



# The Lions Pride

District 24-E

February 2015



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Fellow Lions,

Well, the cold of winter has set upon us and our Lions year that seemingly just started is now more than half over. I have had the privilege of visiting all of the 37 clubs and branch clubs in the District and hearing about all of the service which is being provided to their respective communities. Lionism is truly making a difference in 24-E. But remember that on our logo, the Lion looks both ways. Be proud of your past service, but don't forget the future. While the winter weather may reduce the amount of outdoor service that we do, it is a great time to plan and organize our future projects. Be ready to hit the road running when springtime gets here!

Speaking of service projects and fund raisers, I remind you that the TOP SIX awards are being continued this year. Receive some recognition for all of the work that you do! However, you must send me a copy of your monthly reports, as the scoring for the awards is based on reports that I receive.

While all of the clubs have their individual activities coming up, I would like to highlight two activities which involve multiple club participation. The first is Read Across America, which takes place on Monday, March 2, 2015. Read Across America ties in nicely with the Lions Reading Action Program. Many of the schools are already spoken for, but if your club has not yet committed to a particular school or schools, give Lion Linda All a call at 540-366-1038 (home) a call and she may still be able to find a school for you.

Also, on Saturday, March 28, 2015, there will be two (2) Audible Easter Egg Hunts in the District. The first is taking place at the Martinsville Soccer Complex, near the race track. Call Lion Lori Floyd at 276-252-3632 for more details on the Martinsville hunt. This hunt is well established and a wonderful event to attend. The second hunt is occurring at the Daleville Town Center. The Daleville hunt was only started last year and is looking to grow this year. The District will be providing some financial support to the Daleville hunt and is looking for 10-15 Lions volunteers to help on the day of the hunt. Please contact either Mary Brown at 540-853-1911 (work) or me at 540-525-1726 (cell). (NOTE: if you are going to call me, please wait until February 11th, as I will be out of the country until then.)

As of my writing this letter, the District stands at -11 in membership for the 2014-2015 Lions year. We began the year with 881 members and now have 870. We had a good start to the year, and were even through the end of

October. Unfortunately, December and January have not been kind to membership. I encourage each of you to support our International President, Lion Joe Preston, and remember to "Ask 1". I have a special pin for all of those who do sponsor a new member. Also, support Lion Joe as he asks us to "Keep 1" and retain those who are already Lions.

The next District Cabinet meeting will be Sunday, March 8, 2015 at the Lions Sight Foundation Building on Elm Avenue in Roanoke. It will start at 2:30 PM. And finally, the Lions of Virginia State Convention will take place in Tysons Corner, May 15th through May 17th. Registration materials should be available by mid February. Check the 24-E and LOV websites if your Club Secretary does not have them for you.

Thank you for all that you do for Lions!

DG Jim Newman

### Region One, Zone One Meeting



The Lions of Virginia, District 24-E, Region One, Zone One, consisting of six area Lions Clubs, recently held a meeting at Resurrection Catholic Church, hosted by Zone Chair Lion Gloria Guice, center. Accompanying Lion Gloria at the head table were: Mrs. Babs Newman, wife of District Governor Lion Jim Newman, First Vice District Governor and Region One Chair Lion Lowell Skelton, also Immediate Past District Governor Lion Kirk Sampson.

All Club Presidents present gave update reports of their current activities, and goals for the year.

Lion Kirk gave a report on the current International Peace Poster contest, noting that all six clubs within Zone One participated in the contest this year, he also spoke on the Lion Melvin Jones Fellowship Awards.

Region One Chair Lion Lowell Skelton discussed vision screening, using the Spot Machine, and noted his Club's willingness to train nearby club members how to use it and would accompany new users their first time out. A goal has been set to use the Spot Vision Screening Machine to screen the eyes of every youngster from six months to six years of age during the current fiscal year.

Zone One Chair Lion Gloria, an extreme enthusiast of the Peace Post Contest, thanked all those present for assisting in making the contest a 100% participation project within her Zone.

District Governor Lion Newman spoke on: membership, the "Ask One" project, to help recruit members, eyeglass recycling, some of the cost cutting measures implemented by Lions Clubs International, and also distributed Banner Patch Awards to respective Club Presidents for supporting last fiscal year's Hearing Conservation Projects.

Submitted by Lion Rob Senoski

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### Special Needs News

When PDG Kirk Samson asked me to serve on his Cabinet in the capacity of Special Needs Chairman I must admit that I was a bit tentative about accepting the request. But I agreed not really knowing what the Special Need thing was all about. I'm sure there are a lot of other Lions who don't really know what Special Needs does or may not have even heard of it.

As Lions our motto tells us: We Serve. Helen Keller challenged us to be "knights for the blind". For the most part our service projects center around assisting those with vision needs - eye exams, glasses, service dogs. My concept of Special Needs is that there are people whose needs exceed what local clubs can offer them. That's where Special Needs comes in.

Special Needs hasn't received a lot of requests since I became Chairman. We haven't been able to fulfill many requests. Some weren't legitimate and others just never followed through with the information we needed. That being said, we know that there are folks out there who need our help. They just don't know to contact us.

Not all the requests come from people with vision problem needs. Most recently I received a call in early December from a lady in Roanoke with a request to assist her elderly mother. Her mother had suffered a stroke two years ago. The stroke left her paralyzed on her left side. Moving her from her bed to her wheel chair was difficult. Moving her from the wheelchair to the sofa in the living room for the day and then reversing the process at the end of the day was even more difficult. The daughter was beginning to have serious back problems. Her mother's doctor had suggested that if they had a powered lift chair things would be much easier for them both. She was curious about whether the Lions could help out. Speaking with her as I tried to ascertain what we might be able to do to help I learned that the television which was her mother's source of entertainment had recently died. Neither the chair nor the television were in their budget.

At the last Cabinet meeting I brought these ladies to the attention of the members. They gave me the go ahead to approach the District Charity with my request. As it happened the Charity was meeting immediately after the Cabinet and I was able to give them my pitch as well. Graciously they gave me the nod to help these ladies and a budget within which to operate.

Grand Home Furnishings in Roanoke worked with me by discounting a very nice chair. A few days before Christmas I, along with Charity President Lion Charlie Herbert and Governor Jim Newman, were honored to deliver a very nice powered lift chair to these ladies. As a surprise Christmas gift, and with the blessing of both the Cabinet and Charity we also delivered a new television. Both the ladies were so appreciative.

As we were preparing to leave the daughter let us know that when they lived in Texas that both she and her mother had been members of a Lioness Club. She enthusiastically offered her assistance in any project where we may need volunteers. She lives only two blocks from the Cave Spring Lions Club building. She called me last week to say another "thank you" and to say that she and her mother had watched movies into the evening on Christmas on the new television. She has asked me to escort her to a meeting of the Cave Spring Lions Club in February and is interested in becoming a Lion again.

I'm currently working with a young man, Jacob Harvey, a junior at Patrick Henry High School, taking 3 AP courses and an engineering workshop after school. Governor Jim forwarded me a letter from the Vision Learning Teaching Supervisor for Roanoke City Schools.

This young man's computer, with all his textbooks, assignments, classwork, has died and cannot be repaired. He needs a replacement laptop as soon as possible in order to keep up but his family cannot afford a new computer. A shopping trip and an email back to Governor Jim gave me the go ahead to write to The Charity about financing the purchase of a new laptop for this young man. The computer should be in his hands by the time this article reaches you.

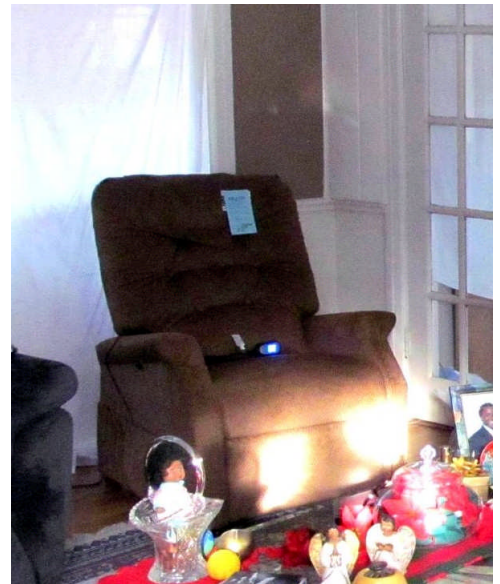
There are so many people all around us who need assistance but may not know where to turn. If you know anyone, or hear of someone that we could perhaps assist with vision needs that your club is unable to finance, please get them in touch with me. If any of you, either individually or as a club, would like to make a contribution toward Special Needs assistance please send your tax deductible check to The District 24E Charity in care of 1st VDG Lowell Skelton who is the Treasurer. Be sure to earmark your check for Special Needs.

After not knowing what I was getting myself into by agreeing to be Special Needs Chairman I am so glad that I said yes.



Special Needs Chairman Lion Betty Herbert and District Governor Jim Newman with Mrs. Boyd and her daughter Debra.

Powered lift chair donated to Mrs. Boyd.



Jacob received his new computer on January 28, 2015.

Mary Brown, Roanoke City Schools Visually Impaired Teacher with Jacob and Lion Betty Herbert Special Needs District Chair.

## New Member Orientation

With the continued growth of Lions of Virginia District 24-E, and attempting to keep all new members properly informed, Governor Lion Jim Newman recently held a new member orientation meeting. The meeting was held at the Lions Eyeglass Recycling Building 501 Elm Avenue in Roanoke.

An overview of the history of Lions Clubs International was given by Governor Newman. Over the course of the discussions, Lion Jim spoke of the structure of each individual club, stressing the importance of all Members, Chairpersons, Board of Directors, Club Officers, as well as some of their responsibilities. Other topics covered were dues, also the difference and importance of the club's Administration and Activity Funds.

Working up the ladder, an outline was given of the District level, noting that District 24-E is comprised of two Regions, each with three Zones, and six Clubs per Zone.

Continuing upward to the election of the International Directors then on to the process of becoming an International Vice President, President, and the eventual President of the Lions Clubs International Foundation.



DG Jim Newman conducts the meeting



New Cave Spring Lions Helen Bailey, "Old" Lion Jim Bailey, Ashley Wagner and Dee Henderson.



A well attended meeting



A tour of the Eye Bank

## Peace Poster

Lions of Virginia District 24-E Peace Poster Contest came to a close Wednesday November 19, as three members of a five member panel of Judges, all associates with The Little Gallery, located on the lower level of Bridgewater Plaza in Moneta, display the top three of twenty one entries.



L-R, Susan Patitucci and Nancy Eitner display the runner up art works of: Zoe Jentsch, a student at James Madison Middle School, who was sponsored by Cave Springs Lions Club, and Megan Keeley, who attends Roanoke Catholic School and was sponsored by the Mount Pleasant Lions Club.

Lynne Hines displays the winning poster which was created by Artist Jessica Saville, who

attends Blacksburg Middle School and was sponsored by the Blacksburg Host Lions Club. Miss Saville's poster has now been forwarded on to the State Level of Competition, with high hopes of continuing on to the Lions Clubs International Foundation level.

Also present at the District's final round of judging were Lion Kirk Sampson, IPDG and current District Peace Poster Chairperson, also Lion Gloria Guice, Peace Poster Chairperson for Region 1, Zone 1.



This year's winners from Benjamin Franklin Middle School and their families were honored by the Smith Mountain Lake Lions at a dinner on December 11, 2014, at the Waterfront Country Club. Pictured (left to right) are Mrs. Freda Nichols, art teacher; Maddie Laucella, 1st place winner; Julian Nichols, 2nd place winner; Magdalina Lopez, 3rd place winner; and Past District Governor, Kirk Sampson.

Art Instructor at Bedford Middle School Lynn Halsey, with first and second place Peace Poster winners Mary Katherine Boone, Emma Rowe, and Bedford Host Lions Club President and Peace Poster Chairperson Lion Margaret Anderson.





Bedford Middle School Art Instructor Lynn Halsey, with first and second place Peace Poster winners Hailey Harris, Cogan Wright, along with Lion Linda Chadziewicz, Peace Poster Chairperson for the Bedford Breakfast Lions Club.

Moneta Elementary School Principal Melanie Simmons, left and Art Instructor Joy Wayne, right, display "Certificates of Appreciation" which were presented to artists Raven Smith (fifth grade) and Taiya Jenks (fourth grade) as they proudly display their winning art work and Wal-Mart Gift Cards.

The Moneta Club sponsors the competition at the grade school level to give the younger students an opportunity to express themselves artistically, gain confidence, and learn the rules of the official competition which includes students world wide between the ages of eleven and thirteen.



Cave Spring Lions Club winners Roger Pyle from Woodrow Wilson Middle School and Zoe Jentsch from James Madison Middle School with Lions President Dharam Sawh and Peace Poster Chairman Jim Cosby.

The students were presented with a certificate and a cash award.

Zoe's poster was a runner-up in the District Division.

Forest Lions Club awarded cash prizes for the top three Peace Poster winners.



Forest Lions Club - Jack Radgowski



For the first time, Roanoke Valley Breakfast Lions Club sponsored two Peace Poster contests in 2014. Students from Hidden Valley Middle School in Roanoke County and Stonewall Jackson Middle School in Roanoke City participated. The club recognized the winners from the contests at their November 19<sup>th</sup> meeting.

There was great excitement when the three winners from Stonewall Jackson Middle School, Blake Hill - 1st place, Elizabeth Phipps -2nd place, and Houston Ashby -3rd place, along with their parents and teacher, Mr. Moore, joined us for our meeting. Ms. Teresa Worth, the art teacher from Hidden Valley Middle School, who has participated for the past three years, accepted the awards for the three students from Hidden Valley (Emma

Jarret-1st, Jennifer Strokus-2nd, and Sara Wanek-3rd). The club awarded the following prizes 1st place - \$50, 2nd Place \$30, 3rd place - \$20.

Thanks to the generous donations from Cheap Joe Art Shop of Boone, NC, each participating student received a set of four drawing pencils and the two participating art teachers received a bag of art supplies valued at \$50. Lions Janice Stephen, Donna Harris, Suzanne Ross, and George Ferguson served as the 2014 Peace Posters coordinators for our club.

## **District Cabinet Meeting**



District 24-E Governor Lion Jim Newman and First Vice District Governor Lion Lowell Skelton compare notes prior to a District Cabinet Meeting held December 7. The meeting was held at the Virginia Lions Eyeglass Recycling building, 501 Elm Ave. in Roanoke, which is also the new location for the Lions of Virginia Headquarters.

Submitted by Lion Rob Senoski

## Giles Breakfast Lions Club



Wednesday, December 3rd saw members of Giles Breakfast Lions Club on their second annual Fruit Basket Delivery. Lion Sherri Nipper-Williams, Director of Giles County Social Services, and her staff assembled a list of 12 elderly, needy, shut-in clients for the club to visit. Each person visited was presented a fruit basket by Santa and his elf helper Grayson Clark, son of Lions Nick and Jackie Clark. Santa, aka

John Mills, chatted and joked with the folks he visited.



When asked by Santa what each wanted for Christmas, several said that he could just leave his elf with them since he was so cute. Everyone

was left with a smiling face. Also on their rounds the club made stops at one of the local nursing homes as well as a small development of retirement apartments where Santa was almost kidnapped by one of the ladies. Needless-to-say, this is one of the club's favorite and most heartwarming projects each year.



Lion Edna Malone and husband Brett again opened their lovely home for the annual Giles Breakfast Lions Club Christmas Dinner. As usual, the club provided the entrée, this year a honey smoked ham, and members provided appetizers, side dishes and desserts. Club President Charlie, VP Al, Lion Sherri and District Governor Jim entertained the group with a reading of 'Twas the Night Before Christmas. Fellowship, food, fun and lots of laughter were the order of the evening.



Lions Gary Eaton, Charlie Herbert and Stephen Haight enjoyed the appetizers -was anyone else able to get to them or did these 3 make sure they were eaten.



Lion Jackie Clark, Grayson Clark, Dave Zai, Jagger Meredith and Lion Neil Crabtree

Lion Charlie Herbert reads from "Twas the Night Before Christmas



Since the winter of 2011 Giles Breakfast Lions have been fortunate enough to be asked to assist with the To Our House Ministries program when Pembroke United Methodist Church hosts these gentlemen. To Our House Ministries was begun in December of 2011 by a group of 3 large churches who saw a need for a safe, warm place for homeless men in the New River Valley to have warm meals, a little social activity and a warm place to sleep and get showers. Each church hosted these gentlemen for a period of 2 weeks. Church members and others in the community volunteer to provide food and social activities for the men staying in the church each night. People from the churches stay overnight with these men. Since its inception with three churches To Our House Ministry has grown into a fairly large network of churches and now has its own manager. Giles Breakfast Lions first provided a dinner for the men. Beginning in 2012 the club has provided breakfast for the men on the morning of the regular, monthly meeting which is held at Pembroke Methodist Church. On Thursday, January 22 a total of 23 people ate breakfast together at the church. Three breakfast casseroles along with scrambled eggs, sausage and fruit were served along with coffee and juice



Breakfast fellowship



Giles Breakfast Lions members finally sit down to breakfast their regular, monthly meeting. Moving Clockwise from front: Lions Dave Zai, Gary Eaton, Alesia Meredith, Charlie Herbert, Sherri Nipper-Williams and Nick Clark. Not pictured: Lion Betty Herbert - photographer

Submitted by Lion Betty Herbert

## Moneta Lions Club



It was indeed a "Chilly" Chili and Craft Festival at the Bridgewater Plaza this year as evidenced by the attire worn by Moneta Lions Club members: Jerry Over, JoAnn Beachum, Rob Senoski, Bart Matthies, Tim Haer and Chuck Dideon. The event started out wet, windy and cold, with temperatures only topping the forty degrees. Also present but not pictured were Lions: Gloria Guice, and Farris and Pat Maddox. Lion Bart offered his nearby residence as a warming area, with plenty of hot coffee and hot chocolate. All made the best of it, conversing with the public, selling Brooms, LOV Raffle Tickets, home made Sugar Coated Almonds, and distributing Lions, and health related pamphlets.

Moneta Lions: Rob, George, Del, Bert, Gloria, Fred, Tim, Bart, Pat B., Pat M., JoAnn, Barbara, Jerry, Mary, Chuck, and Farris, changed the term "Horn of Plenty" to "Table of Plenty", at a recent club meeting.

The membership raided their personal food pantries, and wallets, donating food items also cash donations, which were delivered to Lake Christian Ministries, in support of it's Thanksgiving Meals program.



Moneta Lions Club members Rob Senoski, Pat Bailey

and Del Bailey, conducted Vision Screenings at a recent free "Veterans Health Fair", at the Bedford Campus of the Central Virginia Community College November 8th, which was sponsored by the American Legion Post # 54 and the Bedford Community Health Foundation. The event, co-ordinated by Mrs. Mary Wiley, Program Officer with the Bedford Community Health Foundation, was geared toward Veterans and their families, as well as the general public

Mrs. Deena Mustard, left, Guidance Counselor at Moneta Elementary, with Mrs. Melanie Simmons, right, School Principal,

display two boxes of home made "Ski Caps" for their students, delivered by Lions Rob Senoski, center, and Gloria Guice, behind the camera. The Ski Caps were hand crafted by members of the Moneta Lions Club, using odds and ends of yarn donated to the club from various sources. The Lions also donated a number of used ink cartridges, and a packet of "Box Tops for Education", also "Labels for Education" which the school recycles for credit to purchase much need school supplies.





Lion Tammie Brightwell, District 24-E Sight Conservation Chair, receives a gracious thank you and memento gift from Moneta Lions Club member Lion Barbara Meador, following her discussion on Sight Conservation with the club's membership.

Lion Tammie's topic was the "Spot Vision Screening Machine", it's state of the art technology, and it's extreme accuracy, especially when screening younger children. Due to the initial cost, it's purchase is prohibitive to many smaller clubs, Lion Tammie said that District 24-E has purchased three "Spots, with Lions Grants, that are housed at the District's Office in Roanoke, and are available to all clubs after initial training and certification.

Moneta Lions Club Past President Lion Rob Senoski, recently presided over the induction of a new club member Lion Fred Cuffari Jr., as his sponsor Lion Del Bailey looks on. Prior to his official induction, Lion Rob briefed him on the History of Lions Clubs International, and Lion Chuck Dideon gave an update of the Moneta Lions History.

Lion Fred has attended several recent club meetings, and has been assisting with club projects prior to his induction, with his sponsor Lion Del and other club members coaching him on.

Lion Fred recently moved to the Moneta area from Ohio, and is associated with the real estate business. He and his wife Cheri are currently in the process of making arrangements to have a home built.



Kneeling front are Moneta Lions Club members: Lion Reindeer Pat Bailey and Lion Elf Del Bailey, standing are Lions: Mary Davis, Bart Matthies, Pat Maddox, Tim Haer, and Rob Senoski following the joyous task of decorating their club's Christmas Tree which will be entered in the "Parade of Trees" contest.

The "Parade of Trees" event at the Pointe in Huddleston is being sponsored by ML Reality, Heaths Waterfront Grill, Glenwood Propane and Waller's Waterfront Grill. The kick off was November 21 and all area non-profit organizations were invited to decorate a Christmas Tree. The trees were on display throughout the "B" level at the Pointe till early January.

Lynda Imirie, coordinator of "A Child's Christmas" at Lake Christian Ministries, with MLC Elves: Sarah Hunt, Pat Bailey, Jerry Over, and Rob Senoski, display toys donated by neighbors at the Moneta Library.

Lynda said "It's easy to get caught up in the shopping, decorations and lights. It's easy to forget the reason we're celebrating is because a "Child" was born thousands of years ago, a "Child" who changed the world with his message of love, hope and joy for all people. A Child's Christmas began in 1996 at LCM.





Moneta Lions Club members Lions: Tim Haer, Sarah Hunt, Jerry Over and George Just, recently exchanged their title of "Lions" to "Elves". The Elves were busy recently gathering toys donated by generous members of the community, then delivering them to one of Santa's secret workshops in conjunction with Lake Christian Ministries "A Child's Christmas" program.

Lions Rob Senoski and Gloria Guice were greeted by Laney Mofried, Executive Director of the Roanoke Ronald McDonald House



when they stopped by to drop off nearly 15 gallon bags of beverage can "Pop Top Tabs", and hand made ski caps, and lap afghans. Several club members and friends knitted the hand crafted items using recycled yarn donated to the Moneta Lions. A single tab doesn't seem like much, but collectively the revenue generated would be sufficient to pay Ronald's electric bill for six months



Michelle Williams, Administrative Assistant, with Bedford Hospice Care, recently accepted more than two dozen hand made afghans, and lap robes donated by Lions Gloria Guice and Rob Senoski, on behalf of the Moneta Lions Club and their friends. The afghans and lap robes which were crafted by club members and friends, will be distributed by the Hospice Care center to their clients, letting them know that they are thought of and loved by many members of the community, other than their immediate family

Lion Mary Davis, a member of the Moneta Lions Club was presented the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award, by club President Lion Pat Bailey, during a recent club dinner meeting. Lion Mary has been a Lion for just over three years, and has served two years on the Club's Board of Directors. She is currently the Senior Health / Activities Chairperson. Lion Mary and her husband Lion Don volunteer with the local Coast Guard Auxiliary.



Lion Del Bailey, Chairperson of the Moneta Lions Club's Annual Golf Outing, presented a "TEE OFF" briefing and pep rally to the club's membership.. This will be the 15th Annual Golf Outing, and is the club's largest fund raiser of the year, thanks to the many dedicated golfers, and the generous sponsorship of businesses both near and far. Net proceeds of the event are returned to the community in the form of eye care and other Lions programs.

This year's outing will again be held at Mariners Landing Golf Course in Huddleston, April 20th, with a 9:00 AM Shotgun Start.

Submitted by Lion Rob Senoski

## Smith Mountain Lake

SML Lions, along with the Franklin County Maintenance Department, have completed the picnic pavilion located at Burnt Chimney Elementary School (BCES). SML Lion, Rick Carroll (center left) thanks Ronnie Williams and Mark Law, of the Franklin County School System, for their leadership and skills in the building of the picnic pavilion. About 300 man hours, of which the SML Lions contributed about 130, were expended on this project which was funded by a grant from the Lions of Virginia Foundation. SML Lion, Tom Hamlin (left), is also shown. Other SML Lions who supported this project were Tom Scott, Art Sommers, and Bill Cross. The pavilion will probably be dedicated to BCES in early spring.



Ferrum College students conducted their 12th Annual Trick or Treat for Canned Goods Drive on October 30, 2014. Working with the SML Lions and the Burnt Chimney Ruritan Club, the students collected nonperishable food items, baby necessities, and cleaning products in Franklin County. Over 1,500 items were donated to Lake Christian Ministries.



SML Lion 1st Vice-President, Rick Carroll (right) presents the Melvin Jones Award to Lion Ron Rear. Rear has been a member of the SML Lions for 17 years. During that time, he has been involved with vision and hearing screening, Junior Golf, White Cane Day, and the Reverse Raffle. He was on the Club's Board of Directors for 11 of those 17 years serving as Membership Chair, Assistant Secretary, and Secretary. He was also responsible for quarterly billing statements for 7 years and maintained the Membership Handbook for 14 years. The Melvin Jones Award is the highest form of recognition that a Lion can receive for his/her charitable work.



Submitted by Lion Cindy Decker

## Vinton Luncheon Lions Club

The Vinton Luncheon Lions Club decided to "remember" several of our youth this Christmas for one of our projects. There are many organizations that do a wonderful job making sure the younger members of our community have gifts during the holiday season, however there are teenagers that also are in need. Two of our members are principals of William Byrd High School and William Byrd Middle School. After talking with them, we decided to purchase gift cards from Old Navy and the guidance departments selected five students at each school to be the recipients. The gift cards were very much appreciated. This will become an annual club project.

Submitted by Lion Betty Reynolds

## Salem Host Lions Club



Lion Jerry DeGraff and Jean Hudson in front of the finished house at 4 Bowman Avenue.

The Salem Host Lions have not been hibernating this winter. After putting in over 245 volunteer hours, work at the Habitat House is finally complete. The dedication ceremony for the house at 4 Bowman Avenue was held on December 20th. Mr. Quinn is now settled comfortably in his own home. The club presented Mr. Quinn with a Lions club broom and Kroger gift card. Salem Lions had great fun working with all the Habitat volunteers to complete the house. We also appreciate LCIF and their matching grant which made this project possible.

President SHL Lion Jack Mundy speaking at the dedication ceremony.



At their annual Christmas banquet the Salem Host Lions Club recognized two members for their dedication and service. A Melvin Jones Fellow, the highest award in Lionism, was presented to this year's Club President, Lion Jack Mundy and First Vice President Lion Chris Whisnant.



The Salem Host Lions Club collected Toys for Tots during their annual Christmas banquet at the Salem Civic Center on December 2nd. The club collected over 40 toys which were presented to First Sergeant Michael S. Richard and Captain William J. Moorman by Club President Lion Jack Mundy. Over the past year the club has donated over \$100,000 dollars back to the community through scholarships and donations to schools and various community groups. Club members volunteered over 2,100 hours working the concession stand this fall at the Salem High School football stadium to raise funds which are donated back to the community.

The Salem Lions have also enjoyed some great programs thanks to Lion Jerry DeGraff. At the clubs January meeting, the club enjoyed a presentation from News Anchor John Carlin with Channel 10 News. Mr. Carlin joined the club after the 6 pm news to talk about all that goes into the evening news show. During the same meeting the club also inducted our newest member, Sheila Phipps.

From left to rights Lion Randy Harris, Tim Miller, Jack Mundy, John Carlin, Jenny Poland, Chris Whisnant, Danny Harris, and Lion Tom Sixbey



From left to right Lion Jack Mundy, Lion Sheila Phipps, and sponsor Lion Tom Sixbey

Submitted by Jenny Poland

## Roanoke Valley Breakfast Club



When Andre Peery was inducted into the Roanoke Valley Breakfast Lions Club on December 3, 2014, he continued a legacy that was begun by Lion William (Bill) Craft in 1977, along with his uncle, the late Lewis Peery. These two progressive thinking men did something that no one else in Virginia had done; they created a racially diverse Lions Club - The Roanoke Valley Breakfast Lions Club. The RVBLC is still standing strong today and remains a symbol of hope for the future.

Left- Lions Bill Craft and Lewis Peery

The members of this club are joined together by a common denominator, their desire to serve others and their community. The 44 members volunteer together to serve meals at the Rescue Mission, read and sort eyeglasses for recycling, raise funds to assist blind citizens, and respond to other community needs on a case by case basis.



Lions Cliff DeMars, Andre Peery, Barbara Pendergass  
Richmond and Archie Richmond



Andre brings the same spirit that his late Uncle Lewis and Aunt Eulah (she was a member also) possessed, a strong desire to help others. While our club mourns the loss of our dear sweet Lewis and Eulah Peery, we are delighted that Andre has joined us.

Lions Eulah Peery, Lewis Peery and Bill Craft

Andre says "I had a great role model for community service in my Uncle/second Father, since my dad and uncle were brothers, and I too follow in his footsteps to serve the community in which I live." Andre expressed his desire to continue that community service legacy that his Uncle had here in Roanoke and also in Franklin County where he served as District Executive for Boy Scouts of America. Andre has demonstrated that commitment by joining the Lions Club, Rotary, American Legion, VFW and the United Way, Helping Hands, Bridge to Life Champs Boards. He also works with local community organizations such as the St. Paul United Methodist Church community development project.



Lion Jim Dalton is proving that “just ask” really works. Since the beginning of this new Lion year, July 1, 2014, he has brought in 7 new Lions into the Roanoke Valley Breakfast Lions Club. He already has a completed application from number 8.

Lion Jim shared his proposed method for success when he served as our speaker for our August meeting. He said that “it is simple, just make a list of your friends and acquaintances and ask them.” He has done just that. Lion Jim begun with a list of 30 people and made it a point to invite each to join our club. As he crossed off a name, he added new names to the list. He said “I am always on the

lookout for people who might have a heart for service.” He was motivated to invite his latest recruit, Betty Ferguson, to join our club because he noticed the “Wounded Warrior” sticker on her car. That told him that she shared a common interest with the members of RVBLC, since our club makes monthly donations to that charity. He was right. She was inducted into our club on January 21 and now is Lion Betty Ferguson.

Under the leadership of Lions Jean Broyles and Wanda Dalton, the Roanoke Valley Breakfast Lions Club has focused its vision screening on preschoolers. Over the past two months, the club has conducted vision screenings at Saint Philips Lutheran Church and Northview United Methodist Church. Lion Tammie Brightwell entered the names of the children and Lions Jean and Wanda made sure that each volunteer knew how to use the machine. Because of their tenacity, we have eight Lions who are ready to do vision screening. Two children out of the sixty two students screened were referred for further evaluation.



Lion Wanda Dalton screening



Lions Jean Broyles, Anne Killinger, Glenn Ascher, Barbara Richmond and Wanda Dalton



Lions Mary Jo Hall, Ernie Banks and Wanda Dalton



On November 17, eleven members of the RVBLC volunteered to assist Golden Corral with its Military Appreciation Monday. Lions greeted, assisted veterans with physical limitations, and served refreshments to veterans while they waited in line. The event took place on one of the coldest nights in November.

The tribute continued at our club meeting the following week. Lion Tail Twister PCC Cliff DeMars organized a tribute to club members who are veterans. All veterans were recognized and honored for their service to our country. The 1954 Veterans Day Proclamation, by Pres. Eisenhower was read and the tribute was concluded with the singing of "I'm proud to be an American".



The Roanoke Valley Breakfast Lions Club Christmas party was held at the Cave Spring Lions Club Building on December 15, 2014. General consensus of the members was that this was one of the best club Christmas parties we have ever had. A few of our Lions were under the weather, but the party was enjoyed by the 26 members and 8 guests who attended.

Upon entering the venue the Lions were greeted by a room festively decorated. Large tables were set up by the front wall where the Lions dropped off food stuffs for those less fortunate and new toys to take to Toys for Tots. Judging by the huge amounts donated the Lions took seriously the spirit of Lionism and the season. Wild Men Lions Jerry Hardesty and Glenn Asher supplied red wine for Lions desiring spirits to augment the holiday spirit, and as holiday music played we enjoyed the camaraderie of all in attendance. Next was a wonderful dinner catered by Adele's.

After dinner, Lion Andre Peery did a great job leading us in singing Christmas songs. Then, to assure that we worked off some of the calories from the big dinner, Cheryl Evans, professional dance instructor got us onto the dance floor to learn some line dances. This was truly a fun night.

Lions Wanda Dalton and Jean Broyles completed all the arrangements for this party. They did such a terrific job that they may be assigned to this task permanently or longer.



Submitted by Lion Barbara Pendergass Richmond

## Forest Lions Club



Forest Lions Club has been super busy the past few months. Topping the list of activities was the annual Christmas tree sale... this year we sold 320 trees and raised more than \$8,000 to fund community outreach. Our “Book-Buddy” program has four Lions reading at two Forest elementary schools every day of the week.



Lions Joanne and Bob were happy to donate a new audiometer and printer to the Forest Lions Club. This will enable us to do more frequent hearing screenings in the community. Our recent food drives have netted several hundred pounds of food for the local food bank.

We awarded cash prizes for the top three Peace Poster winners.

AND the top achievement has been the creation and chartering of the Leo Club at Jefferson Forest High School with 26 active members. The Leo's have challenged the Forest Lions to a softball game in the spring. WE NEED HELP... any All Stars (or ambulatory – we're not picky) local area Lions who want to help us show the young whippersnappers that we still have game... give us a call.



Submitted by Lion Jack Radgowski

## Cave Spring Lions Club



The Oak Grove Church of the Brethren Handbell Choir, under the direction of Diane Grant, entertains at the Club's Christmas Dinner.



Lion Pres. Dharam thanks Merle Hash for her service to the Lions Sight Foundation of Virginia. Also pictured is Merle's husband, Peyton Hash.



Cave Spring Lions helped Lion Gabe Voss celebrate his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. Shown here with his daughters, Pam and Debbie



Lion President Dharam thanks Dianne Decker for her program on RAVE, Roanoke Alliance for the Vision Enabled, presented at the January 22<sup>nd</sup> Meeting.

**In Memoriam:**

Lion Charles Edward (Chuck) Jordan, Jr



Lion Chuck died suddenly Christmas morning, December 25, 2014, at the age of 71. He was preceded in death by his mother, Elizabeth McPherson Jordan. He is survived by his wife, Christine Davis Jordan, father, Charles Jordan Sr., daughter, Maria Carter, son, Kirk Jordan and grandson, Ryan Carter.

Chuck served in the Air Force from 1961-1965, and had careers in banking and with the Post Office. He was an avid volunteer, serving as the Veterans Coordinator for the Roanoke Elks Lodge and was the Veterans Volunteer Services Representative for Southwest Virginia. Chuck also volunteered at Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital and was president of the local Mended Hearts Chapter.

The Lions Club was a big part of Chuck's life. He was a member of the Winchester Shawnee Lions Club, the Richmond West Breakfast Lions Club and the Cave Spring Lions Club and served as president of each club. Chuck also served as Cookout Chef and Santa for the Cave Spring Club. The picture above was taken at the Cave Spring Christmas party on December 18th. He truly followed the Lions Club motto "We Serve".