit with all the clubs and members. I have had the pleasure of inducting several new member and presenting a number of awards. These are the duties that District Governors like the most. Please keep PDG Bernice and me in your prayers as we continue to serve our fellow man. May God be with you and your families.

Nelson Leftwich, District Governor, District 24-E



February 18, 2013

Dear Lions, Lioness, Leos, and Guests:

WELCOME TO THE 90TH LIONS OF VIRGINIA STATE CONVENTION! Make plans for an enjoyable weekend in Southwestern Virginia in beautiful Bristol the Birth Place of Country Music on May 30 thru June 2, 2013. Proud of our heritage, District 24-F Lions welcome each of you to the mountains for a foot stompin' good time.

There are many attractions in the area and the Chamber of Commerce will have all the information you will need available in a convenient location at the Holiday Inn, I-81 Exit 7. As most will remember the Holiday Inn has hosted the State Convention in the past and we were most pleased with their hospitality.

The area around the Bristol Holiday Inn has grown immensely and you will be pleased with the shopping, and restaurants there for your convenience. You will need to contact the Holiday Inn directly for your reservations at 1-276-496-4100 or www.holidayinn.com and use code LCS. Please be aware of the May 20, 2013 deadline for reservations. When filling out your State Convention Registration, please choose your meals with us early and do not wait until you arrive at the hotel. Meal counts must be given to the Holiday Inn staff early therefore we **cannot** allow meals to be added after the deadline or at the registration desk the day of the event.

The Convention will begin on Thursday night with the Tim White Band, a combination of bluegrass, classic country, old Americana, Celtic, and gospel music. Mr. White appears regularly on the PBS Television Network in Roanoke, VA. Our hope is many Lions will come early to enjoy this wonderful group to kick off our 90th Lions of Virginia State Convention.

The registration forms are enclosed and you will find we have tried to keep cost at a minimum for those planning to attend. The meals at the Holiday Inn in the past have been exceptional so please plan to join us for each meal.

We will have all the usual events at State Convention, our Convention Breakfast, Exhibits, General Sessions, Pin Traders Luncheon, Bland Contest, PDG Breakfast, Memorial Service, Classes for Learning, LOVF Luncheon, Fashion Show, Receptions, Banquet, Sunday Morning Worship Service, and a Fellowship Breakfast. **All the events will be held at the Holiday Inn.** We will need every Lion to participate so the 90th Lions of Virginia State Convention to make it a success.

District 24-F is extremely proud to host the 90th Lions of Virginia State Convention so please plan to attend a fun filled four days of fellowship, renewing old friendships, and learning.

Please make copies of the 90th Lions of Virginia State Convention Registration form as needed for your club members.

Yours in Lionism,

Jan

PCC Jan Bowling
State Convention Chairperson



2013 Lions of Virginia State Convention Schedule of Events

Thursday, May 30 2013

2:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Pin Traders/Exhibitors
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Registration/Credentials
6:30 PM - 9:00 PM	Country Dinner & Entertainment

Friday, May 31, 2013

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Registration/Credentials
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Convention Breakfast
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Pin Traders / Exhibits
9:15 AM - 10:45 AM	District Cabinet Meetings
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Spouse/Guest Hospitality Room
10:45 AM - 11:45 AM	LOVF Board Meeting
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Lions Eyeglass Recycling
12:00 PM - 1:45 PM	Pin Traders Lunch
2:00 PM - 4:30 PM	Opening General Session
4:30 PM - 7:30 PM	Dinner on your own
7:30 PM - 9:30 PM	Bland Scholarship Contest
End of Bland Contest to Midnight	Hospitality Rooms

Saturday, June 1, 2013

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM	PDG Breakfast/Meeting (PDG's Only)
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Registration/Credentials
8:15 AM - 9:15 AM	Memorial Service
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Spouse/Guest Hospitality
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Pin Traders/Exhibitors
9:30 AM - 11:45 AM	Schools
12:15 PM - 2:00 PM	LOVF Luncheon
2:30 PM - 4:30 PM	General Session
4:30 PM - 5:30 PM	Regional Lions Leadership
5:30 PM - 6:30 PM	PDG Reception
6:30 PM - 6:45 PM	Lions Social / Reception
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Convention Banquet/Main Address
End of banquet to Midnight	Hospitality rooms

Sunday, June 2, 2013

7:00 AM - 7:30 AM	Nonsectarian Worship Service
7:30 AM - 8:30 AM	Fellowship Breakfast
8:45 AM - 10:45 AM	District Meetings
9:00AM - 10:00 AM	Elections Committee Meeting
11:00 AM - 12:00 AM	Final General Session

CONVENTION ADJOURNMENT



90th Virginia State Lions Convention

May 30 through June 2, 2013

State Convention Chairperson

Janice D. "Jan" Bowling, PCC
 P O Box 39 North Tazewell, VA 24630
 Residence: 276-988-6358 Cell: 276-701-7859
Janice.bowling@roadrunner.com



Registration Co-Chairs

Janice Bowling, PCC

Mary Nichols

Jim Nichols, DG

Treasurer

David Morrison, PDG

Booth & Displays

Lion Ken Little

625 Lincoln Ave

Marion, VA 24354

276-243-8382

lions.virginia.md24@gmail.com

2013 Virginia Lions State Convention

REGISTRATION FORM

Please fill out one form per attendee and mail to PCC Jan Bowling

District: _____ **Club:** _____ **Name:** _____

☐ Lion ☐ Lioness ☐ Leo ☐ Guest Nickname / Title on Name Tag: _____

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____ Office: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

PLEASE COMPLETE ONE REGISTRATION FORM PER PERSON

(Please put 1 in box for each event attending)

<u>Function</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Remarks</u>	<u>Total</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Registration - Includes Convention Pin	\$20.00		_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Country Dinner and Entertainment (Thursday)	\$25.00	Vegetarian Option _____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Convention Breakfast (Friday)	\$12.00		_____
<input type="checkbox"/> PDG Breakfast PDG's Only (Saturday)	\$15.00		_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Fashion Show (Saturday)	\$10.00		_____
<input type="checkbox"/> LOVF Luncheon (Saturday)	\$21.00	Includes Pin Vegetarian Option _____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Convention Banquet (Saturday)	\$25.00	Vegetarian Option _____	_____
<u>Choose Entrée</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Chicken Marsala <input type="checkbox"/> Prime Rib <input type="checkbox"/> Parmesan Lemon Crusted Salmon			
<input type="checkbox"/> Lions Fellowship Breakfast	\$15.00		_____

SPECIAL DIETARY REQUIREMENTS

Allergies: _____ **Vegetarian:** _____ **REGISTRATION TOTAL:**

**** NO MEALS WILL BE SOLD AFTER REGISTRATION CUT OFF DATE ****

*****MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: 2013 Lions of Virginia State Convention*****

MAIL REGISTRATION FORM AND PAYMENT BY MAY 20, 2013 TO:

PCC Janice Bowling P O Box 39, North Tazewell, VA 24630

Holiday Inn Bristol 3005 Linden Drive, Bristol, VA 24202

www.holidayinn.com use code LCS (276)466-4100

HOTEL REGISTRATION DEADLINE May 20, 2013 - Room Rate \$79.00 + Tax



2013 CONVENTION EXHIBIT SPACE ALL LIONS CLUBS, EXHIBITORS AND PIN TRADERS

The 2013 Virginia Lions State Convention will be held at the Holiday Inn Bristol. District 24-F is hosting the Convention.

Lions Clubs, Exhibitors and Pin Traders may obtain exhibit space in the hotel exhibit hall. Spaces will be available on Thursday 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM, Friday and Saturday from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM each day.

Rental of a 3' x 6' table and space will be \$20.00 for Lions Clubs, Lioness, Leos and Pin Traders.

Commercial Space rental for the three days will be \$100.00 per table. Money for the space must accompany your reservations.

All tables and exhibit space must be arranged through the Virginia Lions State Convention '13 Exhibits Committee Chair. In order that we may properly meet your needs, **you must advise in writing before May 17, 2013**, if exhibit space is desired. Space will be assigned in order of receipt of reservation and check. **IF YOU REQUIRE ELECTRICAL SERVICE, SO ADVISE ON YOUR RESERVATION.**

Please send requests and checks for exhibit space, using the tear-off form below, to the following address:

Lion Ken Little
625 Lincoln Ave
Marion, VA 24354
(276) 243-8382
lion.virginia.md24@gmail.com

Please reserve for _____
(Name) (Address)

The following: _____ Exhibit Table & Space.

Check for \$ _____ is enclosed. Payable to 2013 Virginia Lions State Convention



**Pin Traders Club of Virginia
Annual Luncheon
Lions of Virginia State Convention
Friday, May 31, 2013
12:00 Noon**

All Are Welcome

Please reserve me _____ seats @ \$24.00 each = \$ _____
(Includes the beautiful pin shown below)

Name _____ District 24- _____

Address _____

E-Mail Address (Optional) _____

Please make all checks/money orders payable to "PTCV"

MENU: Southern Fried Chicken, Scalloped Potatoes, Tossed Green Salad, Glazed Carrots, Rolls, Coffee/Tea,
"Chef's Choice" Dessert

Mail your reservations to: Lion Philip H. Sharpe
208 Governors Lane #6
Harrisonburg VA 22801 4422

Each attendee will be given ONE special PTCV pin upon entering the room for the Luncheon. Any excess pins will be offered to those in attendance by raffle. In this connection, a listing of those whose names are drawn will be posted in the Exhibits Area shortly after the Luncheon. There will be no other opportunity to obtain this particular pin, which is shown below.



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

RESERVATIONS MUST BE IN OUR HANDS BY MAY 22, 2013

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

First Vice District Governor's Message

Greetings fellow Lions,

I have been busy since the last issue of the Lions Pride. In addition to my clubs activities and doing visits in Region 1 with the District Governor, I've been involved with the 24-E Charity steering committee, the Lions Quest steering committee, new Ferrum College Branch Lions Club and Camp Too Sweet.

Camp Too Sweet will be held June 17 thru 21. The Lions will be there on June 17, to handle registration, eye screening, and hearing screening. The 17th will also be Lions Visitation Day. For the Lions that work in the morning, Carilion Health System will pay for the lunch. For the Lions that just come to visit and have lunch, there will be a \$8.00 charge. Please come out and visit with these Type 1 kids at this great camp.

In the future, when your clubs make contributions to Camp Too Sweet, please designate the monies for Diabetes Awareness and not Camp Too Sweet. Carilion Health Systems has secured a grant for the next three years to pay tuitions for all the campers. We will continue to support the camp in several other ways but our cost will be significantly less than in previous years.

Thanks to the hard work over the past few years of PDG Bill Brammer, we have a large amount of money designated for Camp Too Sweet in the 24-E Charity account. If contributions are received in the name of Camp Too Sweet, the money can only be used for Camp Too Sweet. If your club donations are made out to Diabetes Awareness they can be used for other projects as well, such as the JDRF Walk, diabetes screenings at Health Fairs, diabetes medications for people who can't afford them, etc.

Finally, I hope to see a good turn out at the State Convention. We have some excellent programs planned, as well as a great evening of entertainment on Thursday and the state finals of the Bland Contest on Friday. Lions Lowell Skelton (2nd VDG), Jim Newman (1st VDG) and I (DG) need your votes to get elected to serve District 24-E next year. We are all looking forward to serving in 2013-2014. Please come and have some fun and good fellowship.

Thanks for all you do !

1st VDG Lion Kirk



*Virginia Breakfast
Hamburg, Germany
Sunday, July 7, 2013*

8:00 AM

*Holiday Inn Hamburg
Cost - \$12.00 per person*

Please R.S.V.P. by June 21, 2013

Names:_____
will attend the Lions of Virginia Delegation
breakfast.

Check enclosed: \$_____

*Mail Check to:
Lions of Virginia
5004 Colonial Ave
Roanoke, VA 24018*



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	Men's White Shirt	Men's Blue Shirt	Men's Blue Shirt	Women's White Shirt	Women's Blue Shirt		Total
	With pocket	W/O pocket	With pocket	W/O pocket				
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

Grand Prize Winner of Lions International 25th Annual Peace Poster Contest

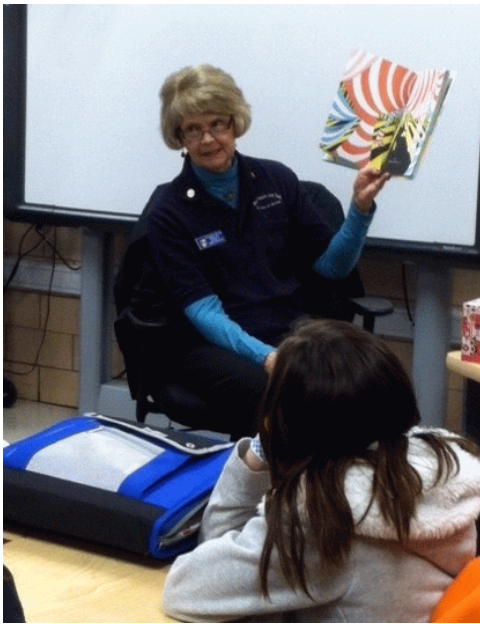


Jenny Park (age 13), California, USA



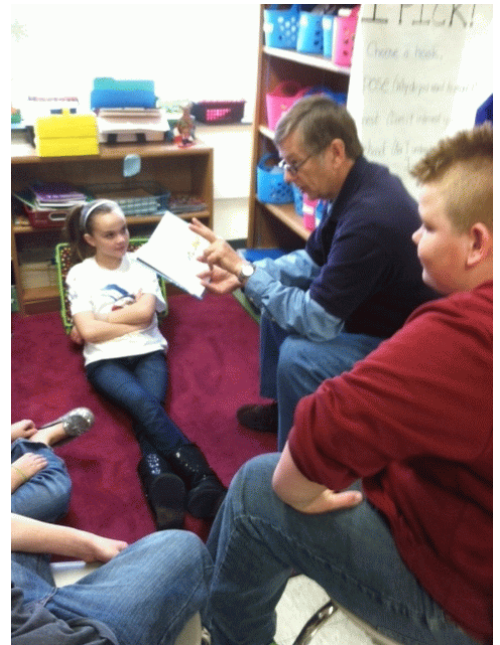
READ ACROSS AMERICA

Read Across America, the annual program to promote reading in elementary schools held throughout the country on Dr. Seuss' birthday, was very successful this year in the Roanoke Valley. On March 1, 20 service organizations, including Lions Clubs, read to students at 30 elementary schools in Roanoke City, Roanoke County, and Salem. Some readers came as they are, and some came dressed as their favorite Dr. Seuss characters.



Four members of the Mount Pleasant Lions Club read at Mt. Pleasant Elementary School: Lion Anne Ferguson (pictured left) read to 5th graders, Lion Mike Ferguson (pictured right) read to 4th graders, Lion Lea Whitbeck read to 2nd graders, and Lion Bob Dickard read to 3rd graders.

Penn Forest Elementary School was visited by three members of the Salem Lions Club who read to various grades: Lion Jenny Poland, Lion Mark Michel, and Lion Jim Arnold.



Who knew the Grinch was a Lion?

Lion J.D. Arnold and Lion Linda All read to preschool through 3rd grade classes at Monterey Elementary School, Round Hill Elementary School, and Garden City Elementary School.

Next year, Read Across America will be celebrated on Monday, March 3, 2014. More Lions are needed to participate. We still had several elementary schools in the Valley this year that did not have readers. I would love to come to your Club and talk to your members about Read Across America – the Grinch might even come with me. Please contact me so we can schedule my visit.

BREAKING NEWS!!! Next year, for the first time, service organizations will bring Read Across America to the 12 elementary schools in Franklin County. Boones Mill, Rocky Mount, Ferrum, and Smith Mountain Lake Clubs – we need you to fill the schools with readers. Please invite me to come to a club meeting to talk about this wonderful program with your members.

Anyone interested in being a Read Across America coordinator for Bedford or Botetourt Counties please let me know. Schools in those counties are asking to participate but we need coordinators. If you are interested, I'll be happy to discuss that job with you.

Thanks to all Lions who participated this year. We hope to see more Lions in the schools in 2014.

Lion Linda E. All

WISE CLINIC IN JULY

The annual medical/dental/vision clinic in Wise, Virginia will be held at the Wise County Fairgrounds on July 19-21, 2013. The volunteer registration form can be found at www.thehealthwagon.org. Hotel rooms are booking up fast. As of March 22, there were rooms still available at The Inn at Norton (276 679-7000) and the Holiday Inn at Norton (276 679-6655). If you want to stay in a dorm room at the UVA-Wise campus, call Julie Scott (276 376-1000).

MISSION OF MERCY

The Virginia Dental Association Foundation's Roanoke MOM clinic this year will be September 13-14, 2013, at the Roanoke Civic Center. Volunteer registration will be at www.roanokemom.org.

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

District 24-E Sight News

Attention all Roanoke, Salem and Vinton Clubs. I hope that you are all aware of the District 24-E Community Eye Program. If you are not, please take a minute to look at the following information.

All Clubs in Roanoke, Salem and Vinton are encouraged to participate in the Community Eye Program which is overseen by Lion Tammie Brightwell, District 24-E Sight Chair. CEP encompasses a network of Opticians in the surrounding area that provide eye exams at a greatly reduced cost. Clients are referred by Social Services and follow an application process. Once applications are approved, clients are sent for a complete eye exam and return to the state office with a copy of the RX where they may select a new pair of designer frames. Using the new eyeglass program at the Fluvanna Women's Correctional Center we are able to provide designer eyeglasses at a very low cost. If your Club has not already made a 2012 - 2013 contribution to the 24-E Community Eye Program please send a check to 24-E CEP 5004 Colonial Ave Roanoke, VA 24108.

Interest in SPOT continues to grow throughout the District. We are in the process of writing grants to purchase new units to enable screening of more children. Thank you to Salem City and Botetourt County Schools for allowing Lions of Botetourt, Troutville, Salem and Edgewood Clubs to screen students. Many Clubs are screening Pre-Schools and Day Cares. Thank you to all that participate in this program

If your Club is interested in learning more about CEP, FWCC Program or SPOT please contact Lion Tammie Brightwell 540-314-0312 to schedule a program.

District 24E Charity

As President of the District 24E 501c3 Charity, I'm glad to be able to report to you on what's happening in the Charity.

On Sunday, March 17, 2013 the Steering Committee of the 501c3 Charity met at the Sight Building in Roanoke. During that meeting we were able to meet some serious accord about changes to be made in both the Articles of Confederation and the By-Laws. These are presently being re-written. One area of major change includes items concerning membership at both Club level and to the Board of Directors. A second area will have us working on the design of the financial model for the money being invested in the 501c3. We are currently working with financial advisors and with fellow Lions who have financial backgrounds. A draft of the work, for discussion at the District level, will be available at the State Convention in May. Our goal is to have the 501c3 Charity in its new format by Fall Conference.

At this point the work on the 501c3 Charity is a work in progress. Anyone with questions, or who would just like information regarding the Charity, please feel free to contact me at cnherbertjr@hotmail.com or by phone at either 540-921-1221 or 540-505-7444.

Rich Creek Giles Breakfast Branch Lions Club

After a very busy summer and fall, RC-GILES BREAKFAST BRANCH LIONS slowed down a bit over the holidays and into early spring.

On November the club conducted vision screenings at Jefferson Christian Academy in Ripplemead. JCA is a private school operated by Riverview Baptist Church. Children from day care through high school attend classes. On November 30, 2012 RC-Giles Lions screened all 70 students using SPOT. Lion Joe Straub of the Blacksburg Breakfast Lions Club, accompanied by his wife Barbara, joined the group to learn how the SPOT unit is used and to get some hands on experience with the unit. Most of the students screened had no major problems noted. The exceptions to that were 4 children, ages 4 and 5, who were found to be in real need of professional exams. Their parents were notified and were very grateful for the information. Lion Joe and his wife Barbara were able to do a few screenings while they were with us. The school hopes to work with RC-Giles Breakfast Branch Lions to make this an annual date on their calendar.



Jefferson Christian Academy vision screening: from left – Lion Joe Straub, Blacksburg Breakfast Lions Club; Barbara Straub; RC- Giles Lions Al Katz, Betty Herbert and Charlie Herbert; Rich Creek Lion Lewis Haldren.

On January 24, 2013 RC-Giles Club Coordinator, Charlie Herbert, attended the Region II, Zone III meeting held in Christiansburg. Lion Charlie spoke to the group about the District's 501c3 c Charity, the Global Membership push and coordination of sight initiatives. He encouraged all clubs to invite Lion Tammie Brightwell to their club meetings to speak to them about the sight programs now available to them.

On February 28, 2013 Lions Charlie Herbert, Betty Herbert and Debbie Clay attended the Region II Zone II meeting held at the Pearisburg Lions Club meeting in Pearisburg. Lion Charlie addressed this group about the 501c3 Charity as well as Global Membership and Sight initiatives, again urging clubs to invite Lion Tammie to their clubs for a sight presentation.

March 21, 2013 saw an unexpected snow storm the morning of the regular, monthly breakfast meeting. Those who made it to Pembroke enjoyed a wonderful breakfast shared with our Governor, Lion Nelson; our IPDG, Lion Dallas; our 2nd VDG, Lion Jim Newman; and our Zone Chair, Lion Marty Alford. Governor Nelson filled the club in on what's happening in LCI at this time as well as what's going on within District 24E. He also spoke to the need to bring District 24E to full membership as soon as possible as well as about growing the RC-Giles Club into the District as a Chartered Club. Club coordinator Charlie reported that he and Lion Betty would be attending State Convention in Bristol in May. Our guests all encouraged more of our members to go if at all possible.

RC-Giles Breakfast Branch Lions are planning two large fundraising events for this spring. The annual Meadow Muffin Bingo event will be held this year on Saturday, June 8 at the Jones Farm in Pembroke. Lions Charlie and Betty will have tickets at State Convention for anyone interested in participating.

Our larger undertaking will occur on Saturday, April 27th from 7-10 p.m. The event, A Night For Sight, will be a silent, art auction to help raise funds toward the purchase of a SPOT unit for Giles County and to assist in the expenses of our sight programs. Invitations have been mailed and plans are moving along nicely. Heavy hors d'oeuvres will be catered by The Palisades Restaurant.

Wine, coffee, punch and water will be served. Ratatouille, a jazz group featuring Lion Betty, will provide musical entertainment through the evening. And there will be door prizes as well as a raffle. SPOT demonstrations will be offered as well. Ticket prices are \$25 for advance purchase or \$30 at the door.

A Night for Sight

silent auction of original art!

sponsored by the RC-Giles Breakfast Branch Lions Club
to support our sight program in Giles County



Saturday, April 27, 2013
7:00-10:00 pm

at the home of Dean and Angela Davis
1211 Valley View Drive, Pearisburg

heavy hors d'oeuvres by the Palisades Restaurant
Wine and Punch
entertainment by "Ratatouille"

Tickets \$30 per person (\$25 pre-purchase)
RSVP: 540-230-6869 Mail checks to:
Lion Edna Malone, 567 Riverbend Drive, Pearisburg, VA 24134

A Night for Sight!

Proceeds from this event
will be used to support
the the RC-Giles Breakfast
Branch Lions Club's sight
program in Giles County.



The Club provides vision screening for
ages 6 months to the elderly, in
day cares, schools, church groups and
nursing homes. We also assist with
the cost of eye exams and glasses for
the needy in eastern Giles County.
Your contribution will allow the us to
purchase a state-of-the-art SPOT
screening unit.

We hope you can participate!



Submitted by Lion Betty Herbert

Moneta Lions Club



Lion Bart Matthies of the Moneta Lions Club received a "Key Award" from Club President Lion Lynne Philbin, for successfully opening the door of Lionism to two new members. The Key Award was presented on behalf of the officers and directors of Lions Clubs International, and Lions worldwide, who expressed sincere congratulations to Lion Bart, for demonstrating active commitment to the growth and strength of the association.



Valentine's Day was indeed a very busy day, considering it is not an official holiday. Realizing the magnitude of errands Cupid had to accomplish, members of the Moneta Lions Club lived up to their motto "WE SERVE", and stepped in to assist.

Standing rear are Lions Gloria Guice, Rob Senoski, and Pat Maddox, at the Central Virginia Area Agency on Aging (CVAAA) Nutrition Dining Center, located on the lower level of 1050 Hendricks Store Road in Moneta. The trio decorated the dining area with bright red table clothes, individual hand assembled party favors for each of the guests, even volunteered transportation services to those in need.



Members of the Moneta Lions Club recently held a short and informal business meeting, allowing them additional time to socialize with many invited guests during their Annual Covered Dish and Silent Auction. During the brief meeting, Club Secretary Lion Pat Bailey presented Past President Lion Gloria Guice, 2011-2012, with an "International President's Membership Achievement Award" on behalf of Immediate Past International President Wing-Kun Tam. During Lion Gloria's Presidency, eight (8) new members were inducted into the Moneta Lions Club.

Personnel of the Moneta Lions Club braved the brisk March wind Thursday March 14th collecting litter along the entire length of Hendricks Store Road. Members present for the annual spring community service project were, kneeling front, Lions Rob Senoski, and Gloria Guice. Standing rear, Lions Joan Bracking, Lynne Philbin, Farris Maddox, Del Bailey, Jim Smith, Jim Hunt, and Pat Maddox.





The Moneta Lions Club hosted their second annual Kite Day, Saturday March 16th at the Moneta Park, being developed by Bedford County Parks and Recreation, off Rucker Road in Moneta. Pictured from left at the Lion Jim Agnew Picnic Pavilion, are Moneta Lion Nancy Robbins-Kite Day Co Chair, Mosscalettia Jones-Girl Scout Troop 103, Laura Mallory-Cub Scout Pack 581, Kimberly Sexton-Cub Scout Pack 122, and Lion Gloria Guice-Kite Day Chairperson.

A special thank you to Life Scout Sam Mallory for assisting the Lions Club Members, Scout Leaders, and Scouts throughout the event. Scout Mallory is currently working on an Eagle Scout

Project at the Moneta Park, a "Nine Hole Frisbee Course".

Scouts and Scout Leaders from Bedford Girls Scout Troop 103, Cub Scout Pack 581 and Pack 122 proudly display their artistic talent following a busy day of drawing, assembling and testing their kite flying skills.



Pictured are Top Artists and High Flyers of the Moneta Lions Club Kite Day: Sydnee Dolley best Female Artist, Elizabeth Wray Highest Female Flyer, Noah Fairchild best Male Artist, and Joe Mallory Highest Male Flyer.

Submitted by Lion Rob Senoski

Smith Mountain Lake Lions Club

Lion Tom Scott (left) presents the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award to Lion Tom Smith. This Fellowship Award is the highest form of recognition and embodies humanitarian ideas consistent with the nature and purpose of Lionism. Tom, who joined the club in 1995, was chosen for his service and leadership in the SML Lions Club and the community. He has been involved in numerous club and community programs, such as co-chairing the annual Junior Golf Tournament, that are key to the community's well being and the success of the SML Lions Club.



Six young talented musicians participated in the James A. Bland Memorial Music Contest on March 3 at Franklin Heights Baptist Church in Rocky Mount, sponsored by the Ferrum, Rocky Mount and SML Lions Clubs. The participants in this year's program were (L-R): Jayne Scott (piano), Mariah Banks (vocal), Michelle Manning (vocal), Rebecca Haynes (vocal), Rowan Sims (piano) and Sarah Dickerson (piano). Dickerson was the winner in the instrumental division and Haynes was the winner in the vocal. Both will advance to the regional contest on April 7 at Ferrum College. Winners at the next two levels of competition advance to the state-wide competition in Bristol, in May, where scholarship money is awarded.

On March 13, 2013, members of the SML Lions participated in a road clean-up along Scruggs Road, Moneta, Va. Shown above are (left to right) Mark Young, George Berndt, Tom Fansler, John Porter, and Joe Brown, members of one of three teams who collected a total of 39 bags of trash.



On February 21, 2013, SML Lion Marty Kulla (right) presented the first of two checks to Lion J.D. Arnold, President of the Lions of Virginia Sight Foundation and a Member of the Board of Directors of the Virginia Lions Hearing Foundation and Research Center. The donations will be used to support the ongoing work of the Sight and Hearing Foundations.

SML Lions, (left to right 2nd row) Doug Overman, Lowell Skelton, Jim Hamlin, Tom Scott, John Porter, and Walt Flindt, also recycled 1036 pairs of eyeglasses. Not shown are Cindy Decker and Ralph Long. One hundred pairs of used glasses were turned in for recycling.



Members of the SML Lions Club Tax Aide team are providing staffing for two AARP Tax Aide Sites: Westlake Library and the Senior Center in Rocky Mount. The program provides free income tax filing for low-to-middle-income people of all ages and has been a service project of the SML Lions Club for approximately sixteen years. On March 4, 2013, SML Lions (left to right, back row) Tom Hofelich, Stan Smith, Lowell Skelton, Doug Overman, and (seated) Len Bryant joined with Frankie Puckett to staff the site at the Westlake Library. Other Tax Aide volunteers not pictured are Tom Sanders, Gene Singer, Carmen Singer, Rick Carroll, Mike Jackson and Bill Jackson.

Submitted by Lion Cindy Decker

Mount Pleasant Lions Club

On Tuesday, February 5th, 2013, at the Mount Pleasant Lions Club, the highest honor that a local Lions Club can bestow on a member, a Melvin Jones Fellowship, was awarded to Lion Bob Dickard. Lion Dickard, a retired history teacher who first became a Lion in the Cleveland, Ohio area transferred to the Mount Pleasant Club in 1994.

He is a past club President and continues to serve as Secretary and Tail Twister, while also acting as Santa for the annual Breakfast with Santa held for neighborhood children and their parents in December each year. The recognition was presented by the Lions District 24-E Governor, Nelson Leftwich, who commented on Dickard's being the force behind the Club's roadside trash pickup, his assistance at several RAM projects and his commitment to Lions ideals and affairs in general.



The Mount Pleasant Lions Club is now offering to wholesale brooms in smaller lots to other clubs. We order the Lions Sale Brooms from Greenwood Mop and Broom in South Carolina and because we order in bulk we save the shipping charges. We sell our brooms (2 sizes – large and small) for \$13 each.

On a wholesale basis, that is a case of 6 large brooms or a case of 12 small brooms, we offer to other lions clubs at the price of \$10.95 per broom (\$65.90 per case) for the large size and \$8.90 per broom (\$107.00 per case) for the small size. This price is contingent upon case size purchases, with pickup at our building. The prices are subject to change, as our cost of purchase changes.

Please contact Robert Wood at 580-9044 to purchase and schedule a pickup time. Checks and cash are accepted, but no credit cards. Mount Pleasant Lions Club, 2432 Mayfield Drive, S.E., Roanoke, VA 24014

Submitted by Lion Ann Ferguson

Forest Lions Club

On Thursday, February 21st, five contestants gathered at Jefferson Forest High School auditorium for the Forest Lions Club's annual Bland music competition. Lion Dallas Scott, Past District Governor and chairman of the competition, welcomed the contestants, their families and their friends. Contestants included two public school students: Grace Kim, soprano, JFHS and Michele Ahn, flute, JFHS;; two home schooled students: Mark Stephens, piano and Rachel Ziebart, flute; and one private school student: Jensen Schram, piano, New Covenant. Ages of contestants ranged from 12 to 18.



L - R Lion George Mohrmann, Instrumental Winner Mark Stephens, Vocal Winner Grace Kim, Lion Dallas Scott

The event was judged by: Dr. John Hugo, Voice Faculty at Liberty University, Chorus Master of the Roanoke Symphony Chorus and a popular classical tenor soloist in the Lynchburg area; Mrs. Angela Heer choir director at Holy Cross Catholic Church and long time voice and piano teacher; Mrs. Norma Stein piano teacher and frequent church organist substitute in the Lynchburg area; and Dr. Lynn Seipp a recitalist/ soloist on clarinet and saxophone and the principal clarinet in the Lynchburg Symphony Orchestra. Certificates of Participation and cash awards were presented to all contestants.

The two first place winners, Grace Kim and Mark Stephens now move on to compete in the District 24 E Region / Zone competition to be held on Sunday, April 7 the at 2:30 pm at Ferrum College Vaughn Chapel, 40 Wiley Drive, Ferrum, VA. The public is invited to attend.

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\$10,000 Annual Raffle

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The FOREST LIONS CLUB is once again planning for its annual \$10,000 raffle. This event is the LIONS largest fund raiser of the year with 100% of the net proceeds going to support the community. This year's event will be held **Friday, May 3rd** at the **Forest Recreation Center**. The evening will begin at **6:00 P.M.** with dinner at 7:00 PM.

Raffle tickets with dinner and an open bar are \$100 each. Additional dinner tickets may be purchased for \$35.

As in the past, this will be a reverse raffle with all 250 numbers called. The final 10 ticket holders will have the option of splitting the proceeds or remaining in the running for a chance at the full \$10,000.

NEW THIS YEAR:

- **To speed up the evening, numbers will be selected using a bingo ball popper.**
- **Tickets must be presented at the door so participants can verify that their respective "bingo ball" goes into the popper.**
- **The first number called will receive a replacement ticket as a consolation prize.**
- **The 125th number called will receive a cash prize of \$250.**
- **There will be three 50 X 50 drawings throughout the evening in a progressive format:**
 - **first at \$5 per ticket,**
 - **second at \$10 per ticket**
 - **third at \$20 per ticket.**

To purchase tickets, please call George Mohrmann at 434-385-0493 or any other member of the FOREST LIONS CLUB. Businesses wishing to donate door prizes or items for the silent auction, please call Barbara Wright at 434-845-2231.

The FOREST LIONS also supports our local food bank and raffle attendees are encouraged to bring donations on May 3rd. Donation barrels will be available in the Rec Center.

FOREST LIONS CLUB
FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Tuesday, June 25th, 2013
6:30 - 9:00 pm

DEDICATED IN MEMORY
OF
LION BEULAH LAWHORNE
A Lion 2002 - 2013



THE FOREST LIONS CLUB CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO ATTEND ITS
FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Charleys Restaurant
707 Graves Mill Road
Lynchburg, VA

RSVP Lion Fred von Bechmann
434-525-3123
NLT: Friday, June 14, 2013

Choice of Entrée: Prime Rib, Grilled Salmon or Chicken Cordon Bleu; Green Salad;
Roll and a Beverage. \$22 per person
Cash Bar

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Cave Spring Lions Club



Stephanie Garst spoke on what's available at
at Roanoke College



Dr. Gary Simonds, Chief of Neurosurgery at
Carilion Clinic



Lion Doug and Dot Law at Valentine Social



Lion Nelson and Reba Craighead, Anne and Lion
Frank Kinder, and Shirley Monger



Marsha Wagner, Ruby and Lion Al Willis



Kay Jones, Carilion Dietician, on Diabetes