



The Lions Pride

District 24-E

February 2011



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**Bernice
Leftwich
2010 – 2011**

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Fellow Lions,

Happy New Year District 24E! It has been a privilege to serve as your District Governor this year and see all the marvelous things that the Lions of District 24E have accomplished. With April just around the corner, we need to focus on projects to protect our environment. International President Sid is promoting The Lions Protecting Our Environment Global Service Action Campaign. This event is scheduled for April in conjunction with Earth Day. All Lions Clubs are asked to plan an event and take part in this global effort. There are many great ways to do this. The Lions Club International website has lots of ideals to help with these projects. I encourage you to use the website, it has lots of information to help with projects.

Service is what we do as Lions and what defines who we are as the world's largest service organization. Every club in District 24 E deserves praise for community service projects that you have been doing to improve your community. Don't forget when you do service projects try and get people in the community to help with the projects. There are lots of ways to involve the people in your communities in our service projects. Being active in your community lets you be visible and being visible will attract new members.

Thanks to each and every Lion in District 24E for your commitment to service. Let each of us encourage one another to be all that we can be as Lions and to be Beacons of Hope in your communities. Each lion in 24E is blessed to be in a position that we can help others. I hope that you will continue to reach beyond what you think is possible.

SIGNS OF LIFE - Guide to waking up recruiting efforts.

BE VISIBLE - Make sure you club is present in your community. Keep your website current, update your club brochures, make sure that officers have business cards, get out into your community for White Cane Days, Community Festivals and Meetings. All good ways to attract new members.

BE PREPARED - Create a five year plan, set timely goals along the way, create an action plan with membership drives and friendly competitions among lions for new members.

BE ORGANIZED - Ask each member to gather the names of 10 people they think would be great lions such as co-workers, neighbors, friends or relatives. The most important step in the process is to simply ask people you interact with on a daily basis. Invite them to a meeting to learn more about lions.

BE PERSISTENT - Don't lose touch with potential new lions. Call and invite them to a meeting once a month. Create a form letter to keep potential lions in the know about how your club is making a difference.

BE CELEBRATORY - Make each new member feel welcome and valued. Send a welcome letter to new lions and then make their first official meeting as a lion something special by creating a certificate to commemorate the day and take photos. Immediately expose new members to the outstanding programs, leaders and possibilities in your area and mentor new lions throughout the process.

Lion Bernice Leftwich, District Governor

January First VDG Report

Where is the year going? Over half of this Lions year is complete. As I travel with District Governor Bernice or while making visits for Retention or Special Needs Equipment Program, I have been amazed by the amount of work you have accomplished. Lions in District 24-E have helped local schools, fed needy families, clothed children, checked hearing and sight in school aged children, helped the elderly and sponsored scholarships for high school graduates. We are truly Loving Individuals Offering Needed Services as International President Sid Scruggs has said. Keep up the great efforts!

Membership, Membership, Membership! This is the major topic at each of the monthly DG Team meetings. District 24-E as of December 31 had a membership of 1002 in 37 clubs. Lions Clubs International Constitution and Bylaws state that a District in good standing has a minimum of 1250 members in a minimum of 35 clubs. This makes District 24-E a transitional district in the eyes of LCI. You can help reverse the trend of member reduction by keeping the current members in your club active and happy to be a Lion. You can also help by asking another person to join your Lions club. If you think now is the time to start a new club in your area, perhaps your club could sponsor a branch club. Rich Creek Lions Club has sponsored the Rich Creek Giles Breakfast Branch Lions Club. They now have seven members towards becoming a chartered club.

Times of adversity are also times of opportunity. The Lions of District 24-E need to meet the challenge of reversing the decline in membership. If you have an idea of how to help, please contact any member of the DG Team.

Lion Dallas Scott, First VDG

SECOND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S CORNER

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

Our District Bland music program is in full swing. I'm especially looking forward to hearing the young men and women performing at the different levels of competition.

These talented individuals devote much of their time and money to their musical endeavors and I encourage all Lions to support them whenever possible.

The club level Bland contest schedule is in this newsletter and is also posted on our District web-site. If you know of any student who would like to compete please contact the Bland chair-person listed.

Our District is searching for a candidate for Second Vice District Governor for 2011-2012. I know that there are many qualified Lions in our District who would make excellent Second Vice District Governor candidates.

I've enjoyed serving our District as Second Vice District Governor and I encourage any qualified Lion to take that next step of leadership.

Please contact District Governor Bernice Leftwich or First Vice District Governor Dallas Scott or Second Vice District Governor JJ Johnson or State Secretary/Treasurer Tammie Brightwell for additional information.

The qualifications for the office of Second Vice District Governor are listed in this newsletter and are also posted on our District web-site.

I'm very proud of all of the Lions in our District and their dedication to Lionism and their individual communities. Keep up the good work. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Yours in Lionism

**Lion JJ Johnson
Second Vice District Governor**

State Convention Information

Save the Dates – May 19-22, 2011

The Annual Virginia Lions State Convention will be held **May 19-22, 2011** at the Ramada Plaza Richmond West at 6624 West Broad Street Richmond, VA 23230. This is the same location at Interstate 64, Broad Street Road and Glenside exits, where the Convention has been held the past two times it was held in Richmond. Ramada has recently purchased the Sheraton to enhance the facilities with some much needed upgrades. Your Host Committee is hard at work completing all the details for the “*Museum themed*” weekend of fun and fellowship.

The Ramada Plaza offers us elegant and modern convention facilities, and is large enough to house everyone under one roof. That is right! No need for a priority list stating who stays where and having to deal with transportation between hotels... everything is in one place. Your Housing Committee has negotiated an excellent room rate of \$99.00, per day, for the convention. Also, parking is free at the hotel. For Reservations Call 1-800-272-6232 and make sure you note you are with the Virginia Lions State Convention. They can also be found on the Web at ramadaplazarichmondwest.com. Your club secretary will receive a package with a more detailed schedule at a later date. In addition to the scheduled events, there is always the fun and fellowship provided by the many Hospitality Rooms, which are open at specified times throughout the convention. Come meet and chat with the candidates for Virginia's Next International Director!

While you are in Richmond, please take the time to experience our unique history by visiting some of the area museums. With such a diverse selection, there is a museum for most every interest. We are featuring the recently renovated Virginia Museum of Fine Arts. Now is the time to talk about the convention within your club and to make your plans to attend this year's State Convention, May 19-22, 2011.

Check back in future newsletters and on-line at www.lions24b.org for updates.

Yours in Lionism,

Jay Overbey, PDG
24-B State Convention Chairman

2011 LIONS OF VIRGINIA STATE CONVENTION TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday, May 19

- 8:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Golf Outing - Sycamore Creek Golf Course
- 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Pin Traders /Exhibits
- 3:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Registration/Credentials
- 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Unhappy Hour – In Honor of Poe Museum

Friday, May 20

- 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Registration/Credentials
- 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Pin Traders /Exhibits
- 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. District Cabinet Meeting
- 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Spouses/Guest – Hospitality Room
- 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Lions of Virginia Foundation Board Meeting
- 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Lions Eyeglass Recycling Board Meeting
- 12:00 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. Pin Traders Luncheon
- 2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. General Session
- 4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Dinner on Your Own
- 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Bland Scholarship Contest
- 9:30 p.m. - Midnight Hospitality Rooms

Saturday, May 21

- 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. Past Governors Breakfast
- 7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Registration/Credentials
- 8:15 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. Memorial Service
- 9:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. Schools
- 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Lioness Annual Meeting
- 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Spouses/Guest – Hospitality Room
- 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Pin Traders /Exhibits
- 12:15 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Lions of Virginia Foundation Luncheon
- 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Second General Session
- 6:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m. Past District Governors Social
- 6:15 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. VIP Reception
- 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Convention Banquet/Main Address
- 9:30 p.m. - Midnight Hospitality Rooms

Sunday, May 22

- 7:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m. Non-Sectarian Worship Service
- 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Fellowship Breakfast
- 8:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. District Meetings
- 9:15 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Election Committee Meeting
- 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Final General Session
- 12:30 p.m. Joint Luncheon (District Governor/Governors Elect)

Partial List of Museums in Richmond Area

Black History Museum & Cultural Center of Va. (804) 780-9093 00 Clay Street, Richmond, VA 23219

Executive Mansion (804) 371-8687 Capitol Square 1111 East Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23219

Hollywood Cemetary (804) 648-8501 412 South Cherry Street, Richmond, Va. 23220

John Marshall House Museum (804) 648-7998 816 E. Marshall Street, Richmond, Va. 23219

Maggie L. Walker National Historic Site (804) 771-2017 600 North 2nd Street, Richmond Va. 23220

Museum of the Confederacy (804) 649-1861 1201 E. Clay St, Richmond, VA 23219 (804) 649-1861

Old Dominion Railway Museum (804) 233-6237 102 Hull Street Richmond, VA 23224-4240

Edgar Allen Poe Museum (804) 648-5523 - 1914-16 East Main Street, Richmond, VA 23223

Science Museum of Virginia (804) 864-1400 2500 West Broad Street, Richmond VA

St. John's Episcopal Church (804) 649-7938 2401 E. Broad Street, Richmond Va 23233

American Civil War Center at Tredegar (804) 780-1865 500 Tredegar Street, Richmond, VA 23219

Virginia Aviation Museum (804) 236-3622 5701 Huntsman Road, Richmond International Airport

Virginia Historical Society (804) 358-4901 428 North Boulevard, Richmond, Virginia 23220

Virginia Holocaust Museum (804) 257-5400 2000 East Cary Street, Richmond, Virginia 23223

Virginia Museum of Fine Arts (804) 340-1400 200 North Boulevard, Richmond, VA 23220

Nominations:

Article V, Section 3, of the Virginia Lions' Constitution states that the State Secretary-Treasurer shall notify each Lions Club in the State Organization of the names and addresses of the members of the Nominations Committee at least seventy-five (75) days prior to the convening of the Annual State Convention. Therefore, the names and addresses of the members of the 2011 Nominations Committee follow:

* 24-A PDG Charles L. Trigger	9903 Leavells Road, Fredericksburg, VA 22407
24-B Lion Michael Oglesby	7524 Prairie Road, Richmond, VA 23225
24-C PDG Charles Kipps	269 South Sunset Drive, Broadway, VA 22815
24-D PDG Joseph I. Brown	16 Garfield Drive, Newport News, VA 23608
24-E PCC Nelson Leftwich, Jr.	1724 Grand View Road, Bedford, VA 24523
24-F PDG Carl Tolley	P.O. Box 542, Rural Retreat, VA 24368

(* General Chairperson)

Any club wishing to place the name of one of its members in nomination for the Office of District Governor, 1st Vice District Governor or 2nd Vice District Governor must submit a letter giving the name and physical address of such candidate, his/her occupation, and qualifying positions (at both club and district level). The letter must be signed by both the Club President and Secretary, certifying that the candidate's nomination was endorsed by the club or that the candidate was endorsed by the majority of the clubs in the sub-district.

The original letter must be submitted to the General Chairperson of the Nominations Committee (PDG Charles L. Trigger), with a signed copy to the State Secretary-Treasurer, at least sixty (60) days prior to the convening of the State Convention, which will occur on May 20, 2011. As a courtesy, clubs also usually send copies of the letter to their respective District Governor and to the sub-district Nominations Committee Chairperson, if that Lion is not the General Chairperson of the Nominations Committee. Deadline for letters will be March 21, 2011.

Tammie J. Brightwell, State Secretary

Candidate Qualifications For Second Vice District Governor:

Any Lion who:

Is an active member in good standing in a club that is in good standing.

Is endorsed by his/her club or the majority of the clubs in the single or sub-District.

Has served as club President and a member of the Board of Directors of the club for two years and as a Zone or Region chairperson or Cabinet Secretary or Cabinet Treasurer, with none of these offices having been accomplished concurrently. A Lion must hold these offices for a full term or major portion thereof.



***MD 24 Lions of Virginia
International Convention
Seattle, Washington
Dinner Excursion
July 6, 2011***

The Council of Governors has approved an evening Dinner excursion for the Virginia Delegation and guests on July 6, 2011.

Itinerary: The Tillicum Village experience begins with a 45-minute narrated cruise on the Puget Sound from downtown Seattle to Blake Island State Park. Upon arrival to Tillicum Village, we will be greeted with an appetizer of steaming clams in nectar. Inside the longhouse, watch as whole salmon are cooked over an alder-wood fire on cedar stakes in the traditional Northwest Coast Indian style. Our meal will be served banquet style and consists of Traditional Alder Baked Salmon, Northwest Stew, Wild Grain Harvest Rice, Warm Whole Grain Tillicum Bread, Field Green Salad, Three Bean Salad, Fresh Fruit Salad and Chocolate Chunk Brownie with Marionberry Swirl for dessert. Vegetarian options are available. As we finish our meal, the lights dim while the myth and magic come to life in the spellbinding performance of Dance on the Wind, featuring dances in the spirit of coastal tribes. The Virginia Hotel is four blocks from Pier 55 where we will all gather for our Northwest adventure. There website is www.tillicumvillage.com

COST: \$65.00 per person – includes meals, transportation and admissions. (LCI is offering the same trip at the cost of \$99.00 per person)

Deadline for registration: April 1, 2010

The Council of Governors have asked that all interested have paid registrations submitted by this date. Please complete and mail to:

State Secretary Tammie Brightwell
5004 Colonial Ave., SW
Roanoke, VA 24018

Name(s):

Address

(Street) PO Box

(City) (State) (Zip)

Telephone Number:

Amount Enclosed:

\$ _____

Please make checks payable to Lions of Virginia

* If required number of reservations are not received by April 1, alternate plans will be made for a Virginia Delegation event and payment will be returned.

LIONS CLUBS BLAND MUSIC CONTEST DATES

REGION I

FOREST LIONS CLUB: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2011

Contact: First VDG Dallas Scott @ 434-525-8496 E-mail: dallas.scott@areva.com

BOONES MILL LIONS CLUB: THURSDAY FEBRUARY 24, 2011

Contact: Lion Dot Wimmer @ 540-334-5987

MARTINSVILLE-HENRY COUNTY: Sunday, February 20, 2011

Contact: Lion Cliff Rood @ 276-638-7087 E-mail: jwrood@juno.com

WILLIAMSON ROAD LIONS CLUB: Sunday, February 27, 2011

Contact: Lion Linda All @ 540-366-1038 E-mail: linda.all@leclairryan.com

REGION II

ROANOKE VALLEY BREAKFAST LIONS CLUB: Sunday, February 27, 2011

Contact: Lion JJ Johnson @ 540-772-3203 E-mail: cardudel@cox.net

CAVE SPRING LIONS CLUB: Sunday, February 20, 2011

Contact: PDG Lynn Slonaker @ 540-774-5695 E-mail: lynnpdg@yahoo.com

REGION I BLAND CONTEST: SUNDAY, MARCH 13, 2011/FERRUM COLLEGE 2:00 pm

REGION II BLAND CONTEST: SUNDAY MARCH 20, 2011/CAVE SPRING UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 2:00 PM

DISTRICT BLAND CONTEST: SUNDAY, MAY 1, 2011/CAVE SPRING UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 2:00 PM

STATE BLAND CONTEST: FRIDAY MAY 20, 2011/RICHMOND, VA. 7:30 PM

CONTACT DISTRICT BLAND CHAIRMAN LION JJ JOHNSON @ 540-772-3203 E-MAIL: cardudel@cox.net for additional information.

LIONS CLUBS OFFICERS TRAINING

There will be a Training School for Lions Clubs Officers (President, Secretary, & Treasurer) who were unable to attend the training sessions at the Lions of Virginia State Convention or the District 24-E training school held on June 5th.

Please share this information with the members of your Lions Club.

Our second District 24-E Lions Clubs officers training will be held on Saturday, February 19, 2011, at 10:00 am at the New River Criminal Justice Training Academy which is located at 3165 Greenbriar Road, Draper, VA. This will be an opportunity to have hands-on computer training. Directions from Roanoke and points east: Take I-81 south to exit 92 and turn left at the end of the ramp. Go approximately 3/10's of a mile and the academy is on the right side of the road. From points west: Take I-81 north to exit 92. Turn right at the end of the ramp and go approximately 2/10's of a mile and the academy is on the right side of the road.

President's training will be conducted by PDG Jo Nelson, Secretary's training will be conducted by PCC Nelson Leftwich, Treasurer's training will be conducted by Lion Tom Crush, and a presentation on leadership development will be conducted by PDG Bill Brammer. It is necessary to attend a training school if you want to qualify for an award for your position and your club.

We definitely need to work together to strengthen our obligations to our clubs and our district. I hope to see all of you at our second district school.

In the spring we will be conducting Lions Club Officers Training Schools in Roanoke and Draper for incoming officers for the 2011-2012 Lions year before any of you are installed into your new or retained position.

I hope to see most of the Lions Clubs Officers who were not able to attend either of the earlier training sessions. We definitely need to work together to strengthen our obligations to our clubs and our district.

PDG Bill Brammer, District 24-E Leadership Development Chair

New e-mail addresses:

Lion Carl Stump's new club e-mail address is fortlewislion@comcast.net

The new website address is district.24e.website@comcast.net

Peace Poster

Winner: Nicholas Young, 6th grader from Benajamin Franklin Middle School in Franklin County. Sponsored by Smith Mountain Lake Lions Club.

If your club didn't sponsor a contest this year, but wants to try this great project in 2011-2012, contest kits are currently available from LCI. The 2011-2012 theme is Children Know Peace. If you need assistance on setting up a program please give PDG JO a call at 540-598-4219.

LOVF

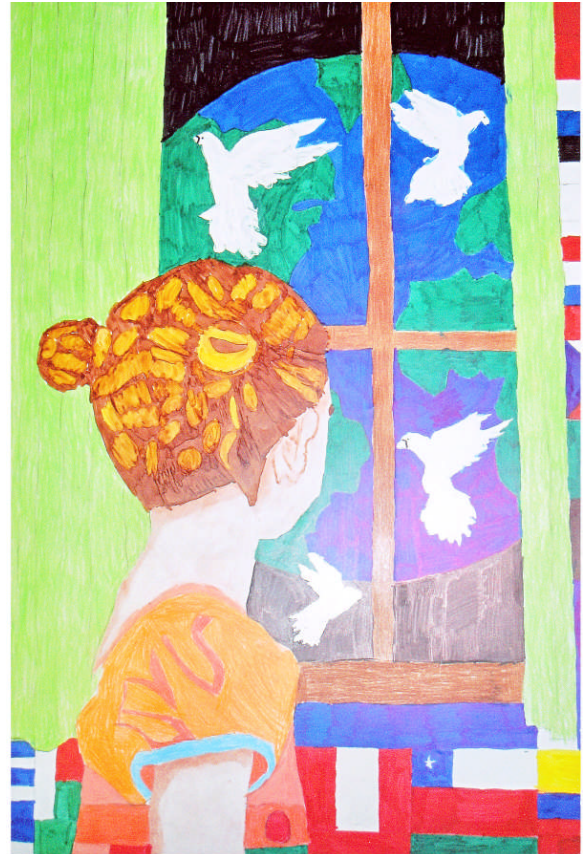
LOVF is more than just a great way to raise money for your club, it's alive and actively involved in 24E. Did you know that LOVF funded a major community project right around the corner in 2010? Next time you drive to Smith Mountain Lake, take time to visit the new Moneta Community Park in Bedford County. LOVF provided \$10,000 in matching funds to the Moneta Lions Club to build a beautiful picnic pavilion for all to enjoy.

LOVF has also been actively involved in 24E's success in meeting special needs equipment requests over the last two years. VDG Dallas has been able to stretch our special needs funds by using matching grants from LOVF. Between local club donations, 24E foundation special needs contributions, and LOVF matching gifts; we've done great things and changed lives!

Be part of this work by contributing to LOVF! You can do this in several ways:

1. If you need a quick and easy way to raise money for your club, selling LOVF raffle tickets may just be the right project for your club. For every book of raffle tickets sold, the club gets to keep \$20 and LOVF gets \$10. Tickets sell for \$1 a piece so they're easy to sell. If you haven't tried LOVF raffle tickets before, give PDG Jo a call at 540-598-4219 and she'll help you organize your project.
2. Make a personal or club donation. Donations can be forwarded to VDG JJ or to District Rep PDG Jo. Both addresses are in the directory.
3. You or your club can honor someone as a distinguished humanitarian. The Humanitarian is a beautiful plaque and pin set. This high honor can be bestowed for \$750. For more information on a humanitarian presentation contact PDG JO or PID Richard Chaffin.

Submitted by Lion Jo Nelson



2011 CAMP TOO SWEET

I will share with you what I currently know about Camp Too Sweet which will be held at Camp Bethel. Their address is 328 Bethel Road, Fincastle, VA 24090. The projected cost for full week attendees is \$330.00 for ages 8-13 and \$375 for ages 14-16. There will NOT be any day campers.

Camp Too Sweet is changing sites this year to have better sleeping facilities for CTS attendees, to be able to have facilities for a greater number than 60, and to have a swimming pool on site so busses will NOT have to be procured to carry the young diabetes to a site where they will have the opportunity to swim.

At this point our District 24-E DG, VDG 1, VDG2, and our District Camp Too Sweet Chair have not had an opportunity to meet with Carilion Clinic Personnel about this year's camp. It appears that we will have a meeting in February, followed with a meeting of our CTS Committee and representatives from Districts 24 B & C and hopefully 24 F.

You will be notified of updates as soon as we have them through The Lions Pride, our District 24-E Web Site, and information sent to all of the Lions Clubs in our district.

We definitely need as much financial assistance as all of our Lions Clubs in District 24-E can donate. Please send your donations to Lion JJ Johnson, District 24-E Secretary/Treasurer, P.O. Box 13051, Roanoke, VA 24030-5051.

PDG Bill Brammer, District 24-E Diabetes Awareness and Camp Too Sweet Chair

PCC G. Kenneth Isaac, Jr., for Virginia's Candidate for International Director

The Clifton Lions Club in 24-A very proudly presents PCC Ken Isaac for Virginia's Candidate for the high office of International Director of Lions Clubs International. Lion Ken has been a member of our Clifton Club since October 1970 and has served on our board since 1973. He served the Club as a 100% President in 1975-76, and was honored with our "Lion of the Year" Award in 1973-74 and again in 1976-77.

Lion Ken has been a deeply involved individual at the District level, as evidenced by his service on the District Cabinet since 1976. His service includes being the Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer, Deputy District Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and was the District Governor of 24-A in 1982-83. In addition to these positions of leadership, he has served as the Secretary of the Northern Virginia Lions Youth Camp from 1981 to 1985.

In addition, he served as President of the Youth Camp from 1985 to 1989. Lion Ken is a Certified Guiding Lion and has sponsored 12 new members. He is proud of his attendance and involvement in more than 30 Fall and Winter Conferences in our District. Service at the Multiple District level includes a year, in 1982-1983, as Chairman of the Council of Governors. In addition, he has been chosen on several occasions to be the General Chairman for MD-24 Constitution and By-Laws. Another area of interest has been his dedicated service to the Old Dominion Eye Foundation in

Richmond. He has been involved in that wonderful organization since 1983 and served as the President in 1998-2000.

In recognition of his outstanding service, Lion Ken was honored by the Foundation with a coveted Life Membership in 2007. PCC Ken is a Melvin Jones Fellow and has been honored with a Life Membership of Lions Clubs International in 1991. He also has been honored as a Lions of Virginia Foundation Distinguished Humanitarian in 1996. Because of his work at the international level of Lionism, he has been singularly honored with two International Presidents medals and two International President Certificates of Appreciation. The awards that he truly cherishes are the three Club Extension Awards that tells the world that he has been actively involved in the formation of those three new Lions Clubs.

He is keenly aware of the tremendous responsibility that goes with being an International Director. This has been acquired over the years as a result of his close personal relationship with many of the Lions leaders of the world. Lion Ken has attended 25 MD-24 State Conventions and has gone to 13 USA-Canada Leadership Forums. In addition, he has not only attended 19 International Conventions, he has, as I indicated above, been closely involved with helping many of our Lions leaders during these gathering of Lions from all over the world.

Lion Ken and his wife, Lion Pat, have worked the RAM Project in Wise County for the past seven years, and for the past two years, they have been in charge of the all-important food services for the thousands of workers who give of their time to help make life a little better for the multitude of needy folks in that part of our State. On the family level, Lions Ken and Pat have been married for 47 wonderful years and are the proud parents of three children and eight grandchildren.

At the MD-24, Virginia, State Convention in Richmond on May 19-11, 2011, Lion Ken and our entire Club invite you to our hospitality room. We also obviously ask that, after consideration of PCC Ken's qualifications and work within our great association, that you join us in giving Lion Ken Isaac your vote for the opportunity to serve Virginia as a member of the Board of Directors of Lions Clubs International.



Lions of Virginia, District 24-E, Region I, Zone II Meeting

On December 6th the Lions of Virginia, District 24-E, Region I, Zone II met at the Gereau Center, Rocky, Mount. This zone is comprised of six Lions Clubs; Boones Mill, Ferrum, Martinsville/Henry County, Rocky Mount, Smith Mountain Lake and Stuart. The meeting was hosted by Lion Kirk Sampson, center, Zone II Chairperson (SML Lions). He set the stage for the evening's discussion topic "Service projects our clubs can do for little or no budget." Lion Delmer Bailey, left, District Public Relations Chair, (Moneta Lions) offered his "Public Relation Presentation" to the clubs present. Lion Rob Senoski, second from right, District Safety Chair, (Moneta Lions) spoke at length on the Smoke Alarm installation project Moneta Lions did for the moneta Volunteer Fire Dept. and other projects with CVAAA, Lake Christian Ministries and the local school Nurses. Lion Susie

Crow, second for left, District Campus Chair, (Ferrum Lions) spoke of their project, working with college students to collect can goods from neighborhoods for LCM. Lion Dallas Scott, right, first Vice District Governor and District Special Needs Equipment Chair, (Forest Lions) said their club is participating in a "Book Buddy" reading program at a local school. He also offered his "Special Needs Presentation" to the clubs. At the end of the meeting, Lion Kirk challenged the clubs to pick a new project from the list and give it a try.

Submitted by Lion Delmer Bailey, District P.R. Chair

RICH CREEK – GILES BREAKFAST BRANCH CLUB CELEBRATES THE HOLIDAYS TOGETHER

Members of Rich Creek-Giles Breakfast Branch Lions Club and their guests celebrated the holidays together with a dinner at The Bank Fine Food and Drink in Pearisburg on Thursday evening December 16. Those attending were: Club Administrator Lion Charlie Herbert and his wife Lion Betty, Club Co-Administrator Lion Al Katz and his wife Mary, Lion Edna Malloy and her husband Brett, Lion Stephen Haight, District 24 E Governor Bernice Leftwitch and her husband HOG Nelson, and prospective member Jimm Burton. Members also attended the Christmas gathering hosted by their host club, Rich Creek Lions Club.



Pictured: From head of table moving right at back of table: Club Co-Administrator Lion Al Katz, Mary Katz, Lion Edna Malone, Brett Malone, Lion Stephen Haight. From Right Front of table: Club Administrator Lion Charlie Herbert, Lion Betty Herbert, guest Jimm Burton, HOG Nelson Leftwich, District 24E Governor Bernice Leftwich.

RICH CREEK – GILES BREAKFAST BRANCH LIONS CLUB PLANS FOR COMING YEAR

Rich Creek-Giles Breakfast Branch Lions Club held its regular, monthly meeting on Thursday January 20 at Pembroke United Methodist Church. This being the first meeting of 2011 most of the meeting was spent planning for the coming year.

The club's first outreach project will be in assisting the Blacksburg Host Lions Club with eye screenings for the participants in The Special Olympics Basketball Tournament which will be held at Cassell Coliseum at Virginia Tech on Sunday, February 20th. During the year the club will be hosting public meetings covering information regarding Diabetes Awareness and Hearing Education. Dates will be announced as these events have been coordinated. Other projects will be done in partnership with the host club, Rich Creek Lions Club. Some entertaining fund raisers are in the planning stages as well and will be announced at a later date. The club will also host an informational meeting sometime in the spring. The club, located in Pembroke, is the newest Lions Club in Giles County and the first to serve the eastern part of the county.

Submitted by Lion Betty Herbert

Dublin Lions Club

The Dublin Lions take a break from fundraising during the winter months, but stay busy helping our community with various projects.



We were blessed to be able this year to expand our support of several community organizations as well. Pictured here is President Marty Alford presenting a check for \$2,625.00 to Christy McMann of Fairview Home in Dublin. Fairview is a retirement home/nursing facility, and this money will be used to purchase new mattresses for 15 residents.

At this same meeting we presented a check for \$1,000.00 to Pulaski Daily Bread. This group of volunteers prepares and serves over 100 meals daily to people in need. Dublin Lions have also volunteered time, to prepare and serve meals there as well. We also collect non-perishable food items and/or cash donations at each monthly meeting for this organization. This goes along well with International President Sid Scrugg's initiative to reduce global hunger.

Dublin continues to sponsor the Red Cross Bloodmobile several times a year. Last year we sponsored 6 at our clubhouse with over 400 pints collected. We recently held one on January 24th with 59 pints collected. Lions volunteer time at these events to support the Red Cross, providing our famous Lion dogs to those who work and donate blood.

As always, our budgetary focus is on eye exams and glasses for those in Pulaski County who can't afford these services. Our monthly budget is over \$2,500.00 and we are definitely seeing the need increase during this economic downturn. Our committee chairman, Dave Conner, receives over 50 requests each month which have to be screened.

We would like to remind everyone that our semi-annual Flea Market will be coming up on June 4-5th. So mark your calendars and please come join us!

In December we gathered at both entrances to the Walmart store in Dublin. There we rang the bell for the Salvation Army from 8am to 5pm. The total collections were \$923.00 with our club also contributing \$250.00.

Pictured here from left to right are Lions Pete Capaldini, Bob Donley, Frank Thomas, and Ron Underwood.



Bedford Host Lions Club

Since the last newsletter, the Bedford Host Lions Club has sponsored three fairly successful fund raising events. The first weekend in November the Bedford Women's Club held a craft show at Bedford Elementary School, which drew hundreds of people. Our club sold cactus pear jelly, corn chowder on Saturday and white bean chili on Sunday.

We sponsored a Red Cross Blood Drive on Monday before Thanksgiving. Although the numbers were not as high as projected, we did collect over 40 units of blood and had 3 first time donors. We will be sponsoring another drive on February 21st.

Starting the Friday after Thanksgiving we sold Fraser fir Christmas trees at the Farmers Market in downtown Bedford. We are fortunate to have this location since it has lights, restroom facilities and is under cover. We sold out of trees in three weeks.

Also during the month of December, civic clubs, churches and other organizations were invited to place Christmas trees in the Bedford Visitors Center. The club decorated a tree with recycled glasses and other Lions Club items. We also placed an eyeglass recycle box next to the tree and collected a number of glasses. We took 174 used glasses and 2 used hearing aids to the recycle center in Roanoke.



The club made a \$400 donation to the Bedford County Dept. of Social Services to purchase clothes for the children in the Foster Care Program.

The club sponsored our first Peace Poster Contest. We had over 100 participants from the 5th and 6th grades at Bedford Elementary School. We hope to expand the contest to the Bedford Middle School next year.

We always place empty baby bottles on the tables at each of our meetings. This is for members to put their pocket change or green pictures of dead presidents in for the Bedford Pregnancy Center. We donate all proceeds to the Pregnancy Center in addition to making a donation from the club.



We held our annual Italian Night dinner on January 22nd. We had great participation by the club members and served over 100 dinners. The final count is not in yet but it looks like it was successful.

Submitted by PDG Lion Nelson Leftwich

Bedford Breakfast Lions Club

Bedford Breakfast Lion's Club President Ricky Gardner and Past President Mike Brown present Paul Tesi, Director of the Bedford County Group Home, with gifts cards and Christmas treats for the kids at the group home. Each of the 30 residents will receive a \$20.00 Wal-Mart gift card from the club for Christmas. Currently there are 24 young people living at the BCGH and 6 others living in apartments. The BBLC took the Bedford County Group Home on as a community project this year and in July donated two storage buildings after learning that the kids did not have a place to store their bikes.

Submitted by Lion Ricky Gardner



Vinton Luncheon Lions Club

Lion Delmer Bailey, LOVA District 24-E Cabinet Public Relations Chair, gave a P.R. presentation to the Vinton Luncheon Lions Club on Thursday, November 11. The club meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays at noon at the Vinton Bowling Lanes for lunch and a business meeting. Pictured are, l to r, Lions Delton Ramsey, Cam and Donna Cole, Bruce Mayer, Jim Reynolds (Pres.), Delmer Bailey and Richard Turner. The photo was taken by Betty Reynolds, a soon to be Lion.

Submitted by Lion Delmer Bailey

ROCKY MOUNT LIONS CLUB

We have sponsored two blue grass type concerts. One was on December 4th which was so-so and one on January 22nd which sold out the Franklin County High School Auditorium. The great success was a Daley and Vincent concert. They have won the first place for Blue Grass performers for the past three years. We are planning to have them back on March 24, 2012. Since this was their second year with us, and they are so great that we have agreed upon a yearly concert sponsored by Rocky Mount Lions Club.

We have inducted two new members this Lions year and will induct another new member on February 8th. We still have several members who are recruiting new members. We do have a hope and goal of increasing our membership this year.



Induction of new Lion Susan Lynch and her Sponsor Lion Raymond Williams (her Great Uncle)



Induction by District Governor Bernice Leftwich of Lion Robb Herbst sponsored by PDG Bill Brammer

Submitted by Lion Bill Brammer, Rocky Mount Lions Club President

Smith Mountain Lake Lions Club



Area bridge players enjoyed a great afternoon of testing their skills at the SML Lions Club Bridge Tournament on November 11 at Trinity Ecumenical Church. Both duplicate and party bridge contests took place. The winners (pictured left to right) were Norma Jarrett, Dick Henty, Judy Phelps, Jim Gutzweiler, Carol Hendrix, and Dick Hendrix. Not only did participants have fun and enjoy a delicious lunch, they also raised almost \$800 to support the Lions various community service activities.



Susan Epling (left), Vice President of Bedford Hospice House Board of Directors, accepts a donation from Lion Tom Smith on behalf of the SML Lions Club. They are standing in front of Bedford House under construction on Falling Creek Road in Bedford. Epling indicated that the new House will hopefully be open in April 2011.



The annual packing of the food baskets at Lake Christian Ministries (LCM) took place on November 22. Twenty SML Lions Club members plus other LCM volunteers packed approximately 400 bags with traditional Thanksgiving food staples in assembly line fashion. The bags of food plus either a ham or turkey were distributed to LCM clients on November 23. Participating SML Lions were Ron Holasek (Event Chairman for the Lions), Ralph Long, Don Jakob, George Berndt, Gerry Lewis, Tom Fansler, Gary Slusher, Lowell Skelton, Ron Jamison, Bob Carter, Bill Telford, Dick Kingan, Carmen Singer, Gene Singer, Win Tennies, Tom Merriman, Ray Holt, Mike Jackson, Jim Miller, and Jerry McNulty. Lion McNulty and his wife, Colleen, are Co-Managers of the LCM food pantry.



The New River Valley Multiple Sclerosis Society presented its 2010 Community Partner Award to the SML Lions Club in recognition of the Lions participation in Respite Week. SML Lions provided Lake boat rides for over 150 Respite Week participants in September. Lion Bill Telford (left), Chairman of the event for the Lions, and Lion Ralph Long, SML Lions Club President, are shown displaying the award.



Ferrum College students teamed with Ferrum and SML Lions to collect over 3300 food items in the Smith Mountain Lake, Rocky Mount, and Ferrum areas. The collected food was distributed among Lake Christian Ministries, Heavenly Manna, God's Provision, and St. Johns church in Ferrum. Lion Susie Crow was the overall coordinator; approximately 180 students from 29 Ferrum College student clubs participated in the drive. Lion Ron Holasek was the SML Lions coordinator. SML Lions John Carlson, Tom Scott, Tom Sanders, Bill Telford, Tom Hofelich, Mike Jackson, Kirk Sampson, Dennis Payne, and Gary Slusher served as neighborhood coordinators.

Ferrum Lion Dan Krupp was actively involved in

counting and distributing the food. This is the 9th year that Ferrum students have done this food drive as part of a competition among schools in the USA South Conference. Pictured with some of the Ferrum students are SML Lions Tom Sanders (back row, left) and Bill Telford (back row, right).

Members of the SML Lions Club demonstrated their assembly line production skills in preparing Christmas food bags for Lake Christian Ministries clients. Over 300 bags filled with fresh fruit (provided by the SML Lions Club) and goodies for a pancake breakfast were packed on December 17. Lions participating (roughly left to right) were Jerry McNulty, Ron Holasek, Bob, Carter, Tom Scott, Mike Jackson, Ralph Long, Tom Merriman, Gerry Lewis, Carmen Singer, Gene Singer, Bob Kosel, John Porter, Ron Jamison, Lowell Skelton, Gary Slusher, Kirk Sampson, and George Sterling



Submitted by Lion Al Miller

Moneta Lions Club



Mike Bond, center, President of the Board of Directors at Lake Christian Ministries (LCM) in Moneta, accepts a donation check presented by the Moneta Lions Club. With December having been the fourth coldest December on record, having an average temperature of 31.3 degrees, the donated funds will be used to help offset utility and heating bills of area residents in need. Club members wish to thank all of their generous area residents, and business owners for their continued support in making this endowment possible. Pictured with Mr. Bond are Moneta Lions Tim Hear, Del Bailey, Rob Senoski, and Gloria Guice.



Members of the Moneta Lions Club recently took on the roles of "Santa's Elves", when they visited the Moneta Dining Center of the Central Virginia Agency on Aging (CVAAA), on Wednesday December 22th. The Elves, Rob Senoski seated center with tie, standing Gloria Guice, and Sarah Hunt along with the dinning center's manager Joyce Branson distributed Shop Rite gift cards, and hand crafted Christmas Tree ornament mittens to all in attendance on behalf of the Moneta Lions.

Pictured are just a few members of the Moneta Lions Club who meet the third Monday of each month at the Lions Sight Foundation Building located at 5th and Elm Streets in Roanoke to recycle used eyeglasses. The eye glasses are first washed and sanitized using dishwashers, the prescriptions are read, recorded, then individually packaged and sorted in preparation for distribution around the world to those in need. From left are Lions Jim Smith, Bart and Corrine Matthies, Gloria Guice, Del and Pat Bailey, Rob Senoski, who enjoyed a festive luncheon at the Hotel Roanoke following their "recycling" morning, Monday Dec. 20th.



Pictured are members of the Moneta Lions Clubs modeling a few of the more than fifty children's winter ski caps which have since been sent to Grundy Virginia, the site of just one of several Remote Area Medical (RAM) expeditions the club supports. The winters hats were all hand made, by members, and friends of members. The project, spearheaded by Lion Gloria Guice, the club's Youth Services Chairperson, was overwhelmingly supported by all members.



The Moneta Club recently recognized two local artists in the Peace Poster Contest, rewarding each with a Certificate of Achievement plus a one hundred dollar US Savings Bond. Pictured are Lion Gloria Guice with Huddleston Elementary School's artist Madison Horacek, her Principal Aprille Monroe, and Lion Rob Senoski. The winning entry from Thaxton Elementary was Thomas Bandy, center, with Lions Gloria Guice and Rob Senoski.



Club members gathered food items for four complete Thanksgiving Dinner, including whole turkeys. Pictured are Lions Helen Pierce and Rob Senoski. Standing, Lions Sarah Hunt, Farris Maddox, Gloria Guice, Del and Pat Bailey, Amy Arnold, Pat Maddox, Jim Smith, Lynne Philbin, Tim Haer, Joan Brackin, Jim Hunt, Jerry Over, and Chuck Dideon, with Lion Clyde Rodgers behind the camera. The assembled meals were then delivered to a second party to be delivered anonymously.



Lions George Just, Del Bailey, and Tim Haer were on hand early for set up at the Annual Chili Festival. The event is presented by the Smith Mountain Lake Regional Chamber of Commerce, and was held at the Bridgewater Plaza in Moneta, on a "chilly" Saturday morning November 6th. This year's event featured some 20 chili specialists, competing for the "People's Choice Award," On site were many vendors selling their wares, and hand made crafts. The Moneta Lions helped raise funds for (LOVF) by selling raffle tickets. The Club thanks all who purchased tickets, brooms manufactured by the visually impaired/blind, reusable canvas grocery bags, and for supporting their new venture, "Funnel Cakes". Lions Pat Bailey, Rob Senoski, Chuck Dideon, Farris Maddox and Bart Matthies, were also present assisting at the booth, and enjoying the festivities.



Lion Secretary Pat Bailey and Lion President Jerry Over both received a "Key Award" on behalf of Lions Clubs International, for successfully opening the door to Lionism to at least two new members. The awards read in part, "Be assured, the officers and directors of Lions Clubs International join Lions worldwide in expressing sincere congratulations to Lion Pat and Lion Jerry for demonstrating an active commitment to the growth and strength of the association."

The Moneta Lions Club is having their Eleventh Annual Moneta Lions Club Golf Outing Fundraiser. The event will be held on April 18, 2011 at the local Mariners Landing Golf Club. The club members are presently soliciting sponsors. This continues to be the largest fund-raiser of the year. A golf application and letter will be sent to nearby Lions Clubs early in March. For more information, contact Lion Del Bailey at 540.297.3519.

Submitted by Lion Rob Senoski

Forest Lions Club

Late 2009, the Forest Lions Club embarked on a community needs assessment. Twenty seven letters and questionnaires were sent to schools and churches in the Forest, Virginia area to solicit their respective needs and their suggestions on what the Forest Lions might do to satisfy those needs.

The Club was surprised and somewhat disappointed that only five responses were returned and even among those five there were few specific needs identified and even fewer suggestions on how the Lions might help. The response that was specific and stood out from the others was from the New London Academy Elementary School. New London identified a need for book buddies (adult volunteers who would read to and with the younger students).

Based on the information received, the Forest Lions Club contacted the Counselor at New London to discuss the Lions interest in fulfilling this need during the 2010 - 2011 school year. In mid September, a group of Lions attended a Volunteer Orientation hosted by Ms. Tammy Parlier, Principal of New London and on October 4 the first Lion arrived to meet his two "Book Buddies".

A total of 11 Lions have volunteered to serve as "Book Buddies" and each school day a Lion reads to or with two students. Most students are just beginning to read and time spent is devoted to reviewing the alphabet, pointing out new words and rudimentary reading.



Forest Lions Club President Bill Henderson has stated, "The Club's partnership with New London Academy is rewarding in many ways. We are given the opportunity of serving the community, of helping to expand the minds of these students through reading and ultimately by reaping the reward of seeing the smiles on the faces of those we have the privilege of serving".

Lion Bill Henderson, President of the Forest Lions Club, reads to his Book Buddies at New London Academy

Submitted by Lion George Mohrmann, Publicity Chairman

Troutville Lions Club



Lion Secretary Susie Argabright presented Lion Henry Amos with his 40 year Lions pin at the annual Christmas Dinner.

Submitted by Lion Stan Diez



Lion President Helen Tippie presents gourmet apple butter to "Together for Troutville" program speakers Len Miller and Sybille Nelson.

Cave Spring Lions Club



Lion Chuck Jordan leads the Lions chorus of Angela Sawh, Jane Nash and Noel Cosby accompanied by the Cave Spring Lions Harmonic(a) Orchestra at the Christmas Party



260 lbs. of food was donated to the Food Pantry from the Christmas Party.



Lion President Jim congratulates Peace Poster winners Ida McMillan-Zapt, from Woodrow Wilson Middle School and Madison Fitzgerald, from James Madison Middle School. Ida also received a Certificate of Achievement for Artistic Merit from the District Governor.

Photos by Dharam Sawh

Think Spring!

**For more information visit:
E-clubhouse.org/sites/forestva**



Community Kite Flight



**Awards will be presented for
the following kites:**

- * the smallest
- * the largest
- * the best looking
- * the best homemade
- * the most futuristic



**Show off your kite fighting
skills! Competition will be
divided by novice and pro.**

**Registration fee:
\$5 first category
\$10 kite fighting**

**The Forest Lions Club will
be hosting the Community
Kite Flight March 19, 2011
from 10am until 2pm (rain
date March 26) at the
Forest Youth Athletic Park,
located on Thomas
Jefferson Road.**

