



# The Lions Pride

District 24-E

February 2014



**District  
Governor**

**Kirk  
Sampson  
2013–2014**

**Greetings to District 24-E,**

I hope everyone had a great Christmas and is looking forward to a busy, productive 2014. We have a lot of work to do and a short time to "Get it Done"!

## District 24-E Officers

**Kirk Sampson  
District Governor**

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1st Vice District Governor**

**Lowell Skelton  
2nd Vice District Governor**

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Reg II Zone III Chair**

Our year to date Club Health Assessment Report shows we have added 43 new members but we have lost 61 existing members for a net loss of 18. I applaud the clubs efforts in recruitment but we need to do a better job of retention. We continue to fall farther behind of our District Goal of increasing by a net 72 members this year. We must increase our efforts to turn around our decline, so that we can maintain our District status.

CONGRATULATIONS to the ROCKY MOUNT LION CLUB ! Their Peace Poster, not only WON the District contest, but was picked as the WINNER of the entire MD-24 contest. It has been forwarded to LCI as the Virginia state WINNER for the International judging. This year I received 20 posters for judging. The Cave Spring District Lions Club came in second and the Moneta Lion s Club finished third. Thanks to the 16 clubs that participated. I hope more clubs will join in next year. If your club has any questions on how to get started, please give me a call.

It is Bland Contest time again. I hope all the clubs will consider participating this year ! Please try to attend and support these contests. The kids are incredible.

Ending on a sad note, it has just recently come to my attention that PDG Bill Brammer is facing a very serious health issue. Please keep PDG Bill and his family in your prayers.

Thanks for all you do !

DG Kirk

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**Donate Hearing Aids to District 24-E Charity**

At a recent meeting, District 24-E Charity, Inc. approved accepting Hearing Aids and other non-cash donations. Since District 24-E Charity, Inc. is a 501(c ) (3) organization, these donations may be claimed on your income tax return as a charitable contribution.

Attached is the receipt form for these donations. You may make your donations at the Lions Building in Roanoke at 501 Elm Avenue or directly to an Officer or Director of District 24-E Charity, Inc. who can sign the receipt form.

Please pass this information on to your clubs and zones.

2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Lowell Skelton

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**RECEIPT FOR HEARING AIDS OR OTHER NON- CASH DONATIONS**

**DATE**\_\_\_\_\_

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**WE ARE A 501 (c) (3) ORGANIZATION AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR CORPORATION ARE DEDUCTIBLE UNDER SECTION 170 OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE.**

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## 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 for kids encourages young people worldwide to express their visions of peace. For 25 years, more than eight million children from nearly 100 countries have participated in the contest. The theme of the 2013-14 Peace Poster Contest is "Our World, Our Future." Students, ages 11, 12 or 13 on November 15, are eligible to participate.



Myia Smith a fifth grade student at Huddleston Elementary School, proudly displays her local winning art work, as Lion Jo Ann Beachum, Principal Aprille Monroe and Lion Gloria Guice of the Moneta Lions Club, look on.



Conner Witt displays his Certificate of Achievement and award winning Peace Poster he created under the direction of his Art Instructor Linda Keltz. Conner, a fifth grade student at Body Camp Elementary School. Conner was also sponsored by the Moneta Club.



Afton Burdette, Tyshaun Ziegler and Tessa Songer, students at Benjamin Franklin Middle School, display their winning artistic talents in the Ferrum Lions Club Peace Poster Contest. Congratulating the trio are: Dana Kelly Sixth grade Administrator, District 24-E Governor Lion Kirk Sampson, Lion Peggy Smith Opportunities for Youth in District 24-E, Ivy Cook President of the Ferrum Lions Club, and Freda Nichols Art Teacher at Benjamin Franklin Middle School.





Elijah Himmel, Ashlyn Layman and Amari Patterson students at Benjamin Franklin Middle School, display their winning artistic talents in the Smith Mountain Lions Club Peace Poster Contest.

Congratulating the trio are: Dana Kelly Sixth Grade Administrator, District 24-E Governor Lion Kirk Sampson representing the Smith Mountain Lake Lions Club and Freda Nichols Art Teacher at Benjamin Franklin Middle School.

Erin Summerson from Woodrow Wilson Middle School and John Gurney Jr. from James Madison Middle School display their winning peace posters. With them is Lion Dharam Sawh President of the Cave Spring Lions Club .

And the winners are.....



Carol Swain of The Little Gallery at Smith Mountain Lake, Lion DG Kirk Sampson, and Gallery Associates Nancy Eitner and Susan Patitucci, display the top three Peace Posters. . Swain, holds the First Place Poster, created by Celia Bourhill, a student at Benjamin Franklin Middle School, sponsored by the Rocky Mount Lions Club. Eitner holds Second Place Poster created by John Gurley, sponsored by the Cave Springs Lions Club, and Patitucci holds the Third Place Poster created by Quinn Overstreet, sponsored by the Moneta Lions Club.



Celia Bourhill sponsored by Rocky Mount Lions Club was the winner of the entire MD 24 Contest.

## Ferrum College Branch Lions Club

### Growing in Lionism

Being involved with a club on campus can be very time consuming and hard to juggle especially when combined with other things like classes, jobs, and sleeping. However, holding the office of president in a club (or holding any office, for that matter) creates an even larger challenge because like somebody once told Spiderman, "with great power comes great responsibility"...he really wasn't joking. I am currently the president of the Ferrum College Lions Branch Club on campus and while it is an all-consuming (and unpaid) job, it is the most rewarding I have ever had.



Lions International is health based community service organization with a focus on vision, hearing, and diabetes. Our club has tried very hard to stick to these main focuses but more than that, we strive to remain true to the Lions International Motto: "We Serve." It does not get much simpler than that, yet it is so profound. We do serve. We serve our communities, our country, and our world. This international organization links millions of people together in the Lions community and has helped to create a multigenerational family on the Ferrum College campus with the help of our parent club.



On Tuesday December 10, 2013 thirteen out of the fifteen branch club members attended an initiation ceremony held for us



by our parent club, the Ferrum Lions Club. We were inducted into the parent club as official Lions Club International members. It was a great feeling to stand side by side our parent club members as they placed our Lions pins on our shirts because they have helped us to grow and develop as a club and as people through Lionism and it was truly amazing to watch everything we had worked together to achieve become verified in the eyes of LCI.





JDRF Walk

While we have had a very busy first year, we have even greater things planned for 2014. We are currently working on a STRIDES event to be held on Ferrum's campus in February. We also had the great opportunity to meet members from the other clubs in our zone and we are all looking forward to collaboration with them in the future.

While, I have not had much time to rest, all of the activities we have participated in and plan to participate in have filled my heart with an inextinguishable desire to help others and make a lasting impact on my community. Lions Club International has helped not only me but also the rest of the branch club to reach our full potential to help those around us in any capacity we can. And although I spend many weekends waking up early and going to bed late, I have never regretted one moment. Getting involved with Lions Club International has allowed me to help others in an amazing way but the way that LCI has helped me to become a more fulfilled individual, in my opinion, is an even more amazing feat.

Submitted by Lion Jessa King

A few of the events we have participated in during the past year are the JDRF Walk to Cure Diabetes, an eyeglass drive, a diabetes awareness day, a hearing screening, Spring Fling, the Folklife Festival, and Trick-or-Treat for canned goods.



Trick or Treat for Canned Goods

Contact: Bill Proctor, Executive Director  
Old Dominion Eye Foundation, Inc.  
804.560.7540  
bproctor@odef.org



### **Hunter Jarman Recipient of First Lipomi Lions Vision Fund Award**

**LYNCHBURG, Virginia District's 24-B and 24-E** --Hunter Jarmon, 13 of Lynchburg, VA has been awarded an assistance grant from the Old Dominion Eye Foundation's Lipomi Lions Vision Fund to purchase the Merlin Elite HD OCR.

The son of John and Pam Jarman, Hunter has been visually impaired since he was a toddler. Suffering from ocular albinism, he began wearing bifocals at the age of two. The genetic condition reduces the pigmentation of the iris and the retina, which causes impaired visual acuity and depth perception. Hunter is very sensitive to light and is prone to developing eye strain. Large print is necessary to prevent fatigue and migraines. The Merlin Elite is a desktop video magnifier and features a text-to-speech function. It also enlarges the text to a size more comfortable for Hunter to read and is also able to read for him when his eyes become too tired.

Hunter's mom Pam shared some of the struggles he faces. "We read to Hunter often to try to keep him on the same academic level as his peers. But, he is getting older now and we would love to see him be able to do the things he takes pleasure in more autonomously. Having the Merlin Elite will give Hunter the confidence and independence to enjoy learning again." The Lynchburg Host Lions Club and the Forest Lions Club joined together to sponsor Hunter for this award.

Hunter also suffers from severe scoliosis, a connective tissue disorder, and mitral valve insufficiency. He is the 2013 face of the Children's Miracle Network Hospitals in Virginia.

*The Lipomi Lions Vision Fund was established to assist individuals who are legally blind who want to further their education through scholastics or in the trade industry. Old Dominion Eye Foundation will award scholarships and/or equipment assistance grants to qualified applicants.*

*Joseph Lipomi was a dedicated Lion with many years of service. Joe embraced a special commitment—working for the sight impaired and visually handicapped. While he pursued these endeavors through numerous avenues, the Old Dominion Eye Foundation, Inc. was particularly close to him. This was evidenced in his service as President and life-long member of its Board of Directors. He expressed his belief in ODEF’s work upon his passing through a major endowment to further the eye bank’s goals. The Lipomi Lions Vision Fund is intended to honor the memory of Joe and his wife Mary, express an appreciation for their immeasurable support and broaden the scope of our service.*



Hunter with members of the Forest Lions Club.





*Virginia / West Virginia Breakfast*

*Toronto, Ontario, Canada*

*Sunday, July 6, 2014*

*8:00 AM*

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*Names:\_\_\_\_\_*

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INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION SHIRT ORDER FORM  
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## RICH CREEK-GILES BREAKFAST BRANCH LIONS CLUB



Lions in the RC-Giles Breakfast Branch club started the Christmas season off with a smile that has lasted for all of us. Everyone who took part still mentions the experience and the joy it brought to all of us as well as the elderly folks we served. Lion Sherri Nipper, Director of Social Services for Giles County, put together a list of 12 elderly, shut- in or near shut- in clients. Fruit baskets were purchased and wrapped, everyone bundled up and with Santa and his little elf helper – 4 year old Aiden Clark – as our leaders we set off to visit each of these lovely people. We were reminded at every turn just how fortunate we all are to have good health, a warm place to live, food in our cupboards, and loving families to support us.



Front from left: Susie Quinllan, Santa, elf Aiden Clark, Lion Charlie Herbert. Back from left: Neil Crabtree, Dave Zai, Tammy Collins, Lions Betty Herbert & Sherri Nipper, Nick Clark.



The folks we visited were delighted to have visitors, especially Santa and his elf, and very appreciative of the cards and baskets we brought with us. There were both smiles and tears by the time we ended our outing. It would be difficult to say who received larger blessing

from this morning out with Santa.  
Tammy Collins, Santa, Aiden & Nick Clark.

Later in the week, Friday, December 16, marked our annual Christmas dinner. Lion Edna and Brett Malone were our hosts at their home. Special guests for the evening were Lions of VA Secretary Tammie Brightwell as well as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor Jim Newman and his lovely wife Babs.





After a delightful dinner we were fortunate to have Lion Tammie induct two new members, Drs. Nick and Jackie Clark. The Clarks came to Giles County this summer when they purchased the Optometric practice of a retiring doctor in Pearisburg. Dr. Nick began participating in our service projects as early as late August when we did vision screenings for the annual Back To School day sponsored by Pembroke United Methodist Church. Lions Nick and Jackie are the parents of a 4 year old son as well as a set of 3 year old twins, also boys.

Each winter the folks at Pembroke United Methodist Church, where we hold our meetings, participate in a program called To Our House Ministries. Homeless or displaced women and children in the New River Valley have several options for shelter. However, there is no facility set up to serve men. A group of churches in the NRV have banded together to insure that these men are not left on the streets or in their cars during the winter months. Each church welcomes these men to their facility in rotations of 2 weeks. As we have done in the last two years, Giles Breakfast Lions prepare and serve breakfast on the morning of our regular, monthly meeting. On January 16 we were happy to serve 12 very appreciative gentlemen.



From left: Lions Dave Zai, Charlie Herbert, Neil Crabtree, Al Katz, Nick Clark and Edna Malone.



Also at the January 16 monthly meeting we were again joined by Lions State Secretary Tammie who inducted two more new members. We are happy to have Dave Zai and Neil Crabtree join our Lions family. Both Lion Dave and Lion Neil are recent transplants from the Northern VA area. Both these gentlemen had joined us on December 11 when we visited the elderly people of the county.

Going into 2014 RC-Giles Breakfast Branch Lions Club looks forward with great anticipation of being able to charter our club before entering 2015. We're well on our way and excited about the opportunities that are opening up to our group. It's good to be a LION.



## Moneta Lions Club



Members of the Moneta Lions Club were out in force Saturday Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>, supporting the annual Smith Mountain Lake (SML) Fall Chilly and Craft Festival at the Bridgewater Plaza. Pictured are Lions Chuck Dideon, Pat Bailey with Regional Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Vickie Gardner, also Lions Rob Senoski and Del Bailey. Several other Lions were on hand staffing the Lions Tent throughout the day, selling Lions Brooms, Lions of Virginia Foundation (LOVF) raffle tickets, distributing Lions Literature, also various health related pamphlets.

Clients of the Central Virginia Area Agency on Aging who frequent the Moneta Dinning Center were treated to a morning of "Fun and Games" November 11th by members of the Moneta Lions Club. Lions Rob Senoski and Joan Brackin, pictured, along with Lions Pat Maddox and Gloria Guice assisted the clients as Bingo card watchers, and number callers. Various novelty prizes were awarded to all the lucky winners.



Moneta Lion's Club Elves Rob Senoski, George Just, Sarah Hunt, Lake Christian Ministries (LCM) "A Child's Christmas" Co-Ordinator Lynda Imirie, Lions Jerry Over with Elf Jim Hunt behind the camera, recently checked the Toy Box at the Moneta Library. LCM has been sponsoring A Child's Christmas for many years, assisting area families in making their child's eyes glow on Christmas morning. Last year many church groups, civic organizations businesses, along with local generous neighbors, have joined LCM in making Christmas a very Merry day for some 600 children ages newborn to sixteen.

For the past several years one of the traditions of the Moneta Lions Club has been to donate four complete Thanksgiving Dinners to area families who are experiencing unforeseen financial turmoil. All items necessary to complete the dinners, including turkey, cooking pan, and all the trimmings were packaged and delivered to Body Camp and Moneta Elementary Schools to be distributed by the school's principal on behalf of the Moneta Lions Club. This year, in addition to the meals, 120 ski caps made by club members were also given to each school for distribution to the students.



Moneta Elementary Student Counselor Deena Mustard, and Principal Melanie Simmons, center, accept Thanksgiving Meals, and knit ski caps from, Lions Del Bailey, and Jim Smith.





Moneta Lions Club members, front, Lions Chuck Dideon, Gloria Guice, Jerry Over, Lynne Philbin, George Just, Pat Maddox, Farris Maddox, Mary Smith (seated) with Helen Pierce Jim Smith, Don Davis, Mary Davis, rear, Del Bailey, Pat Bailey, Tim Haer, Bart Matthies, Corinne Matthies, Bob Ollweiler, Joan Brackin and Rob Senoski, enjoyed a festive Christmas Dinner recently in lieu of their regularly scheduled meeting. After dinner, those in attendance enjoyed Christmas Trivia, thanks to the club's Social Chairperson Lion Joan Brackin. Lion Jim Smith, a member of the Smith Mountain Lake Harmonizers, led the group singing a number of Christmas Carols.

Moneta Lions, left front to rear: Bart Matthies, Corinne Matthies, Pat Bailey, Del Bailey, along with, right front to rear, Rob Senoski, Gloria Guice, Tim Haer, and Bob Ollweiler, gathered for an informal Christmas Luncheon at Red Lobster in Roanoke, following a recent routine eyeglass recycling day. Members of the Moneta Lions Club meet three the third Monday of each month to read and record the eyeglass prescriptions.



Laney Moffield, Executive Director for Ronald McDonald House Charities of Southwest Virginia, center, accepts beverage can "Pop Top Tabs" from Moneta Lions Club President Lion Rob Senoski, and the club's Youth Services Chairperson Lion Gloria Guice. The donation has become a sort of ritual for the Moneta Lions over the past several years, taking place just before Christmas, being the club's gift to Ronald McDonald. This year's "Tab" collection totaled approximately eleven one gallon bags, which were gathered by club members from family, friends, and a few local businesses.

Teresa Poole, center, Clinical Social Worker with Bedford Hospice Care, accepts nearly three dozen "Lap Robes and Aghans", from Moneta Lions Club members Lion Gloria Guice and Rob Senoski.

Friends and neighbors of the Moneta Lions, lovingly donated the colorful hand crafted items to the club, which in turn will be distributed to patients aided by Bedford Hospice Care, just in time for Christmas.





Lion Chuck Dideon, Secretary of the Moneta Lions Club, thanked Mr. Wayne Shepherd (Shep) following his briefing to the club membership of the ongoing construction at Moneta Park, located on Rucker Road in Moneta. Over the years, the Moneta Lions sponsored a large Picnic Pavilion, planted trees along the Park's entrance roadway also shrubbery near the fire pit and flag pole which was an Eagle Scout Project. The club has made donations toward the Frisbee Course, another Eagle Scout Project. A major contribution was made last year to support the beginning construction of "modern" rest room facilities. A check was presented to Wayne, following his briefing, to be passed on to the county to assist with the restroom's final construction expenses.

.Submitted by Lion Rob Senoski

## Salem Host Lions Club

The Salem Host Lions Club collected Toys for Tots during their annual Christmas banquet at the Salem Civic Center on December 3rd. The club collected over 50 toys which were received by Staff Sargent Cordeino and Sargent Ketz. Over the past year the club has donated over \$90,000 dollars back to the community through scholarships and donations to schools and various community groups. These funds were earned by members volunteering over 1,300 hours working the concession stand at the Salem High School football stadium. In addition to monetary donations the club has provided food donations to the Salem Food Pantry and Samaritan Inn.



Pictured from left to right: Sargent Ketz, Club President Lion Tom McClure, Staff Sargent Cordeino.

At their annual Christmas banquet held on December 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Salem Civic Center, the Salem Host Lions Club recognized two members for the dedication and service throughout this past year. A Melvin Jones Fellow, the highest award in Lionism, was presented to this year's Club President, Lion Tom McClure. Past President Lion Chris Whisnant received Lion of the Year for his dedication to the club and participation in club activities.



Pictured from left to right: Club President Lion Tom McClure, Lion Warner Bonderman, and Lion Chris Whisnant.

Submitted by Lion Jenny Poland



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**Dublin Lions Club**

The Dublin Lions are a service organization in Pulaski County with a desire to serve the visually impaired and to aid in sight conservation. In an effort to make an advance in this area and an impact on their community, the Dublin Lions have invested \$14,000 on two vision testing machines called a “Spot Vision Screening Machine”.

To date over a thousand children have been screened at Pulaski, Critzer, Dublin, Snowville, and Riverlawn Elementary. Testing has also taken place at PCHS and Pulaski and Dublin Middle Schools. The Lions are awaiting permission for testing at other schools and grades.

About 80% of learning is acquired visually; therefore these screenings are vital to the growth and education of our children. Spot is powered by sophisticated technology that quickly detects the indication of the following vision issues: Near and Far-sightedness; Unequal refractive power of the eye; Blurred vision, eye structure problem; Pupil size deviations and Eye misalignment. The Spot machine will provide a comprehensive, analysis of the results and the Dublin Lions print this form out for the child to take home to their parents.

The State requires testing to be done each year in grades Kindergarten, 4<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 10<sup>th</sup> grades. The Dublin Lions plan to continue to offer this service to their community, with hopes of making a difference with each child they screen.

On Thursday December 12, 2013 Danny Underwood, the President of the Dublin Lions Club presented a generous donation check to Bob Brouse of Fairview Home in the amount of \$1750.00. This money has been allotted for the purchase of new mattresses for the residents of this facility. The Dublin Lions contribute annually to this cause, and organization. The Dublin Lions work closely with many local organizations always striving to make a difference in the community that they live and serve in.

Submitted by Lion Danielle Vann



## Smith Mountain Lake Lions Club

On December 20, 2013, eleven members of the SML Lions demonstrated their assembly line-production skills in preparing holiday food bags for Lake Christian Ministries' clients. More than 475 bags filled with items to prepare a complete pancake breakfast were packed. Lions participating in the packing were (left to right) Ken Heim, Tom Hamlin, Bill Telford, Mike Jackson, Don Abell, Win Tennes, Doug Overman, Larry Iceman, Bob Carter, Bob Kosel, and Cindy Decker.



The following day, SML Lions, along with Gloria Guice, Moneta Lions Club, distributed the food bags. Lions distributing were (left to right) Doug Overman, Tom Hamlin, Bob Epps, Gloria Guice, Marge Epps, and Kirk Sampson. Not shown David McCartney.

Nineteen SML Lions staffed the Lions International Booth at the Roanoke Home and Garden Show, January 10-12, 2014. The Lions informed people about Lions International and sold Lions of Virginia Foundation (LOVF) Raffle Tickets. LOVF was founded in 1972 in response to hurricane Camille and provides funds during natural disasters that may occur throughout Virginia. Pictured are (seated left to right) SML Lions Ralph Long and Ray Holt. Standing is SML Lion Ken Hurt.



SML Lions enjoying the 90th Lions of Virginia State Convention in Bristol, Virginia.

Pictured left to right: Lowell Skelton, who was elected to 2nd Vice District Governor; Debbie Farthing, SML Lions Membership Chair; Ray Templin of the Honaker Lions Club & District 24E Chairperson, who has just presented SML Lions with the 2nd Place Scrapbook award; Rick Carroll, SML Lions Director; Ralph Long, District 24-E Leader Dog Chair; and Kirk Sampson, who was elected to District 24-E District Governor.



The SML Lions, along with others, are assisting with the reconstruction of the Old Anglican Church in Snow Creek. The church was built in 1769 by the Anglican Church and later became a Primitive Baptist Church. Dr. Amos, a noted doctor and historian of Franklin County, recently purchased the church and surrounding property with the goal of restoring the church and having it designated an historical site. This church may be the oldest building in Franklin County. The SML Lions are assisting with the installation of interior boards and outer siding. Pictured (left to right) are SML Lions Art Sommers, Ron Jamison, Rick Carroll, and Tom Scott.



Submitted by Lion Cindy Decker

### **Stewartsville-Chamblissburg Lions Club**



Stewartsville-Chamblissburg Lions Club President Kenny Price left, and Club Secretary Lion William Massart right, were hosts to Lions of Virginia District 24-E 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Lion Jim Newman (Cave Springs), DG Lion Kirk Sampson (Smith Mountain Lake), also Region I, Zone I, Chairperson Lion Gloria Guice (Moneta), during the club's regular dinner meeting recently. After dinner, discussions were held concerning achievements and goals from the club level, up to and including the theme "Follow Your Dream", coined by the Lions International President, Lion Barry J. Palmer.

### **Martinsville-Henry County Lions Club**

The Martinsville/Henry County Lions Club has a member, Margie Speedy who posts photos and articles regarding our club activities, speakers, etc. to our Facebook page://[www.facebook.com/MartinsvilleHenryCountyLionsClub](http://www.facebook.com/MartinsvilleHenryCountyLionsClub). This is easy and costs nothing to do.

The Club lost a member in January who had received an award last year for 45 years as a member. Tommy Childress was a local realtor and had been very active in the Lions Club until just recently. He was 87 years old and will be missed by all our members.

Submitted by Lion Harold Suain



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## **Christiansburg Lions Club**

The Christiansburg Lions Club held its Annual Christmas Craft Show at the Christiansburg Recreation Center, as always, on the first Saturday in December. This year was our 22nd Craft Show. It began at the Christiansburg Armory and then, about 5 years ago, moved to the Recreation Center. Each year, we have about 150 vendors who come to present and sell their wares and provide some nice Christmas presents for local folks.

This year we also provided some "sight evaluation" with eye tests for children, youth and some adults. We used a new "\$6,000 SPOT Machine" which gives the reading of vision for the individual without touching the person (an important feature), and provides a printout of the results so that the individual can then followup on their sight needs with an optometrist. This machine can register the results within about 30 seconds, provide the printout and assist with eye sight needs. We, along with the Blacksburg Lions Club purchased this SPOT Machine for events such as this and also for schools in our area. It is a remarkable piece of equipment and a wonderful way to assist our children, youth and adults with sight conservation! A recent slogan for Lionism International is that we are "Knights of The Blind!" What a way to help others see life!

Back to our Craft Show. This year, with the number of vendors on hand, we assisted in their setup of displays, and takedown. We gave door prizes to customers and vendors alike. We had a "snack bar" and sold brooms as a fun raiser. We are very pleased with the community's support. For the last several years we have raised about \$12,000 each year to fund our various projects in the community and throughout Lionism.

Each year we make contributions to local fire, rescue, and non-profit civic organizations, such as special school groups, MCEAP, The Free Clinic, Scouts, and other organizations. We use all of our "raised" funds to support these organizations and concerns, and pay our own way in terms of dues, projects, meals, etc.

We currently have about 48 members, men and women, who are committed to the ideals and principles and goals of Lionism. "WE SERVE" because we are called to a mission to help others

Submitted by Lion Doug Kanney

## **Forest Lions Club**



The Forest lions Club held its annual Christmas tree sale starting Saturday, November 30th, thanks to the efforts of our loyal customers, all 300 trees were sold in a record 8 days raising a total of \$6,900. Opening day was a record day with 73 trees sold as was Sunday December 1 with an additional 90 trees sold. One hundred percent of all proceeds from the sale is returned to the community through various charitable donations including providing eye exams and glasses, yearly vocational scholarships, food baskets for the needy and support of the Forest Youth Athletic Association.

Submitted by Lion Elliott Borneman



**Williamson Road Lions Club****In Memoriam**

Carlrl Linwood Whitaker, 87, of Roanoke, passed away on Sunday, January 12, 2014. He was preceded in death by his parents, Samuel and Hattie Whitaker; sisters, June W. StClair, Betty W. Hageman and Margie W. Dunbar; and brothers, Ray Whitaker and Ronald Steve Whitaker. During both World War II and the Korean Conflict, Carl served in the United States Navy and was a member in several service organizations. He retired from Community Hospital of the Roanoke Valley. Carl was a member of the Williamsom Road Lions Club, having held office in that club as well as on the district level including a term as District Governor. He was very active in the Eye Bank as its first manager of eye glasses collection and recycling. Mr. Whitaker was a member of Bethany Christian Church, serving in many positions, currently as a Deacon Emeritus. A longtime member of the Roanoke YMCA, he loved swimming and various athletic activities. Carl was most social and never knew a stranger. He is survived by his wife, former Lion Marie Whitaker . He "Served".



On November 13, 2013 PDG J.D. Arnold and Club President Marian Bullard dug up their Lions sign from Crossroads Church and dug another hole at their newer meeting location, Frank's Italian Restaurant. What a job! But someone had to do it. Lions can do it all!!! Our club hopes it will attract new members

Submitted by Lion Marian Bullard

## Cave Spring Lions Club



New members Lion Charles (Chuck) Patrick and Lion Kay Ford with DG Kirk Sampson and Lion President Dharam Sawh.

Cave Spring Lions receive Service Chevrons. Left to right: Lions Jim Newman, Dick Decker, Dewey Monger, Tom Hudson, DG Kirk, Jim Cosby and Gary Wagner.



New Member Lion Marsha Wagner with her sponsor Lion Gary Wagner and 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Lion Jim Newman.

Contributions to the Food Pantry at the Christmas Social







Cave Spring Lions at the North Cross School Health Fair.

Lion Chuck and Christine Jordan with Mended Hearts.



Lions Craig and Tressa Camidge with Tuck Chiropractic

Lion Noel with PediaVision's "Spot"



Wishing everyone a **Happy Valentine's Day** and an **Early Spring!**