



# The Lions Pride

District 24-E

September 2015



**District  
Governor**

**Lowell  
Skelton  
2015-2016**

## District 24- Officers

**Lowell Skelton  
District Governor**

**Marty Alford  
1st Vice District Governor**

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2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor**

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**Eric Mills  
Reg II Zone I Chair  
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Reg II Zone II Chair  
Joe Straub  
Reg II Zone III Chair**

**Fellow Lions,**

## District 24-E Cabinet

It has been a busy time since returning from the International Convention in Hawaii on July 2nd. The first Cabinet Meeting on Saturday, July 26th was well attended and I was encouraged by the enthusiasm shown by all. It has been very exciting to see new Zone Chairs Ted Futscher, Chuck Dideon and Howard Kanter step up and serve our district. Thank you Steve Taylor for stepping up to the 2nd VDG position, PDG Kirk Sampson for accepting the District GLT position and IPDG Jim Newman for returning to the Treasurer's position. Also, thanks to these individuals who are continuing to serve the district: 1st VDG Marty Alford, Zone Chair Joe Straub, District GMT Charlie Herbert and Secretary PCC Clark Vandergrift. A special thank you to Eric Mills who will be serving as the Zone Chair for two (2) Zones this year and to all of the Lions who agreed to serve on the 2015-2016 District 24-E Cabinet.

## Lions Quest Expansion

I am thrilled that after a one (1) year delay we were finally able to kick-off the Lions Quest Project for the Roanoke County and Roanoke City Elementary Schools. The training session for all of the guidance counselors, who will be teaching Lions Quest, was held at the Vinton War Memorial on August 11th, with a professional trainer from Lions Quest International. District Lions Quest Leader Doug Adams, assisted by Lions Barbara Pendergrass Richmond, Paul Gensurowsky, Peggy Smith and Tammie Brightwell, did an outstanding job of organizing and conducting this training workshop. Lion Doug arranged for Roanoke Valley TV to do a video of this training workshop. Please go to the Roanoke Valley TV Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/roanokevalleytelevision> to view the video. If your club is located in Roanoke County or Roanoke City, please contact Lions Doug, Paul or Barbara to get involved in supporting this Lions Quest Project with either monetary support or your time.

## Joint District 24-E/24F Fall Conference

This year, for the first time in the history of Lions of Virginia, a joint fall conference between two (2) districts is being held. District 24-E and 24-F will be holding their joint fall conference at the Wytheville Meeting Center on October 9th & 10th. A registration form and detailed information regarding this Fall Conference is included in this Lions Pride issue. You can also obtain the information by going to the District 24-D Website at <http://www.virginia-24e-lions.org>. I urge all club officers, all district cabinet members and all lions who want to learn more about Lionism beyond the club level to attend. There will be training/informational sessions on GLT/GMT, LCIF, Club President's Class, Club Secretary's Class, Club

Treasurer's Class and Centennial Celebration. The Centennial Celebration Class will be conducted by our International Guest, International Director, Kembra Smith. PCC Clark Vandergrift of District 24-E and PDG Jim Nichols of District 24-F are the Fall Conference Co-Chairs for the event. I look forward to seeing all of you in Wytheville.

### **Regional Lions Leadership Institute**

This year the annual Lions of Virginia Regional Lions Leadership Institute, RLLI, training will be held in Lexington, Virginia on December 4th -6th. All six (6) districts in Virginia will be sending lions who desire to assume leadership positions in Lionism to this training session. District 24-E will be sending at least five (5). The cost of this training is \$250. District 24-E will pay 50% or \$125 and the participant or his or her club will pay the other \$125. This cost covers all meals, hotel and training costs for these three (3) days. We urge club officers and zone chairs to consider attending the training. If you would like to participate in this training, please contact one of the following Lions to receive the registration materials: PID Richard Chaffin, Multiple District 24 GLT Leader @ lionrpc@gmail.com , PDG Kirk Sampson, District 24-E GLT Leader @ smllakeman@gmail.com or 1st VDG Marty Alford, 2015 RLLI Workshop Leader, @ marty.alford1960@gmail.com

### **New Lions of Virginia Website**

As most of you are aware, the Lions of Virginia have established a new website @ <http://e-district.org/sites/md24/> . You are encouraged to visit this new website. It is still a "Work in Progress", but we are optimistic we will be able to further upgrade this site in the near future.

### **Spot Vision Screening**

I am encouraged and thrilled by the fact more clubs in District 24-E are getting involved in the service project of Spot Vision screening at their local public schools. The months of August, September and October will be very busy months and we probably could do more vision screening if we had more machines. Your district team will be addressing this issue and hopefully we will be better positioned next year to provide this service. I would request that after these busy months of public school screening all clubs extend the Spot Vision screening to areas such as day care centers, private and church schools, etc. There are a lot of additional opportunities for service that we have not fully explored. Remember our national Lions Program of Lions Kindsight USA which emphasizes the Vision Screening of children from age 6 months to 6 years. Visit their website at [www.e-district.org/sites/kindsightusa](http://www.e-district.org/sites/kindsightusa) to learn more about this program to screen the very young children, who are not in the public schools yet.

### **Club Anniversary Celebrations that are upcoming this year:**

I have been made aware of the following Club Anniversary Celebrations that will be occurring this Lions Year:

Blacksburg Host Lions Club-90th on Monday, September 28th, 2015

Salem Host Lions Club-80th on Tuesday, October 20th, 2015

Christiansburg Lions Club-75th on Tuesday, February 23rd, 2016.

Please let me know if your club is planning an Anniversary Celebration this year.

### **Lion Activities**

September also means Lions activities kick into high gear. This is especially true for the clubs, as many mobilize to hold school eye screenings, other service projects and a variety of fund raisers.

The Junior Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) Walk in Roanoke is on Sunday, September 27th, 2015. PDG Kirk Sampson will be coordinating the event again this year. Please contact PDG Kirk at [smllakeman@gmail.com](mailto:smllakeman@gmail.com) to volunteer for this important District Service Project.

## **Growing Lionism**

I am extremely humbled to be serving as your District Governor for the 2015-16 year. I am asking for your assistance to accomplish my goal of "Growing Lionism" or positive membership growth in District 24-E.

Thank you for all that you do for Lions. We are the global leader in humanitarian service.

District Governor, Lowell Skelton

## **International Convention**



Lowell and Kathy Skelton with Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada, 2015-2016 International Lions Club President and his wife, Dr. Toshiko Yamada, at the 2015 Lions Club International Convention in Honolulu, Hawaii. This Convention was attended by approximately 18,000 Lions from 150 countries. Lowell was inducted as District Governor of our local District 24-E on June 30th at the Convention. Lions Club International is the world's largest service organization with over 1.4 million Lions in 210 countries.

## **Peace Poster Contest**

Now that schools have started, it is time to contact them and get them to participate in this years contest.

The theme for this year is " Share Peace ". The contest is for kids between 11-13 years old. We would like to have every Middle School in 24-E represented in the contest. This is an easy, inexpensive, fun way to engage our youth and to get them working with the local Lions clubs. Ask any club that has been involved in the past and they will tell you how rewarding the experience has been.

To order online visit the Lions Store ( Item search: Peace Poster Kit ) at [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org) or download the order form PR-785. You can also call 1-800-710-7822. You can also order your kit (PPK-1) through the Club Supplies Sales Department at International Headquarters. Allow 2-3 weeks for delivery.

Don't delay getting started. The contest ends and all entries have to be to the District Governor around Nov. 1.

24-E Peace Poster Chair, PDG Kirk Sampson ( [smllakeman@gmail.com](mailto:smllakeman@gmail.com) )

Greetings, Fellow Lions!

It is with much anticipation that we look forward to the Fall Season and with it comes our annual Lions Fall Conference. We are pleased to let you know that the final plans are completed and we have a wonderful weekend planned for you!

**The 2015 Districts 24-E & 24-F Fall Conference will be held at “The Wytheville Meeting Center” in Wytheville, Virginia on Friday and Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>.** All sessions and meals will be held at The Meeting Center which is located next to the hotel. The deadline for both the Conference and Hotel Registration is October 1, 2015. Thank you for honoring the deadline.

This year the Lions of District 24-F will be joining us in a united Fall Conference. Our District Governor, Lion Lowell Skelton, and District Governor Priscilla Hall of 24-F have met with the Fall Conference Committee numerous times over the past several months. We have planned an exciting conference that will give all the attendees the latest information about the roles of club officers and what is happening in our Districts and Lions International. This will be good for club officers and those who may be officers in the next few years. Your club needs to have representatives present to keep your club informed and up-to-date.

Registration will be from Noon to 5:00 pm on Friday and the social hour will be at 6:00 pm at the Country Inn and Suites. The evening dinner and entertainment will be at 6:00 pm at The Meeting Center. On Saturday, registration will be from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. Various sessions will be from 8:30 am to 10:45 am with the Memorial Service beginning at 11: am. The luncheon will be at 12:30 pm. Cabinet meetings will be held at 2:00 pm. The social hour will be at 6:00 pm at the Country Inn and Suites followed by the banquet and entertainment at 7:00 pm.

We are pleased to welcome International Director Kembra L. Smith of Decatur, Georgia as our guest speaker for the weekend. She will present her main address at the luncheon on Saturday. Lion Kembra will give us the latest information on the Lions Centennial Celebration during one of our sessions.

For more excitement, Saturday afternoon will include opportunities to participate in free activities which include door prizes! There will be several different activities available.

Attached you will find the registration form and information on how to make your hotel reservation. Please make copies for your club members so they will have an opportunity to come with you to the Fall Conference. Be sure to notice the buffet menus and the nightly entertainment which will be great.

If you have any questions, Please contact me and I will be glad to help you!

Can't wait to see you at the FALL CONFERENCE!

Lion Clark Vandergrift, PCC  
Fall Conference Chair, 24-E

Mail registration to:  
PCC Clark Vandergrift  
District 24-E Fall Conference  
3226 Bromley Road  
Roanoke, VA 24018



Contact Person for this registration form:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

## 24-E & F Lions Fall Conference 2015

October 9 & 10, 2015  
Wytheville Meeting Center  
333 Community Avenue  
Wytheville, VA 24382

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

International Director Kembra L. Smith from Decatur, Georgia will be our guest speaker at the Saturday lunch. Classes for Lions include GMT/GLT, LCIF, Lions Quest, Club President, Secretary and Treasurer, and Centennial Celebration. Free activities for non-Lions will be available on Saturday afternoon with door prizes. These may include wreath making, cooking with herbs, cake decoration, accessorizing, etc.

**Hotel Reservations:** Call the Country Inn & Suites at (276) 223-1098 to make your reservations. This hotel is located at 697 Pepper's Ferry Road, Wytheville. Request the Districts 24-E & F Lions of Virginia rate (\$85.00 plus tax).

**The deadline for hotel reservations is October 1, 2015.**

**Deadline for Fall Conference registration is October 1, 2015.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Lion \_\_\_\_ Lioness \_\_\_\_ LEO \_\_\_\_ Guest \_\_\_\_

Club: \_\_\_\_\_ Office Held \_\_\_\_\_

Nametag: \_\_\_\_\_ (please indicate how you would like your name on nametag)

Registration Fee (includes pin)	\$20.00	<u>\$20.00</u>
Friday Country Buffet	\$20.00	_____
50/50 Raffle \$1 each or 6 for \$5	_____	_____
Saturday Buffet Lunch	\$20.00	_____
Saturday Banquet	\$28.00	_____
50/50 Raffle \$1 each or 6 for \$5	_____	_____
Amount Enclosed		\$ _____

Please list any special  
dietary needs:

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Checks should be made payable to: **Districts 24 E & F Fall Conference** **Please mail registration to address above.**

### **Friday Dinner – Buffet**

**Pasta Buffet**

**Fresh Salad**

**Steamed Vegetables**

**Bread**

**Assorted Desserts**

**Iced Tea, Soft Drinks, Coffee, and Water**

### **Friday Evening Entertainment**

**HaeBo Productions is a volunteer community theatre group that has been producing plays locally since 1997. They have performed original works, interactive murder mysteries, musicals, children's theatre and plays throughout the New River Valley. Executive Producer, Tonya Hall Bowyer, serves as the Director of Theatre for Radford City Public Schools.**

### **Saturday Lunch – Buffet**

**Beef Tips**

**BBQ Boneless Chicken Breast**

**Garden Salad**

**Mashed Potatoes**

**Cole Slaw**

**Rolls**

**Assorted Desserts**

**Iced Tea, Soft Drinks, Coffee, and Water**

### **Saturday Dinner – Buffet**

**Stuffed Pork Tenderloin**

**Baked Rolled Stuffed Chicken Breast**

**Fresh Garden Salad**

**Roasted New Potatoes**

**Broccoli Casserole**

**Buttered Corn**

**Dinner Rolls**

**Assorted Desserts**

**Iced Tea, Coffee, and Water**

### **Saturday Evening Entertainment**

**The VW Boys put together a show that appeals to all age groups. It is a nice blend of magic, comedy and string music. The VW Boys believe that the best medicine for mankind is music and laughter...the VW Boys supplies plenty of both. The most voiced complaint about the VW Boys show is that "IT WASN'T LONG ENOUGH," even though most sets run over an hour in length.**



**Lions Quest Introduced to Roanoke City & County Public Schools**

On August 11th, 2015, 35 guidance counselors from Roanoke City, Roanoke County and Franklin County Public Schools were introduced to, and trained on many aspects of the new and improved Lions Quest Program. The workshop was held at the Vinton War Memorial in Vinton, VA., with the assistance of 6 local Lions from District 24E. The Lions contacted local schools systems, along with our local clubs to insure each area lion understands LIONS QUEST and the goals of the program. Lions Quest instructor Steve Dunn taught the class to be up-beat and lively, open discussions made for an interesting day with many open discussions among the group.

The information provided in the workshop was received, with open arms by participants. Comments like, "I am thoroughly encouraged with the materials included because it is much enhanced over previous versions". "I am very excited to start using this program, it is wonderfully organized, it is research based, it lays out what to do and what to say, and then it provides the materials needed. The program's focus on service learning has increasing value in our social-economic world today. The materials on the jump-drives are wonderful".

The program was made possible with the assistance of Lions Clubs International Foundation, with a \$25,000 Core Grant to expand Lions Quest in District 24E. District 24E is also providing funding to support the full cost of the expansion of Lions Quest to the Roanoke Valley.

All attendees were provided materials needed to assist instructing students in grades K-5. Materials included jump drives with forms and presentations, all materials are geared to each grade level. Each grade level has its own program kit that included the Jump drive and instruction guides for that particular grade level.

Roanoke City & County Clubs wishing to help support the programs with funds should:

Send checks written to, District 24E Lions Quest Expansion, and mailed to:

Lion Jim Newman, Treasurer Lions Quest Expansion, 2401 Fairway Drive, Roanoke, VA 24155

Many Thanks to: District Governor Lowell Skelton, Lions Quest Trainer Steve Dunn, Lions, Paul Gensurowsky, Barbara Pendergrass-Richmond, Peggy Smith, Charlie Herbert, MD24 State Secretary Treasurer Tammie Brightwell, and the Vinton Breakfast Lions Club for their support to make this project a success.

Questions or interest in Lions Quest should be directed to : Lion Doug Adams, at District 24 E, Youth Outreach Quest General Chairperson at [doug.adams@cox.net](mailto:doug.adams@cox.net) or call 540-353-2926.



## RAM

Virginia Clinic Treats 2,000+  
17th annual clinic in Southwest Virginia is the only option for many

This year's annual health care event held in the Wise County Fairgrounds brought 1,500 volunteers to the aid of 2,200 Americans in need. Each year people from Virginia, Kentucky, and Tennessee find a way to the fairgrounds and begin lining up days before the gates open, sleeping in their cars to ensure they receive an entry number.

Thanks to the generosity of donors and volunteers, RAM and partners were able to provide a value of \$2,426,480 worth of medical care at no cost to patients

24-E Lions Debbie and Richard Chaffin cooking at RAM in Wise County. All pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs and breakfast potatoes are cooked in this mobile trailer. A record 822 breakfasts were served on Friday, July 17<sup>th</sup>. Other district Lions volunteering were Tammie Brightwell and Jim Newman.

Submitted by PDG Jim Newman

## Camp Too Sweet



Lynne Metzler CDE, of Carilion Clinic's Camp Too Sweet staff, with Lions of Virginia (LOV) 24-E members, Lion: Marce Epps and Linda All, standing: Rob Senoski, Bob Epps Jim Newman, Ralph Long, Gloria Guice, Don Rhinehart and Kirk Sampson, prior to assisting with the annual registration for Camp Too Sweet, July 20<sup>th</sup>.

T-Shirts and collector Lion's Pins, purchased by District 24-E, were distributed to all campers, Carilion Staff, and Camp Bethel's Counselors as part of the registration process.

Moneta Lions Rob Senoski, Bert Bowers, and Gloria Guice, attended the closing festivities of Carilion Clinic's "Camp Too Sweet".

The trio spent the final afternoon of the camp session July 24th, offering free vision screenings to the campers, their parents, also staff members of Carilion Clinic and Camp Bethel, using a "Welch Allyn Spot" and "Titmus V2 Vision Screeners"



Submitted by Lion Rob Senoski



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**District 24-E Sight**

I would like to thank all of the Clubs in advance that helped to screen children at Botetourt County, Roanoke City and Salem City Schools this year. This is a very important service that we are able to provide to the schools. If your Club is interested in participating in vision screening and you have not been trained to use the SPOT equipment, please schedule a Sight program for Club by contacting me at lionva@verizon.net

Thank you to the Lions Sight Foundation for giving matching grants to the Blacksburg and Cave Spring Lions Clubs to purchase new SPOT machines and printers.

**24-E Community Eye Project -**

Clubs located in Roanoke, Salem, Troutville or Vinton please send Club funds budget for eye exams and eye glasses to the 24-E CEP at 501 Elm Ave. SW Roanoke, VA 24016. I am proud to let you know that with the CEP program last year we provided 57 eye exams and approximately 300 pair of glasses. If your Club is not currently participating in the program please schedule a program for your club. With the network of doctors and using the Fluvanna lab we are able to provide exams at the cost of \$35.00 per exam. Single vision glasses are \$10.00 and standard bi-focals are \$12.00.

Yours in Lionism, Lion Tammie J. Brightwell - District 24-E Sight Chair

**LCIF Contribution**

The results are in from LCIF and I am proud to report 24-E exceeded it's goal of donating \$16,000 during the 2014/15 year. Our final number was \$17,728 or 110.80%. In 2013-14 we gave \$14,815. So with fewer members and fewer clubs we were able to raised \$2,913 more in 2014-15. We were the ONLY DISTRICT to show an increase in funds donated last year !

Thanks to everyone for your continued efforts. However, we are far from done. This year the goal will be increased from \$16,000 to \$18,000. I am confident, that with the Cabinets support, once again we will exceed our goal !

PDG Kirk Sampson, 24-E LCIF District Coordinator

**Bland Music Competition**

It's not too early to begin preparing for this year's Bland Competition. With the finals being held at the State Convention right here in Roanoke, we need to get as many clubs as possible involved this year. Club Presidents need to appoint a Bland Chair so your club can participate. I will have regional and district places, times and dates by the next newsletter. If you have any questions, please call me at (540)353-1729 (cell). Please let me know if your club will hold an audition this year.

Submitted by Lion Gary Wagner, District 24-E Bland Chair

## Giles Breakfast Lions Club

On Saturday, June 20 Giles Breakfast Lions sponsored its first Blood Drive of the summer with Virginia Blood Services at the annual Pearisburg Festival in the Park. Lions Edna Malone, Sherri Nipper-Williams and Betty Herbert represented the club at this drive. Virginia Blood Services representative Doug Rubel congratulated the club for collecting 23 units of blood each of which will be used to save three lives in the New River Valley. The goal for this blood drive had been 20 units.

July was a quiet month for Giles Breakfast Lions Club. Except for keeping up with the Community Garden we all took some time off in preparation for a very busy August.

Giles Breakfast Lions Club saw 18 members and guests gathered at the home of Lion Edna and Brett Malone on Saturday evening, August 15. Hamburgers and hotdogs were provided by the Malones and lots of great dishes were supplied by the members. As usual there were lots of stories to tell and laughter to be shared. Beautiful weather topped the evening's gathering.

Club President Charlie Herbert, Marsha Eaton, Lion Gary Eaton (Rich Creek Lions Club President), Brian Williams and Lion Sherri Nipper-Williams enjoy a laugh at the annual picnic.



Special guests 1st Vice District Governor Marty Alford and Judy.

School started in Giles County in August this year. Pembroke United Methodist Church, which hosts Giles Breakfast Lions Club meetings, conducted their annual Back To School Bazaar. 250+ needy children ages 5-18 were given backpacks filled with everything they needed to start school in their specific school and grade. Clothing, shoes, coats of all sizes are available to the children.

Dentists are there

with toothbrushes and tooth paste for each child. Barbers and hairdressers are there for that ever important Back-To-School haircut. The Giles Breakfast Lions were there to provide vision screening to the children as well as the parents or guardians who brought them. A little over 12% of those screened were given recommendations to see an eye care professional. If they indicated that they couldn't afford a visit we were able to refer them to the Lions Club nearest to where they lived for assistance. This is always one of the projects that the club looks forward to the most each year.

Laura Lawson (soon to be inducted into club), Lions Charlie and Betty Herbert and Al Katz are ready to begin vision screenings .





Lion Nick Clark and his wife Jackie, owners of Pearisburg Eye Associates, sponsored their 2nd 5 K race on Saturday, August 22. This year a 10 K was added as well as a Kid's Run- Around -the- Block. One lane of several streets in Pearisburg was closed to traffic beginning at 9 a.m. to accommodate the race. Giles Breakfast Lions Club was a sponsor of the race. Members assisted with registration of runners, were street corner monitors and time keepers. This year's race was about 6 weeks earlier than last year's race and the 155 runners were rewarded with beautiful weather.



Lions Sherri Nipper-Williams, Betty Herbert, Nick Clark and Charlie Herbert prior to the Eye 5 K/10 K race. 2. Not pictured: Lion Alesia Meredith who was warming up. And They're Off and running.

Through the summer the Community Garden planted and maintained by Giles Breakfasts Lions Club members has produced some incredible crops. Lion Charlie has delivered bushels of green beans, broccoli, kale, collards, cabbage, yellow squash, zucchini, peppers, tomatoes, potatoes, carrots, lettuce and eggplant to the VA Dept. of Health for the WIC participants, Giles Dept. of Social Services, Giles Christian Mission and the Giles Senior Center. Acorn and butternut squash are beginning to ripen. Much to our delight the low income families and individuals who live near the garden are beginning to realize that the garden has been planted for their benefit and are coming by to harvest vegetables for their tables. Church member Henry Sanders, who lives next door to the church, has been faithful as our watering manager. A bed of pumpkins was planted to give to Christ Episcopal Church, our partner in this endeavor, to be sold at the local Lords Acre Sale in early October.



As well as providing a spot for the Community Garden Christ Episcopal Church has now provided the building materials and some labor to build a garden shed

behind the church near the garden. The shed will be named for Lion Jim Kite, a longtime member of the church as well as the Pearisburg Lions Club.



Lion Nick Clark, a doctor of Optometry, was recently given an opportunity to join a medical group, IMPACTO Ministries, traveling to Guatemala for 10 days to serve people in a remote village. From July 10 - 18 Lion Nick represented Giles Breakfast Lions Club as our member providing vision screening with SPOT. Another Lion in the group picked up several



hundred pairs of glasses from the glasses center in Roanoke to take along. Seven days were spent in the village, located on top of a mountain 12,000 feet about sea level, providing much needed medical care. Lion Nick reports that a total of 220 individuals ranging in age from 6 years to 87 years old were screened. Of those screened 175 were fitted with glasses. Another beautiful example of Lions in service to those in need.

left: Lion Nick Clark discussing vision screenings with his mom, Patty Clark.



Lion Nick works with a young Guatemalan girl

Submitted by Lion Betty Herbert

## Moneta Lions Club

Chef Lion Tim Hear, with the Moneta Lions, prepared some burgers for the club's annual picnic June 4<sup>th</sup>, held at the Beechwood Shores Club House. Lion Tim always proclaims, "Where there's smoke there's fire and when there's fire on the grill, there's well done burgers." Lion Tim was assisted by Lion Jerry Over (not pictured). The event is a means for the membership to relax and review yet another busy fiscal year of serving their community.



Catherine Cunha, second from left, recently coordinated a youth vision screening session with Moneta Lions Club members: Bert Bowers, Gloria Guice, and Rob Senoski. Ms Cunha is the Lead Intern and Assistant Camp Director for the SML Good Neighbors summer camp being held at the Moneta Elementary School.

Approximately sixty students took part in the screening, using the Welch Allyn Spot Vision Screener.



The Moneta Lions Club welcomed a new member, Lion Brian O'Connor, sponsored by Lion Tim Haer, into their den, celebrated the Anniversary of their Charter with Lions Clubs International and inducted new Officers and Board of Directors, at a semi formal dinner at East Lake Restaurant in Moneta.

The Guest of Honor for the evening was Lions Clubs International Past International Director (PID) Lion Richard Chaffin, of the Forest Lions, accompanied by his wife Debbie.



The Moneta Lions Club received a \$10,000 grant from the Lions of Virginia Foundation

(LOVF). The LOVF grant, coupled with the Moneta Lions Club donation, provides the cornerstone funding for adding children's playground facilities to the park located near downtown Moneta. This playground project, started by the Moneta Lions Club and Moneta Recreation League, has broad community support, along with that of the Bedford County Parks & Recreation Department.

Wayne Shepherd of the Moneta Recreation League with Lions Del Bailey and Chuck Dideon.

On behalf of the Moneta Lions Club membership, President Lion Bart Matthies presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Joyce Branson and her husband Chuck for their dedicated service to the community. The duo have been actively involved with the senior population of the area with a combined total of more than a half century of service.

Joyce has served as the Moneta Site Manager of the Central Virginia Alliance for Community Living (CVACL), for thirty nine years. Chuck was a CVACL driver for more then thirteen years, transporting many of the clients to and from the dinning center, also delivering hot meals to the homebound.



Mrs. Kathy Reynolds, a member of the Administrative Staff at Lake Christian Ministries LCM), coordinated a Vision Screening Session with Lions: Bert Bowers, Gloria Guice and Rob Senoski, members of the Moneta Lions Club and clients of LCM.

The Vision Screening took place at the LCM Site, on South Old Moneta Rd., Wednesday July 22nd. The Moneta Lions used both the Welch Allyn Spot Vision Screener especially designed for youth applications and also the Titmus V2 Professional Model Vision Screener.



The Curtis Fitzgerald Park, at the Moneta Elementary School, was dressed up by the Moneta Lions Club in preparation for school opening. The park, next to the school parking lot, had the walkway repaired, playground area cleared of weeds and the picnic shelter cleaned and organized. The park was ready in time for Moneta Elementary's open house on August 13th.

The cleanup crew consisted of Lions: Del & Pat Bailey, Chuck Dideon & Denny Heenan of the Moneta Lions Club.



Moneta Lions Club President Bart Matthies introduced Past District Governor Lion Don Rhinehart, program speaker for District 24-E Charity Inc. at a recent club meeting.

Lion Rhinehart gave a short history of the origin and formation of the District Charity. He explained that each club has access to make donations through the Charity as a vehicle to make 501 C3 tax exempt status. .

Submitted by Lion Rob Senoski

## Smith Mountain Lake Lions Club

The Smith Mountain Lake Lions conducted a very successful White Cane Day event on June 13, 2015, to raise public awareness of the Lions' long-standing vision preservation projects and to solicit funds to support those projects. The White Cane is an international symbol used by visually impaired people to alert others to their presence.

Among the Lions participating were (from left): Bill Ward, Dave Wolf, Tom Hamlin, and Cindy Decker.



Recycling of eyeglasses has been a signature project for Lions Clubs across the country for more than 70 years.

On June 4, 2015, members of the SML Lions Club met at the Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center in Roanoke and prepared more than 900 pairs of eyeglasses for distribution.



SML Lions Club members who participated in the eyeglass recycling event were (from left): John Porter, Lowell Skelton, Bill Ward, Mae Overman, Konrad Crist, and Ralph Long.

The mission of the Children's Trust of Roanoke is to tend to a child's need during the investigation and prosecution of child abuse; to provide a supportive, safe and friendly environment; and to ensure that every child gets the help and the justice that he or she deserves. Saint Francis Facility Dog, Elvis, is used as a support mechanism to soothe and nurture a child when he/she has to be deposed or testify as a witness or is a victim of sexual abuse, domestic violence or emotionally intense situations.

Pictured with Elvis is Nicky Voudren (left) Development Director of Saint Francis Service Dogs, and SML Lion, Ray Holt (right), Eyeglass Coordinator for the SML Lions Club, who is presenting a donation on behalf of the Club.



Submitted by Lion Cindy Decker

## Ferrum Lions Club



At their July Picnic meeting the Ferrum Lions Club installed the officers for the coming year.

Left to right: Inez Cook, treasurer; Susan Salvage, director; Lowell Skelton, District Governor; Rachel Belcher Wells, 2nd V.P. (community Service); Ralph Long, Zone Chair; Jessa King, 1st V.P. (Projects); Peggy Smith, secretary; Susie Crow, 3rd V.P. (programs); in back Rev. Dr. Burton White, President. Zone chair Ralph Long introduced District 24-E Governor Lowell Skelton, who installed the officers.



The Ferrum Lions Club presented Jessa King and Rachel Belcher Wells with service awards for their two years of leadership in the Ferrum College Branch Lions club, an offshoot of the Ferrum Lions Club.

Pictured left to right are Jessa King, Lion President Rev. Dr. Burton White, Rachel Belcher Wells.

Submitted by Lion Burton White



## Mount Pleasant Lions Club



On June 16, 2015, outgoing Lions of Virginia District 24-E, Region I, Zone I Chairperson, Lion Gloria Guice was the guest of honor at the Mount Pleasant Lions Club meeting and was recognized for her outstanding service to Lionism.

Through Lion Gloria's efforts the Mount Pleasant Lions Club participated in the Lions Clubs International Foundation's (LCIF) "Peace Poster Contest" for the first time by partnering with Roanoke Catholic Middle School. The school enthusiastically embraced the project and the winning entry went on to place third in the overall Zone judging.

Photo L-R, MP President Lion Pat Musselwhite, Lion Gloria Guice, Lion Robert Stutes, and Roanoke Catholic Art Teacher Kim Spencer.

From the participation in the Peace Poster, the Mount Pleasant Lions Club judges Lion Warren Burger, Lion Lea Whitbeck and Lion Robert Stutes innovated eyeglass collection by proposing a drive with the whole Roanoke Catholic School participating. Again the school eagerly embraced the concept and this event will become an annual project along with the Peace Poster project.

Lion Gloria's leadership in the Peace Poster Contest and encouraging Mount Pleasant Lions Club's participation for the first time provided the springboard for the club to propose the innovative eyeglass collection drive with Roanoke Catholic.

The Mount Pleasant Lions Club felt it was only appropriate to recognize Lion Gloria as their guest of honor, also in July they will make a donation of \$500.00 to LCIF, earmarked for youth projects, in honor of Lion Gloria.

Submitted by Lion Rob Senoski

## Christiansburg Lions Club



Christiansburg Lions Club held its 8th Annual Golf Tournament at The Meadows Golf and Swim Club on August 14th to benefit our sight conservation projects. Lunch was served before the teams began play. Eighteen teams teed off in two flights in the afternoon and enjoyed a wonderful round of golf in great weather. The winners of the Red Flight and the Blue Flight took home a first prize of \$440. The Christiansburg Lions Club made almost \$4,200 for sight conservation.

Lions Joe Wade, Rodd Hall, George Rust, Wayne Bishop and Doug Kanney (setting up and checking in some 72 golfers, what a great response!)

Lion Doug Kanney with a team of wonderful women golfers, along with Lion Wayne Bishop (doing the "rabbit ears" on Lion Doug)



On Tuesday evening, August 25th, DG Lowell Skelton (no kin to Red) attended our meeting and highlighted his goals for Lions Year 2015-2016, and brought to us the message of our New International President Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada, "Bringing Dignity To Others, Through Humanitarian Service." Also attending were 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Marty Alford, 2nd VDG Steve Taylor, and Zone Chair Lion Joe Straub.

We had a fine presentation of our Celebration Committee for our 75th Anniversary on February 23rd! Mayor Barber of Christiansburg will designate the week of February 23rd as "Christiansburg Lions Club Week" to help us highlight and celebrate the occasion. We will have a dinner on that evening for District Lions Club Officers, Town Officials, and other guests and dignitaries. It will be a "fine ole time of celebrating and back slapping," and a way to prepare for the next 75 years and more!

Each year The Christiansburg Club pays out over \$10,000 to help people in the Christiansburg area obtain eye glasses or eye exams. In conjunction with the Blacksburg Host Lions Club we have been able to obtain high tech equipment, such as the SPOT Machine, to be used in the Montgomery County Public Schools. Recently the two clubs purchased an additional SPOT Machine to make our task and service much easier and more efficient.



The Christiansburg Lions use the golf tournament and The Holiday Craft Show in December as our main fund raising events to purchase eyeglasses, exams and vision checking equipment. We are grateful for the community which supports us in these endeavors. We remember that our primary calling as Lions is "WE SERVE!" We seek to do so along with the Blacksburg Host Club and the Morning Breakfast Club. We are grateful for their good work and the relationship we enjoy with them and their members.

Submitted by Lion Doug Kanney

## Roanoke Valley Breakfast Lions Club

The Roanoke Valley Breakfast Lions Club celebrated its thirty-eight years of service at Charter Night on Friday, June 12, 2015 at the Cave Spring Lions Building. Charter Night celebration was dedicated to the memory of Lions Lew and Eula Peery. Lion Lew was one of the RVBLC founders. Incoming officers installed were: Lions Wanda Dalton, President; Jim Dalton, First Vice President; Mary Jo Hubble, Second Vice President; J. J. Johnson, Secretary; Glenn Asher, Treasurer; Suzanne Ross, Tail Twister; Gary Swain, Lion Tamer; Bill Craft, Bates Killinger and Cliff DeMars, Directors; and Barbara Richmond, Membership Chair.



Josiah Sprankle, District Bland Memorial Contest Winner, sponsored by RVBLC provided entertainment for our Club.

Left: Installation of Lion President Wanda Dalton by Lion Past President Barbara Pendergrass Richmond

Lion Jim Dalton was named Lion of the Year for 2014-15. Lion Jim became a Lion in 2012 and is an inspiration to all members by participating in eye glass recycling, white cane events, and serving at the Rescue Mission. He visited the

School for Visually and Hearing Impaired and reported on his visit to the Club, drove for RAVE, perfect attendance, delivered Toys for Tots after our Christmas Party, vision screenings, fills in as Treasurer when the Treasurer is away and serves as a Board member. He presented a program to the Club on membership recruitment and he has recruited six members during the year and has recruited nine members





since becoming a Lion. He chaired the LOV ticket sales and our Club sold 75 books of tickets an increase of 30 books from the previous year. Lion Jim acquired free storage units for brooms and white cane supplies saving the Club over \$800 per year. Lion Jim is a very deserving Lion of the Year and is always looking for ways to improve our Club and recruit members. CONGRATULATIONS LION JIM!

New Horizon Healthcare held its First Annual Health Fair on August 12, 2015, 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. in its parking lot on Melrose Avenue. There was music, food vendors and healthcare organizations performing various health screenings. Eight members of the Roanoke Valley Breakfast Lions Club did vision screenings for 50 adults and children. We had a great time.

Submitted by Lion Wanda Dalton

## Salem Host Lions Club

The Salem Host Lions Club awarded scholarships to sixteen local high school graduates at their annual summer picnic on Tuesday, June 2, 2015, at Longwood Park. Scholarships, totaling \$18,000, were presented to seven Glenvar High School (GHS) seniors and nine Salem High School (SHS) seniors. Nicole Quinn, from Salem High School, received the Dr. Walter Hunt Memorial scholarship. The club has awarded approximately \$90,000 in scholarships over the last five years.



Scholarship recipients for this year included (from left to right in the photograph): Benjamin Jenkins (GHS), Cory Thompson (GHS), Hunter Wilson (GHS), Joshua Haga (SHS), Jenna Rhone (GHS), Maria Figaro (GHS), Robert Flowers (SHS), Allison White (SHS), Cody Perego (SHS), Katherine Grinnell (GHS), Robert Andrews (SHS), Lauren Wygal (SHS), Mackenzie Edwards (SHS), and Madison Winters (GHS). Also receiving scholarships but not pictured above Kayla Winstead (SHS) and Nicole Quinn (SHS). At the picnic, District Governor Lion Jim Newman,

with the Cave Spring Lions Club, inducted club officers for the 2015-16 year.

The club is gearing up for the 2015 Concession season and has already had a couple of events including the Summer Music Games at the end of July, Pee Wee Jamboree, and Salem High School benefit game with Jefferson Forest in August. It's great to be a Salem Lion.

Submitted by Lion Jenny Poland



## Forest Lions Club

Our June Membership Meeting was honored with the presence of outgoing District Governor, Jim Newman. It was an eventful and exciting meeting. DG Jim Newman installed the clubs officers for the year 2015-16. He also presented well earned awards to several deserving members. Robert Spong was awarded a Lions of Virginia Humanitarian Award, Jim Love a Melvin Jones Fellow award for service in 2013 - 2014 and incoming President Cindy Mohrmann a Melvin Jones Fellow Award for 2014 - 2015. Immediate Past President Tom Crush received the State Achievement Award for 2013 - 2014 and the Club Excellence Award for 2013 -2014. Leo Club Advisor, Lion John Brecker recognized outgoing Leo President Skye Gurbarg and incoming Leo President Clara Peirce. Lion Cindy Mohrmann recognized the recipients of \$1,500 college scholarships and their families. Two of the three were members of the JFHS Leo Club. Outgoing President John Wilkins was presented a Lion clock by President Elect Cindy Mohrmann



June 14th, Flag Day" found members and spouses celebrating with an afternoon barbeque courtesy of the Mohrmanns and on June 23rd, 4 Lions traveled to Roanoke to help work off the backlog at the Eyeglass Recycling Center.

On Saturday, August 1st, the Forest Lions held their third annual Health Fair at the Lynchburg Public Library. This year the focus was "Back to School". The Lions enjoyed an outstanding collaboration with Centra Health, the Bedford Sheriff's Office, the Lynchburg Police Department, The 24th Masonic District, The Salvation Army, Light Chiropractic Center, Centra Bedford Diabetes Program, Horizon behavioral Health, CVS Pharmacy and Type 1 Diabetes Experience. 245 people attended including 94 adults and 151 children. Face painting and crafts rounded out the day.

The outcomes surpassed expectations. 818 health screenings were performed. The Forest Lions performed 171 vision and 121 hearing screenings. 7 people were identified as new diabetics, including 2 children. Early diagnosis truly saves lives. Another 288 community resources encounters were realized. The total encounters for the day was 1,106. We reached across our community to meet and serve the needs of the people of Lynchburg. Collaboration was an essential key. We could not have accomplished this without the fine people, volunteers and organizations who assisted. The appreciation from the families was evident in the written evaluations and by looks on their faces. The Forest Lions did feel We Served our community that day and look forward to more success in the future.



On Monday, August 3rd, the Club hosted an "Evening with Elvis" fundraiser featuring local Elvis tribute artist Taylor Rodriguez. One-hundred and twenty five enthusiastic attendees packed the dining room of the Hill City House Grille for 2 hours of incredible entertainment. The event netted \$1,539 which will be used to provide care packages to military canines and their handlers overseas.

Sunday, August 23rd, 6 Lions and 2 spouses spent the morning serving meals at the Lynchburg branch of Daily Bread. One hundred and thirty two (132) individuals in need were served and Lions devoted 40 Lion hours to this very personally rewarding experience.

New member recruiting never ends with the Forest Lions Club. At our August meeting, DG Lowell Skelton inducted new Lion Anita Dezendorf. Anita was recruited at our July 11th Membership Drive & Broom Sale at the Forest Farmers Market.

In attendance at the meeting was former Lion Phil Theisen, recruited by his neighbor Lion Sheila Sylvester "Just Ask 1" and prospective Lion Linda Wright, recruited at the "Evening with Elvis" fundraiser. Phil and Linda will be inducted at our September meeting. Prospective member, Deborah Sadowski, recruited at the Sunday activity at "Daily Bread". will be an attendee. As this newsletter goes to print, on August 29th, the club can be found back at the Farmers Market with another Membership Drive & Broom Sale underway.

Submitted by Lion George Mohrmann



## Dublin Lions Club

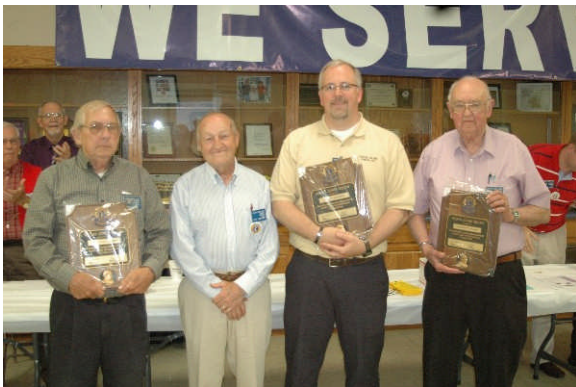


On May 21st at their regular club meeting, the Dublin Lions Club presented 2 LOVF Humanitarian Fellowships and 3 LCIF Melvin Jones Fellowships.

Left: Lion Andy Hullender presents a LOVF Humanitarian Fellowship to Lion Willard Akers



Lion Andy Hullender presents a LOVF Humanitarian Fellowship to Joel Stuart



Lion Carl Lindstrom presents Melvin Jones Fellowships to Lions Dave Conner, Burl Bowman and Howard Weaver

Submitted by Lion Andy Hullender

## Cave Spring Lions Club



Lion President Dharam Sawh thanks PDG Don Rhinehart for his program on Diabetes at the June 25<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Yard Sale June 26 - 27th







New President Gary Wagner thanks David Wood of New Vision formerly the Voice of the Blue Ridge for his program on July 9<sup>th</sup>



Frank Martin Scholarship winners Haley Arnold and Preston Johnson and their families, who were our dinner guests on July 9<sup>th</sup>.



Lion President Gary with Lion Cesloras Merzvinckas from Lithuania with his daughter, Dovile, from Roanoke. They were also guests.



Lion Chef Jim Cosby and Lion Assistant Doug Law prepare for the Lions Cookout on July 23<sup>rd</sup>



Lion President Gary and Lion Dick Decker thank Wayne Wheeler, Financial Crime Specialist with Wells Fargo, for our August 13<sup>th</sup> program.

1<sup>st</sup> VDG Marty Alford, DG Lowell Skelton and Lion President Gary at the District Governor's Visit on August 27<sup>th</sup>.

