

Smith Mountain Lake Lions Club



Tom Smith (right) presents SML Lion, Rick Carroll, with the Melvin Jones Award in recognition of his extensive service to SML Lions and the area. Rick has led building efforts on numerous projects such as the Jubal A. Early home place reconstruction, the Lake Christian Ministries addition, and the Franklin County Park Pavilion. He has served as 3rd Vice-President of the SML Lions and as a board member of the Scholarship Trust. He is currently President of the Henry Forks School and was instrumental in the construction of their recently completed playground. Lions Clubs world-wide recognize outstanding individuals by bestowing on them an award named for their founder, Melvin Jones. Tom Smith is a past Melvin Jones recipient

More than 500 people turned out for a buffet meal and to cheer on those who had money-winning tickets for the SML Lions Annual Reverse Raffle on March 22, 2014. This was the 20th year for this event which was held at the W.E. Skelton 4-H Center. Funds raised are used to support projects such as eye exams/glasses for those in need, college scholarships for Franklin County High School Seniors, and other community organizations. The final five contestants decided to split the \$5,000 grand prize.



The SML Lions Club is partnering again this year with AARP to provide staffing at several AARP Tax Aide sites. The program provides free income tax filing for low to middle income individual of all ages. SML Lions who are involved in the program are tested annually to insure that they stay abreast of recent tax law changes. Shown left are members of the team at the Westlake Library at Westlake Town Center.

Submitted by Lion Cindy Decker

Salem Host Lions Club

The Salem Host Lions have been busy this year. During their annual Valentine's dinner on February 4th the Salem Host Lions Club celebrated Lion Roland Wine Day. The Salem Host Lions recognized Lion Roland Wine for his countless years of service to the Salem Host Lions Club and to the City of Salem. Lion Roland joined Lions Club International back in September of 1958. He served in the Falls Church Lions Club from September 1958 through 1972. As a member of the Falls Church Lions Club he served as Treasurer. In 1972 Roland transferred his membership to the Salem Host Lions Club. As a Salem Host Lion, Roland served as Club president, Chair and Co-Chair of Fund Raising committee for two years, Club Director for 12 years and Captain of the Home Side concession stand at the Salem Football Stadium for over 28 years. Over the duration of his 56 years as a Lion he has been awarded Lion of the Year, Melvin Jones Fellow, 50 years Monarch Chevron, and is a Lifetime Member. He also sponsored his lovely wife, Marlene, who he met as her blind date to a Lions Christmas party in New Market, Virginia. Roland has not only served through Lionism but also served on the finance committee for First United Methodist Church and served over 20 years with the Roanoke Sports Club Foundation and is a lifetime Board Member for that organization. He also served on and as President of the Salem Chamber of Commerce.

To honor his countless hours of service, City of Salem Vice Mayor John Givens presented a proclamation from the City Council whom designated February 4th as Lion Roland Wine Day. On behalf of Congressman Morgan Griffith, Lion Jim Archer presented a United States of America flag which was flown in Lion Roland's honor at the United States Capital. Lion Archer, who served as a Major General in the United States Army Reserves, also presented Lion Roland with a Commander's coin for his years of service to his country while serving in the



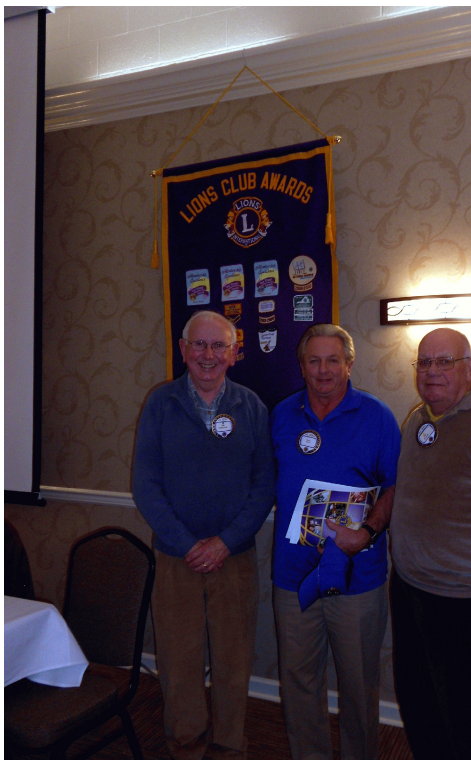
U.S. Navy. Salem Football Stadium Manager, Scott Sampson thanked Lion Roland and Lion Marlene for all their years of service at the Salem High School Football Stadium and shared some top stories from over the years. District Zone III Chair, Lion Marian Bullard thanked Lion Roland for his years of service to the Lions' and local community. The Salem Host Lions also recognized Lion Marlene for all her contributions to the club. Lion Marlene has spent countless hours working at the home side concession stand at the stadium even before joining the club in 2009. Both Lions Roland and Marlene Wine truly embody the all that is "lionism" through their service.

From left to right: City of Salem Vice Mayor John Givens, Lion Jim Archer, Lion Roland Wine, Zone Chair Lion

Marian Bullard, and Salem Football Stadium Manager Scott Sampson.

On Friday, February 21st, the Salem Host and Edgewood Lions Clubs sponsored a Regional Bland Foundation Music Competition at Andrew Lewis Middle School. Karen Adams – College Lutheran Church, Peggy Cambell – Salem Baptist Church, Barbara Fraticelli – Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, and Kelly Wheelbarger – St. Andrew's Catholic Church served as judges for the competition. The Bland Foundation promotes cultural and educational opportunities for musically talented young people in Virginia.

The clubs would like to congratulate Andrew Phillips, Deborah Harvey and Adalynn Eller. A 9th grader who is home schooled, Andrew Phillips took first place for instrumental performance with his playing of Badinerie by Johann Sebastian Bach. Deborah Harvey, a senior at Salem High School, won first place for vocals with her rendition of "Somewhere Over the Rainbow". Adalynn Eller, a 7th grader at Glenvar Middle School, took second place for vocals by singing "Think of Me" from Phantom of the Opera. Andrew Phillips and Deborah Harvey competed in the Regional Competition on March 23, 2014, at 2:00 pm at Cave Spring United Methodist Church. Deborah Harvey will be advancing to the District Competition which will also be held at Cave Spring United Methodist Church on April 27, 2014, at 2:00 pm. The final State Competition will be held on May 16, at the Sheraton Premier in Tysons Corner, where students from six districts will compete for \$18,000 in scholarships.



From left to right:
Adalynn Eller,
Deborah Harvey,
and Andrew
Phillips.]



The Salem Host Lions Club would like to welcome and introduce their newest member Lion Danny Harris. Lion Danny was inducted at our March 4, 2014, meeting and was sponsored by Lion Jim Robertson, Sr.. The induction ceremony was performed by our Membership Chair – Lion Bill Powell. The club is gearing up for the upcoming concession season which is starting early with an Easter Egg drop on April 12th.

Submitted by Lion Jenny Poland

Forest Lions Club

At its February 11th Monthly Meeting the Forest Lions Club featured a program on "Hearing Rehabilitation and Research" presented by Dr. Bradley Kesser. Dr. Kesser is one of six doctors on the Medical Board of the Lions of Virginia Hearing Foundation and Research Center and is an Associate Professor, Division of Otology/Neurotology at the University of Virginia School of Medicine. Dr. Kesser spoke on hearing, retention, loss and corrective action. The consensus of those in attendance was that Dr Kesser's presentation was detailed yet readily understandable.



The Forest Lions had extended invitations to area District 24 E and 24 B Clubs as well as local area hearing professionals. Lions from the Moneta Club and a large number of the invited professionals were in attendance.

This large and diverse audience was testimony to the credentials and reputation of our speaker.

Dr. Bradley W. Kesser, second from left, with Moneta Lions Part Bailey, Gloria Guice, and Del Bailey following his very informative presentation on "Audiology".

Thursday, February, 27th, the Forest Lions held their Annual Bland Music Contest in the Jefferson Forest High School auditorium. There were five contestants, one vocalist and four instrumentalists. Abbie Edmonds, alto, an 8th Grade student at Forest Middle School was the uncontested winner in the vocal category. Rachel Ziebert, flutist, an 11th Grade home schooled student was the instrumental winner. All participants were awarded cash prizes and certificates. The two winners each received \$100 and will next compete at the regional level being held at Ferrum College on Sunday, March 30th.



On Saturday, March 8th from 8:00 AM to Noon, the Forest Lions held a Membership Drive and Broom Sale in conjunction with the Forest Farmers Market. The event was held indoors at the Forest Recreation Center. The work of Lions was discussed with prospective new members, our upcoming May 2nd, \$10,000 raffle was advertised and household brooms were sold.