



# The Lions Pride

District 24-E

September 2014



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**Jim  
Newman  
2014–2015**

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Fellow Lions,

It seems like only yesterday that my wife and I were packing for the Convention in Toronto and now here we are, two months into the new Lions' year. Following our first Cabinet Meeting on August 10th, I have been able to visit 9 District clubs. That is a good start towards my goal of completing all 35 club and 2 branch club visits by Thanksgiving. With a little luck, and no cancellations, I just might make it.

It has been refreshing to hear of all of the activities which have been carried out or are in the planning stages. There is, indeed, a lot to ROAR about in 24-E! During 3 of my visits, new member inductions were held. The good news is that we have 15 new members in the first two months of this Lions' year. The bad news is that we have also lost 15 members in that same time period. What are you doing in your clubs to retain members, to help Strengthen Your Pride?

With September comes the start of the Fall Conference season. The 24-F Fall Conference in Bristol this weekend marks the first of six which my wife and I will be attending. Speaking of Fall Conferences, our own 24-E Fall Conference will be held on October 3rd and 4th at the Holiday Inn - Valley View in Roanoke. Information and registration forms are available on the 24-E website (<http://www.virginia-24e-lions.org>). We have reduced the registration fee and most meal prices in an effort to make the event more affordable to our Lions. I hope to see you there!

September also brings another Regional Lions Leadership Institute. It will again be held in our District (September 26-28), but this may be the last year in Roanoke for a while, as there is a move to rotate it to various locations around the state. Our District still has 2 open slots that we can fill. Strengthen Your Pride through leadership development.

Finally, September also means that Lions activities kick into high gear. This is especially true for clubs, as many mobilize to hold school eye screenings and conduct a variety of fund raisers. I would like to point out two opportunities for service. First is the JDRF Walk to be held on September 28th. Lions are needed to assist in walk registration. PDG Kirk Sampson is the contact person for this. Also, September 13th is the Kick Off for a Habitat for Humanity house in Salem. The house is jointly funded by an LCIF grant and the Salem Host Lions. There should be plenty of opportunities for other Lions Clubs to join in the rehab of this Habitat house, a first for Lions in this area. Strengthen Your Pride through service!

Thank you for all that you do for Lions!

DG Jim Newman



Fellow Lions,

The leadership of District 24-E invites you to attend the 2014 Fall Conference, to be held on October 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Fun, fellowship, and learning opportunities await all who venture to the Valley View Holiday Inn in Roanoke.

In keeping with our International President's theme, we will provide opportunities for you to Strengthen Your Pride with breakout sessions on membership, leadership, and club operations. We will have a session on tail twisting, to help you put back some fun in your meetings. Another session will be on scrap booking for fun and documenting all of your club activities. Finally, we will have a session on LCIF and the great work that they are doing in the world with your donations.

Friday night brings back the popular auction of unique and "different" items donated by district clubs. What will you go home with? Saturday will have an inspiring presentation by Past International Director Judge Haynes Townsend from Georgia at our luncheon and an entertaining talk on railroading in southwest Virginia at our evening banquet. We will also have a tea on Saturday afternoon, honoring Donna Townsend, the spouse of our international guest.

So why not attend and take advantage of these opportunities to Strengthen the Pride. Bring your spouse or significant other along with you. This will be an opportunity for them too to learn more about Lionism. Hope to see you there.

In Service,

DG Jim



## District 24-E Fall Conference

To: Fellow Lions and Leos

Date: August 19, 2014

All aboard, punch your ticket and be ready for fun, fellowship and learning. The District 24-E Fall Conference will be held October 3 - 4, 2014 at the Holiday Inn Valley View, Roanoke. The Cabinet of District 24-E will be your host for the Conference.

Activities on Friday will include a delicious buffet dinner, followed by District 24-E's traditional auction. All clubs are asked to provide items for the auction or a donation of **two dollars**, per member. Your support helps us to defray some of the cost of the Fall Conference. **Please give your items to your Zone Chairman by September 26, 2014. If you are sending a monetary donation in lieu of items to auction, please mail your check to 24-E Fall Conference 221 Lakehurst Ave., Salem, VA 24153.**

A Fellowship Breakfast will take place on Saturday morning followed by informative sessions and a Memorial Service. The luncheon will feature Past International Director Lion Haynes Townsend of Dalton, Georgia as our keynote speaker. The afternoon activities include more informative sessions, District Meeting, PDG Association Meeting and a reception for you to meet Past International Director Lion Haynes Townsend and his spouse, Lion Donna. Please come and enjoy the evening's entertainment.

Lions, and Guests: District 24-E extend to you an invitation to a complimentary Afternoon Tea in honor of Lion Donna Townsend, wife of Past International Director Lion Haynes Townsend. This Tea will be held on Saturday afternoon, October 4, 2014.

A Registration Form is included for your use. Please return the form along with your check for meals to me at the address found on the bottom of your Registration Form. This year you have the option to pay for your registration and meals by using credit card for an additional convenience fee of \$3.00. **The deadline for hotel reservations and to register for the conference is Friday, September 26, 2014.**

**Hotel accommodations at the Holiday Inn Valley View must be made directly with the hotel at (540) 362-4500.** Please ask for the District 24-E Lions of Virginia rate of \$72.00 plus tax. Reservations may also be made by accessing [www.holidayinn.com/roavalleyview](http://www.holidayinn.com/roavalleyview) and using the code FLL.

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

District Governor Jim Newman and First Lady Babette would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the District 24-E Fall Conference as he begins to carry out this year's theme **"Strengthen the Pride."**

Yours in Lionism

Lion Tammie J. Brightwell  
District 24-E Fall Conference Chair

Enclosure: Registration form, DG Letter, Schedule of events

## **24-E Fall Conference**

**October 3 - 4, 2014**

### **Schedule of Events**

#### **Friday, October 3, 2014**

**1:00 - 6:00** Exhibits - Conference Rooms 1 & 2

**3:00 - 6:00** Registration - Hotel Lobby

**6:00 - 7:30** Dinner w/ cash bar - Allegheny Center

**7:30 - 9:30** Auction - Allegheny Center

**End of auction - midnight Hospitality Room - Ballroom D**

#### **Saturday, October 4, 2014**

**7:30 - 5:00** Registration - Hotel Lobby

**7:45 - 9:00** Breakfast - Allegheny Center

**8:00 - 5:00** Exhibits - Conference Rooms 1 & 2

**9:00 - 11:10** Breakout sessions

<b><u>9:00 - 10:00</u></b>	<b><u>10:10 - 11:10</u></b>
Scrapbook - Ballroom C	PDG Association Meeting - Ballroom C
Leadership - Ballroom A	Tail Twister Training - Ballroom B
PDG Jerry Smith - Ballroom B	LCIF - Ballroom A

**11:20 - 11:50 -** Memorial Service - Ballroom A

**12:00 - 1:30** Lunch - Allegheny Center

**1:45 - 2:45** Breakout sessions

Blueprint for a Stronger Club - Ballroom A

Membership - Ballroom B

**3:00 - 4:00** Afternoon Tea - Conference Room 5

**4:00 - 5:00** District Meeting - use one of the rooms set up theater style - Ballroom A

**6:00** Reception - Cash bar - Allegheny Center

**6:45 - 9:00** Dinner - Allegheny Center

**End of banquet - Midnight** Hospitality Room - Ballroom D

All Aboard!

Punch your ticket for  
FUN, FELLOWSHIP & LEARNING



## 2014 District 24-E Fall Conference

October 3 - 4, 2014

### Holiday Inn Valley View Roanoke, VA

**Hotel Reservations:** Call the Holiday Inn at (540) 362-4500 or Toll Free (800) 465-4329 to make your reservations. Request the District 24-E Lions of Virginia rate (\$72.00 plus tax). Or go online to make your reservations by accessing [www.holidayinn.com/roavalleyview](http://www.holidayinn.com/roavalleyview) and use 3 letter code **FLL**.

**Exhibit table** - Please check if you would like an exhibit table. (no charge but numbers limited)

A registration form must be completed for everyone attending the Fall Conference. Nametags, conference packet and a Fall Conference Pin will be provided for all registered attendees. Those attending the paid activities, please indicate their choices below.

Lion    LEO    Guest    NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
Club \_\_\_\_\_ Office \_\_\_\_\_  
Name Tag \_\_\_\_\_ (please indicate how you would like your name on nametag)

	(Cost)	
Regular Registration fee (includes conference pin)	\$15.00	_____
LEO / Campus Club Registration fee (includes conference pin)	\$ 7.00	_____
Friday Dinner and Auction	\$20.00	_____
Saturday Fellowship Breakfast	\$15.00	_____
Saturday Lunch (please indicate your choice)	\$14.00	_____
Star City Croissant      Chicken Caesar Salad      Chef Salad		
Afternoon Tea honoring Lion Donna Townsend, spouse of PID Judge Haynes Townsend	NO COST	
Will attend      Will not attend		
Saturday Banquet (please indicate your choice)	\$30.00	_____
Prime Rib      Salmon with Apple Salsa      Chicken ala Oscar		
Special Diet Requirements      Allergy _____      Vegetarian _____		
Convenience fee if paying by credit card	\$ 3.00	_____
	TOTAL ENCLOSED	_____

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. \_\_\_\_\_ Sec Code \_\_\_\_\_

**Checks payable to 24-E Fall Conference**

**Mail to: 24-E Fall Conference Attn.: Lion Tammie Brightwell 221 Lakehurst Ave. Salem, VA 24153**

**The deadline for hotel and conference reservations is September 26, 2014**

**Friday Dinner – Buffet**

Southern Fried Chicken  
Hamburgers  
Hot Dogs  
Red-Skinned Potato Salad  
Macaroni Salad  
Assorted Cookies  
Iced Tea and Lemonade  
Cash Bar

**Saturday Breakfast – Buffet**

Scrambled Eggs  
Hickory Smoked Bacon  
Sausage Gravy & Biscuits  
Home-style Breakfast Potatoes  
Assorted chilled fruit juices  
Assorted milk  
Coffee  
Fresh Fruit w/honey yogurt  
Assorted Pastries  
Butter  
Fruit Spread

**Saturday Lunch - Choose one****Star City Croissant**

Sliced Turkey, Baked Ham, Bacon, American cheese garnished with lettuce, tomato layered on buttery croissant.  
Served with Pasta Salad and garnished with fresh seasonal fruit.

**Chicken Caesar Salad**

Tender grilled breast of chicken on a bed of romaine lettuce with herbed croutons and grated parmesan cheese with a creamy Caesar dressing served with rolls.

**Chef Salad**

Garden salad topped with roast beef, turkey, ham, Swiss and American cheeses garnished with garden vegetables, sliced boiled eggs, and your choice of dressing

Iced Tea, Coffee, Water and dessert

**Saturday Dinner – Plated - Choose one****Grilled Salmon with Apple Salsa**

Salmon Filet Grilled and served with warm apple salsa (apples, red peppers, scallions and lime juice)

**Breast of Chicken Normandy Ala Oscar**

Tender breast of chicken topped with fresh asparagus and lump crabmeat served with a hollandaise sauce.

**Prime Rib Au Jus**

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

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

Cash Bar

50/50 Tickets will be sold at the conference.

## Cabinet Meeting



District 24-E Governor Lion Jim Newman held his first District meeting for the fiscal year, August 10th at the Lions Sight Foundation of Virginia Building in Roanoke. Several of the items discussed were the Club Awards process for 2014-2015, a Habitat for Humanity House restoration project in the Salem Area, USA Canada Forum scheduled for 2018. Lion Jim also announced that Audio-Visual Equipment is now available for meetings held at the Sight Foundation location.

Reports were also given by all District Officers and Committee Chairs present.

Jenny Lee, Development Director for Habitat for Humanity in the Roanoke Valley discusses the upcoming Salem project of upgrading the home of Mr. Kenneth Quinn. The kick-off will be on September 13<sup>th</sup> and the dedication will be on December 6th.



Submitted by Lions Rob Senoski and Peggy Smith

## Emerging Lions Leadership Institute

LCI will hold an Emerging Lions Leadership Institute, in Oak Brook, on October 4 - 6. These institutes are outstanding for any participant, and is addressed to those Lions who have not served as Club President. There are spots available, and more information may be obtained on the LCI website.

Submitted by Lion Richard Chaffin, PID



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READ ACROSS AMERICA DAY

Theodor Seuss Geisel

“Read Across America”, the national observance of Dr. Seuss’ birthday to promote reading in elementary school, will be celebrated on Monday, March 2, 2015. This is usually observed in grades K-3<sup>rd</sup> grade.

Service organizations like the Lions, as well as churches, high school clubs, and others participate as readers in their assigned schools.

In the Roanoke Valley (Roanoke City, Roanoke County, Salem City), we have a Regional Director who works with service organization leaders. Each school has a designated coordinator (usually the reading teacher or librarian) who schedules the reading times, grades, locations, and she will also provide reading material if requested. School assignments go from the service leaders to the regional director so we don’t have more than one organization at any one school. Many schools are reserved by the same organizations year to year. We have several Lions Clubs that have participated for the last few years, and I will be contacting them again to confirm their participation at their schools. If your Club, or any member of your Club, would like to participate in a Roanoke Valley school, please contact me. Once I have a Club confirmed for a school, I will provide the Club with the name and contact information for that school’s coordinator.

We still have some Roanoke Valley elementary schools that have never had outside readers, such as the Vinton schools. So we need more participation from more Lions Clubs to ensure that each school has an outside reader.

Franklin County had a Regional Director last year for the first time. I’m hoping she will continue this year. All Franklin County Lions Clubs participated last year. I will be contacting them again this year for school assignments.

For other areas, most elementary schools participate in “Read Across America”. If your Club is already working in a school, ask the principal about participating in “Read Across America” Day. If your Club is not already working in a school, let me know and I will find a school for you in your area.

Lion Linda E. All  
District 24-E, Reading Action Program Chair

"Children want the same things we want. To laugh, to be challenged, to be entertained, and delighted."

Dr. Seuss



## MOM

There is no MOM (Mission of Mercy) dental clinic in Roanoke this fall. As of now, Roanoke is not on the schedule for 2015.

## GRUNDY - OCTOBER 2014

The Remote Area Medical (RAM) expedition in Grundy, Virginia, is Saturday and Sunday, October 4 and 5, 2014. This event will be held again this year at the Riverview Elementary/Middle School, 27382 Riverside Drive, Grundy, VA 24614. Dental, vision and medical services will be provided.

This is a Virginia LAMP (Lions Assisted Medical Programs) activity. Volunteers may register online at <http://www.ramvolunteers.org/>.

Lion Linda E. All, Chair  
District 24-E LAMP/MOM

## **Camp Too Sweet**



Lions of Virginia District 24-E members, seated, Lions Everett Hurst and Don Rhinehart, standing, Lion Jim Newman, Carilian Clinic Staff Member Lynne Metzler CDE, with Lions Harvey Kincer and Rob Senoski, were on hand June 16, getting ready to assist with the annual registration for "Camp Too Sweet".

T-shirts and collector Lions Pins, purchased by District 24-E, were distributed to all campers, Carilian Staff and Camp Bethel's Camp Too Sweet Counselors.

District 24-E Lions: Tom Merriman, Thom Coolidge, Jim Newman, Kirk Sampson, Gloria Guice, Don Rhinehart, Tom Crush, and Rob Senoski visited Carilian's Camp Too Sweet, at Camp Bethel on Friday June 20 offering "Vision Screening" to the campers, their parents, and several camp staff members.

Submitted by Lion Rob Senoski



## THEY'RE BAAAAACK!

The **Top Six Awards** are back again this year. There will be banner patches for the top two clubs in each the Small Club size group (15 members and under), Medium Club size group (16 to 31 members), and Large Club size group (over 31 members). Based on 6/30/14 membership numbers, there were 12 small clubs, 11 medium clubs, and 12 large clubs. Winning clubs will be chosen on a combination of the following club activities: Peace Poster contest, Bland contest, Reading Action Program, club service hours (average hours of service/club member), LOVF ticket sales, White Cane drive(s), and average donations reported/club member.

LOVF ticket sales goal is once again 1/2 book per club member. We almost made that goal last year and I believe that we can exceed it this year!

Last year's **Top Six Award** winners were: Cave Spring, Christiansburg, Giles Breakfast Branch, Roanoke Valley Breakfast, Troutville, Vinton Luncheon. Will they repeat, or will they be knocked out by different clubs? Remember: CLUBS MUST SEND IN MONTHLY REPORTS TO QUALIFY, as it is the numbers on the monthly reports which are used to compute the winners. Any questions, call or e-mail your District Governor. Good luck!

**24-E Fall Conference**  
**October 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014**  
**Holiday Inn – Valley View**  
**Roanoke, VA**  
**See you there!**

## Rich Creek - Giles Breakfast Branch Lions Club



Above, Joseph Yost, a regular donor through the Giles Breakfast Lions partnership with Virginia Blood Services, makes his donation

Right, Giles Breakfast Lions Club member Sherri Nipper with Virginia Blood Services phlebotomist Bryan Daniel at the club's June 21 blood drive at Festival In The Park.



### Giving Local, Keeping it Local and Saving Lives Local

These three statements make up the goal of Virginia Blood Services. Every unit of blood collected in Giles County comes back to Carilion Giles Community Hospital to help save lives right here in our community. For this reason Giles Breakfast Lions Club has formed a partnership with Virginia Blood Services sponsoring blood drives in Giles County at our area's summer festivals and at other times during the year when possible.

On Saturday, June 21 Giles Breakfast Lions sponsored its third Blood Drive at Pearisburg's Festival in the Park. . A total of 34 people came to make donations.



need to make the purchase.

Above, Giles Community Hospital Administrator Richard Maskalski presented club President Charlie Herbert with a Carilion Clinic Grant check for \$2000. Shown: Lions Betty Herbert, Charlie Herbert, Richard Mastalski, and Lion Sherry Nipper.

Right, Brett Malone and Charlie Herbert prepare pork for the picnic.







Members of Giles Breakfast Lions Club met on Friday evening, August 8 for our annual summer picnic. Lion Edna and husband Brett Malone were our hosts again this year. Master barbeque chef Brett prepared a wonderful grilled and smoked pork barbeque. Members brought all the dishes to complement the pork as well as mouthwatering desserts. Guests were Rich Creek Lion Gary Eaton (the club's liaison) and his wife Marsha, and two young men from Roanoke College who are working to get a campus club started there. It may have been raining outside, but inside the Malone home Lions were having great time together enjoying wonderful fellowship.

Above, Charlie Herbert talks with Roanoke College students Michael and William

On Saturday, August 9 Giles Breakfast Lions sponsored our second Blood Drive of the summer at the Newport Agricultural Fair. Unfortunately the "monsoons" had set in and the fairground was a muddy mess with very few attendees. Lion Stephen Haight stepped up and made his first ever blood donation while we waited to see if any other brave souls would appear. We were only able to get two donations before the weather became too bad to keep the very heavy "Big Red Bus" in the muddy conditions which were quickly deteriorating. We'll try again at next year's event.



Lions Betty Herbert, Sherri Nipper and Charlie Herbert support Lions Stephen Haight as he makes his first blood donation.



Lions from Giles Breakfast Lions Club provided vision screening using SPOT on Sunday, August 25. Pictured are: From left to right: Lions Nick Clark, Gary Eaton (Rich Creek Lions Club), Edna Malone, Al Katz, Betty Herbert (seated), Stephen Haight, Lisa Meredith, Charlie Herbert and Jo & Barbara Straub (Blacksburg Breakfast Lions Club). Not pictured: Marsha Eaton (Rich Creek Lions)

Giles Breakfast Lions Club was able to put its SPOT vision screening to work at Pembroke United Methodist Church on Sunday, August 24 at their annual Back-to-School event. The churches United Methodist Women group established this event four years ago to enable the very neediest children in Giles County to go back to school with all the proper school supplies they'll need for their specific grade level and school as well as new shoes, clothing, haircuts, dental screening and vision screening. This year they served over 300 children ages Kindergarten – 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

Club President Charlie Herbert states “We were able to screen over 50 children from the ages of 7 months to 13 years of age. Fortunately only seven of these children were referred to eye care professionals for further evaluation”. “Because we have SPOT we were able to screen one child that was only 7 months old and another that was only 10 months old. SPOT allowing us to screen children not yet old enough to read as well as other children who are non-verbal for whatever reason is a huge advancement in Lions vision screening. That's exciting”. Although neither of the infants screened had any problems this would have been crucial time to pick up any problems and to have had them treated at this young age.

We thank Lion Joe Straub and his lovely wife Barbara for bringing the Blacksburg Breakfast Lions Spot unit over to give us an assist.



The Community Garden established by Giles Breakfast Lions Club in partnership with Christ Episcopal Church in Pearisburg has been producing very well. Peppers of all varieties as well as tomatoes and beans have been being harvested and delivered to the Giles County Health Department to be shared with the ladies in their WIC program as well as with Giles Christian Mission and Giles County Department of Social Services.

In April Lion Betty was able to meet with the football coaches at Virginia Tech to have them ALL sign a VT football for Giles Breakfast Lions Club to auction off as a fundraiser for our efforts in Giles County. All ten coaches were present and signed the football. Chances are being sold for \$1 each. The drawing for the football will be on Saturday, October 25 following the Pearisburg Eye Associates 5K. Anyone who might be interested in a chance or chances should send their request to: Lion Betty Herbert 215 Wilburn Valley Rd Pearisburg, VA. If you have any questions please email [jazsngr@hotmail.com](mailto:jazsngr@hotmail.com).



Submitted by Lion Betty Herbert



## Moneta Lions Club

Moneta Lions Chuck Dideon, Rob Senoski, Jim Hunt, George Just, Pat and Del Bailey were among many volunteers who responded to a recent SOS (Summer Outdoor Spruce-up). The SOS was initiated by Gavin Hager, landscaping chairman for the Moneta Elementary School PTA.

Mr. Hager has been working with the PTA support from not only the Moneta Lions, but also the Moneta Garden Club, the Rotary Club of Smith Mountain Lake, the local Girl Scouts, and the general public wishing to volunteer.

It wasn't much of a surprise that the Moneta Lions Club was assigned to the Moneta Community Park, also know as the Lion Curtis Fitzgerald Memorial Park, adjacent to the school, consisting of a playground, picnic pavilion and ball field. Lion Curtis was a Past Club President, and Governor of Lions of Virginia District 24-E.



District 24-E, Region 1, Zone 1 Chairperson Lion Gloria Guice recently received a "Multiple District 24 Council of Governors Distinguished Service Award" from Governor Lion Kirk Sampson, during a Moneta Lions Club function. Lion Gloria is a very active member with the Moneta Lions, especially in the areas of Sight, and Youth Programs, including the Peace Poster Contest, Lions Quest also Camp Too Sweet. Lion Gloria is a Past President of her club, and is currently serving her second term as Zone Chairperson.

Lions were sighted along Hendricks Store Road in Moneta, the morning of August 27<sup>th</sup>. Truth be told it was Lions Rob Senoski, Del Bailey, Tim Haer, Jim Hunt, Dennis Heenan, Farris Maddox, and Gloria Guice, all members of the Moneta Lions Club performing their quarterly "Community Service Project" collecting litter along the entire length of the roadway, making it more eye appealing, to the expected visitation of many tourist over the Labor Day Weekend.







Lions: Bart Matthies, Gloria Guice, Rob Senoski, George Just, Tim Haer, Chuck Dideon, Del Baily and Pat Bailey, were recently inducted as the Officers and Board of Directors of the Moneta Lions Club by District 24-E Governor Lion Kirk Sampson at a recent semi formal dinner meeting.

Governor Kirk also presided over the induction of the club's newest member, Lion Barbara Meador sponsored by Lion Pat Bailey.

The Moneta Lions Club Members also celebrated the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their Charter with Lions Clubs International (LCI). A brief history of LCI was given by Club President Lion Rob Senoski. Lion Jim Hunt presented the club's

accomplishments for the fiscal year 2013-2014, listing them alphabetically from A to Z.

Following the "Passing of the Gavel" to President Elect Lion Pat Bailey, she presented Lion Rob with a President's Award and Past President Lapel Pin.

You've heard the expression, "You Can't Eat Just One", well this past year Moneta Lions Club President Lion Rob Senoski, right, attempted to reward one of the club's members as "**Lion of the Year**" but couldn't. The end result was to bestow the honor to Lions, Mary Davis and Sarah Hunt. To keep the scale balanced, other than their names, both plaques read in part 'In Recognition of Outstanding Service, Loyalty and Devotion to Lionism...'



Moneta Lions Club Lion Pat Bailey proudly sponsored a new member into Lionism, Lion Barbara Meador, who is now among the ranks of 1.4 million Lions world wide. Lion Barbara was inducted by District Governor Lion Kirk Sampson during the clubs formal dinner celebrating the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of it's Charter.





Moneta Lions Club Secretary Lion Chuck Dideon, and Treasurer Del Bailey share a smile with President Rob Senoski following a serious awards presentation during their "Charter Night" celebration. The awards read in part "In Sincere Appreciation and Recognition of Your Outstanding Club Leadership and Dedicated Service..."

Melanie Simmons, Principal of Moneta Elementary School, Donna Garrett R.N. with Moneta Lions Club members Pat Maddox, Pat Bailey, Gloria Guice, Chuck Dideon, JoAnn Beachum, and Rob Senoski, shared smiles of accomplishment following this year's "Student Health Screening."

Prevent Blindness America "Certified Children's Vision Screeners" of the Moneta Lions Club used their new Honeywell V2 vision screening equipment, along picture flash card for the younger Pre-K-Tots. Nurse Garrett checked the students hearing, while others collected height/weight data and escorted the students to and from each check station and their classrooms.



Submitted by Lion Rob Senoski

## Bedford Lions Club



The Bedford Host Lions Club participated in a Child Safety Day sponsored by a local State Farm Insurance Agent on August 8, 2014. There were numerous agencies and departments participating in this event. Our club distributed water and juice pouches to the participants. Between 75 and 100 children and adults attended.

Pictured are club members Margaret Anderson, Bernice Leftwich and new transfer member Dave Goodreau.

Submitted by Lion Nelson Leftwich, PDG

## Smith Mountain Lake Lions Club

On June 2, 2014, Smith Mountain Lake Lions Club members worked at the Waters Edge Country Club cleaning cars to support the American Cancer Society "Swing Fore A Cure" event. The group worked five hours and cleaned 66 cars. Pictured are: Joe Brown, Bill Smith, Win Tennies, Ray Holt, Thom Coolidge, Len Bryant, Ron Jamison, Pat Parcell, Jack Kelble, and Keith Shelton. Not shown are Tom Hamlin, Tom Hofelich, Ralph Long, and Art Sommers.



The SML Lions are the "go-to" organization to help in the restoration and maintenance of the Jubal Early Homeplace, the boyhood home of Confederate General Jubal A. Early. In July, a group from the SML Lions, with assistance from Bethlehem United Methodist Church, worked to repair and paint the east wall of the home place, as well as other needed repairs of deteriorating wood around windows and doorways. This is an on going project and the SML Lions hope to continue assisting the Jubal Early Preservation Trust in maintaining the building.

At their annual picnic on August 7, 2014, the Smith Mountain Lake Lions recognized Kirk Sampson as their "Lion of the Year for 2013-2014". Sampson is an active participant in many of the community service and fund raising activities of the Club, including vision and hearing screening, Junior Golf Tournament, Reverse Raffle, Lions Quest, White Cane Day, and the Scholarship Trust Program. At the District Level, he served as Camp Too Sweet Co-chair, Leo Club Chair, Peace Poster Chair, and a member of the District 24-E Charity Board of Directors. Sampson was the first Lion from the SML Lions and District 24-E to serve as District Governor and in that role visited all 36 Clubs in the District. He also attended state conferences in Virginia and Kansas and the International Convention in Hamburg, Germany. Pictured are Lion Kirk Sampson and Lion Joanna Hudzik.



Submitted by Lion Cindy Decker



## Salem Host Lions Club



The Salem Host Lions Club awarded scholarships to ten local high school graduates at their annual summer picnic on Tuesday, June 3, 2014, at Longwood Park. Scholarships, totaling \$18,000, were presented to four Glenvar High School (GHS) seniors and six Salem High School (SHS) seniors. Schneidine Tatoute, from Salem High School, received the Dr. Walter Hunt Memorial scholarship.

Scholarship recipients for this year included (from left to right in the photograph): Schneidine Tatoute (SHS), Cole Hedge (SHS), Alexandra Moushegian (SHS), Carleigh Studtmann (SHS), Victoria Preston (SHS), Colin Wall (SHS), Kristin Lindsay (GHS), Olivia Lee (GHS), David Kestner (GHS). Also receiving scholarships but not pictured above

Austin Fox (GHS).

At the picnic, Zone Chair Lion Marian Bullard, with the Roanoke Williamson Road Club inducted club officers for the 2014-15 year. The club has awarded \$61,500 total in scholarships over the last three years.



During the club's June 17<sup>th</sup> meeting, outgoing Club President Lion Tom McClure presented Lion Warner Bonderman with Lion of the Year for 2013-14 year.

Lion Warner became a Lion in October 1982 as a member of the Dahlgren Lions club and served as their president from 1989-90. After joining the Salem Host Lions Club, he has served as President, First Vice-President, Second Vice President, Home Side Captain, Director and most recently as Chair of the Concession Committee. As chair of the concession committee, Lion Warner has taken over management of the concession stand and now gets to wrangle with food distributors, delivery folks and the never ending equipment breakdown. The club thanks Lion Warner for all his hard work and continued service as a Salem Lion.

The club is pleased to announce the induction of our newest member, Lion Ivan Doucette. Lion Ivan was inducted into the Salem Host Lions during the July 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. Lion Ivan was sponsored by Lion Jim Archer. Welcome Lion Ivan, we are so glad to have you as a member of the club and look forward to serving along with you. Pictured from left to right: Lion Bill Powell, Lion Ivan Doucette and Lion Jim Archer]

Program Chair, Lion Jerry DeGraff, continues to arrange informative and exciting programs for club meetings. During July, Jan Smith, with Voice of the Blue Ridge, visited the club and informed us of all the programs and services provided by this great organization. During August, club programs were provided by Dr. Suzanne Ament and Karen Mason. Dr. Ament visited the club on August 5<sup>th</sup> along with her guide dog, Ulla. Dr. Ament told the club about life with a guide dog and educated members on the variety of service dogs and their different functions. On August 19 Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity in the Roanoke Valley, Karen Mason joined the club to discuss the upcoming Habitat Project in Salem that is being sponsored by the Salem Host Lions and a grant from LCIF. The club is looking forward to this new opportunity to serve.

The club's main fundraising project, working the Salem Concession stand is ramping back up. Members of the club have already worked the Summer Music Games and various Salem Schools and Pee-Wee league football games with the assistance of the Edgewood Lions Club. The club is looking forward to another great season.

Submitted by Lion Jenny Poland

### **Roanoke Valley Breakfast Lion Club**



The Roanoke Valley Breakfast Lions Club (RVBLC) recently received a grant to buy a new automatic lensometer to improve the volume and efficiency of eyeglass recycling. Lion Jim Dalton wrote a grant letter to the Skews Family Foundation explaining the mission of the Lion's club, the eyeglass recycling process, and the need for new updated equipment. The \$2,865 grant was approved and Lion Jim received the funds to purchase the new lensometer on behalf of the RVBLC. The new lensometer was presented to Lion George Ferguson and PDG JD Arnold during an RVBLC breakfast meeting at the Roanoker Restaurant in Roanoke VA.

This lensometer will increase the productivity of all Lions Clubs who assist with eyeglass recycling at the center. Eyeglass recycling is one of RVBLC's monthly service projects. Lion Dalton saw a need to expand the number of machines to accommodate the growing number of volunteers interested in assisting with this service project. While helping the vision impaired is one of our focuses, our motto, "We Serve" allows us to work tirelessly to serve our community. This "roaring" accomplishment by the RVBLC was featured on the local News7 Morning show, this can be viewed by visiting or clicking

<http://www.wdbj7.com/video/lions-club-equipment/26301954>

Submitted by Lion Rhonda Pierson



## Dublin Lions Club



On Thursday June 19, 2014 the Dublin Lions Club confirmed their 61st Club Officers for the 2014 to 2015 Club Year. The Dublin Lions new Officers are excited about the opportunity to serve their community and club; while always striving to do better. Each life we touch through service makes us stronger and more dedicated. We are always working to strengthen our Lion Pride, and to share that pride with new members. .

Submitted by Lion Danielle Van

## Cave Spring Lions Club



Newly installed Directors and Officers at the June 26th meeting with Lion Zone Chairman Marian Bullard



Preident Dharam accepts the Top 6 Lions Club Award



VP Lion Gary Wagner congratulates Sally Southard of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation



Lions President Dharam and Kay Ford thank Dr. Stuart Tims for his program. Dr. Tims is a volunteer at the San Pedro Sula Honduras Lions Eye Hospital, performing cataract surgery on needy patients. The hospital is run in co-sponsorship with the Rome, Georgia Lions.



President Dharam Sawh is the subject of a full-page article in the current (September) issue of "Lion Magazine" in their "One of Us" column. It describes his birth and early life in Guyana, South America before emigrating to the United States in 2000. Lion Dharam has been president of Lions clubs on two different continents. The article is at page 11 of Lion Magazine. For the online version, visit or click

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## **Thank You and the Best of Luck**



We wish a fond farewell to our Region I Zone III Chairman Marian Bullard. We thank her for her many services this past year and wish her the very best in her new home in Sebring, Florida.