



# The Lions Pride

District 24-E

Happy Spring !

April 2009



**District  
Governor**

**Melvin "Bud"  
Chambless  
2008 – 2009**

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## A NOTE FROM THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR 24E

### Membership

It appears the economy is having an impact on our efforts to increase our membership this year. We are doing better at retention than the other districts but we need to do better. The following is a recap District goals based on International President Brandel's areas of emphasis for this year.

### Family Membership

While we are slightly down in this area, we have some new family units which should bring us back to even for the first three quarters of this Lions' Year.

### Women Membership

Going into the last quarter of this Lions' Year, we have exceeded our goal to increase the number who are Lions in District 24-E.

### Retention

Our retention efforts are seeing mixed results when you look at the raw statistics. However, when the numbers are put together, we are achieving the District's goal for Retention.

The goal for the year was to reduce the attrition rate by ½ of 1 percent. We are currently at .65 of 1 percent. While I had hoped for better results, the District will achieve this goal if we are vigilant in our Retention efforts.

### Alternative Membership Status

This has been used in a few Clubs and has had positive results. I believe we should pursue their use when deemed appropriate. Please E-mail me for more on this area. [phdchambless@msn.com](mailto:phdchambless@msn.com)

### Community Service

This is one of the areas that Lions International President Al Brandel has chosen as one of goals for this year. We really need to get out and initiate community service projects not only for this year but for the future as well.

### Partnership

This not just a 10 letter word when you actively involve others in our Lions' projects and programs. It is a means of first having more manpower to achieve the needs of our local community and second a source of new members. The best recruitment tool is to get people involved in what we do and they will want to become a member.

## Identify Community Needs

Lions do not have all of the keys to success. There are many leaders in our community who are ready to share their ideas and thoughts on what our communities need. When we include them, we are all better for having them involved. Synergy is not a Lions exclusive word but when we use in concern with others we achieve greater results for the community.

## Action Plans

Ideas on paper are just that! When you bring people of the community together and have them create an action plan and assign task and responsibilities, we have a project that becomes our driving force.

## Lions Clubs International Foundation

### LCIF District Coordinators

Starting this year, LCIF is starting a new program which will use District Coordinators to advance the goals and objectives of this vital program. The individuals chosen to serve in this role will have to commit to four years to ensure their maximum value to LCIF.

## Fund Raising

This is a very important aspect of the program goals and objectives. It will take the input of all of the Lions in our District to maximize the potential of the goals and needs

of people in our communities, state and our international community.

## Grants

Many Lions believe that we are the supply side of the Foundation; however, over the last number of years, we receive more funds by way of grants than donation we make to LCIF. This is only to say that LCIF looks first to the needs of the International Community and not to the location that has the need.

## Children's Programs

### Lions Quest

Lion Dallas Scott has completed a second round of applying for a Virginia Tobacco Settlement Foundation Grant (VTSF.) We are current in the posture of waiting to find out if we will receive funding for our proposal this year for the schools in Bedford County.

As many of you know, we were unsuccessful in our initial bid to win a VTSF grant. This Lion Dallas and I saw as a challenge to work harder to achieve this goal for the District.

### Peace Poster Contest

It is not too early to start planning for next fall. When the students have all summer to work

on their posters, the results is awesome. Please consider starting prior to the time school closes for the summer.

## Bland Music Festival

Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer Lion JJ has done an outstanding job on this program. There are two very important dates coming up. The first one is our District Bland Festival finals on April 19th at 2:30 PM. It will take place at the Cave Springs United Methodist Church. Please invite your friends to accompany you to the District Contest. Many of these young adults have never performed for a large crowd. A large crowd will help them prepare for the great audience that we have at the State Contest.

We really appreciate Lions Bates and Ann Killinger's arranging this excellent site for this contest.

The second date is the State Bland Contest which will be held on May 29th at the State Convention.

## Election of Officers and PU-101s

This should be completed by April 15th and results sent to the District Governor.

While it is early, we are receiving PU-101s and expect to have good responses from all of our Clubs. It is important to get them in to assure LCI will be able to correspond with our new officers.

For the new Secretaries to fulfill their duties, they must have a LCI password to get into the file to post monthly reports. For written reports they have to be in by the 20th of each month. When they are electronic, you have until the 30th.

They should be submitted to LCI and District Governor no later than May 15th

### **Finishing the Lions' Year**

If you are like most of us, you have had a lot of help achieving your goals for the year. It is time now to reflect on what others have done to add to the successes that your Club has achieved.

We should always recognize club members, community residents and those who have been helpful to our club. It is a wonderful way to end your year in office.

Recognition is an excellent way to say thank you to the Lions who helped you but it is an excellent way to maintain morale in the club.

Before you do anything, your club may have guidelines for honoring the service of its members. The secretary is responsible for maintaining accurate awards records and ordering awards. Suitable awards honoring outstanding service are available from the Club Supplies Catalog. Awards should be ordered as early as possible to ensure timely delivery.

It is not unusual for clubs to hold an appreciation dinner for all community residents who have helped their club through the year. It is a good opportunity to say "thanks" to everyone.

It is your time to be the mentor for the incoming officers. Do not feel hurt if they want to go about things in their own way. Just as you may have looked to the sitting club officers for advice before you took office, the incoming members of the leadership team may look to you for advice. If asked, brief them regarding the status of the club, and any other pertinent information. The transfer of club records to the next leadership team is necessary and important.

Enjoy the opportunity to be one of the leaders of your club. You not only represent your club, but also the district and association as you work with club members and the community throughout the year. Your term as a club officer can be a rewarding experience, personally and professionally. Your efforts are highly valued and appreciated.

Have fun and good luck!

### **Starting Lions Year 2010**

#### **Planning for Next Year Begins Now**

The following are areas new officers should be paying attention as they move toward next year.

- **Budgets**
- **Projects**
- **Committee Assignments**
- **Holding Meetings**
- **Involvement in Region and Zone Activities**

I will be sending the LCI Club Officers Manual (LA15) to all Club Secretaries. They will be asked to provide the information (when possible electronically) to all Club Officers.

**Melvin "Bud" Chambless,  
District Governor**

### **A Note from your Lion Editor**

Articles and messages should be submitted in MS Word (2003 or 2007), WordPerfect or email formats. Photos should be submitted in jpg format, not pdf, as pdf documents are not readily includeable in either MS Word or WordPerfect.

Thank you. **Lion Noel**

## A Letter from International President Al Brandel

Dear Lion,

Lions Clubs International has had a long-lasting, and very rewarding partnership with the Special Olympics organization. The Special Olympics organization is engaging in a new campaign, launching March 31, called “Spread The Word to End The Word.” It is a national day of awareness for America to stop and think about their use of the R-word. That R-word is not “recession,” but something more hurtful and painful – “retard.”

Our partnership began with the Opening Eyes program. The Special Olympics-Lions Clubs International Opening Eyes program is supported by Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF). The partnership program began in 2001 and has provided vision care to more than 100,000 individuals with intellectual disabilities. Together our two organizations are dedicated to serving those in need; the combined effort helps a population whose needs are so often overlooked.

Our partnership has been further solidified with recent initiatives, including new special interest Lions clubs popping up all over the United States, whose main focus is working with Special Olympics athletes. I also had the pleasure of attending the Special Olympics Winter Games in Boise, ID in February, and can tell you first hand these athletes carry themselves with dignity, and deserve nothing less than our admiration and respect.

Support of this campaign is easy, and will just take a moment of your time. Click on the link provided below to sign the pledge to stop using the R-word. Declare your support for more respectful and inclusive language, specifically that referring to those with intellectual disabilities. [www.r-word.org](http://www.r-word.org)

Spread the word Lions!!

Sincerely,

Al Brandel

## Special Notices

The new e-mail address for the Lions of Virginia State Office is [LionVA@verizon.net](mailto:LionVA@verizon.net)

The web site for State Convention information and forms is <http://valions.org/2009StateConvention.html>

## Sharing Individualism, Strengthening Community

The key to creating a sense of community is finding things in common. All Lions share an interest in and commitment to service. But they may share other interests as well. Such as motorcycles. A profession. Or an ethnic heritage.

Often a shared interest brings even greater energy to a group of Lions - and enlivens their connection to the local community. That's why we offer you the opportunity to start a special interest club.

### Types of Special Interest Clubs

A special interest club focuses on one element that many of its members have in common. Here are just a few examples:

- Montgomery County Police and Fire Fighters Lions Club
- Australian Parliament Lions Club
- Fairbanks Snowmobile Fun Lions Club
- Las Vegas Opticians Lions Club
- Miami Cuban Lions Club
- England Helen Keller Internet Lions Club

The possibilities are endless.

### Chartering a Special Interest Club

A Lions club that is based on a special interest can be chartered just like a traditional club. You will need:

- 20 or more charter members
- A sponsoring club, district cabinet or district committee, region or zone
- The district governor's approval
- Completed charter application
- Appropriate charter fees

For more information, contact our new clubs team: [newclubs@lionsclubs.org](mailto:newclubs@lionsclubs.org) and get involved today.

## **Camp Too Sweet**

Camp Too Sweet which is a cooperative effort between Carilion Clinic and the Lions of District 24-E will be held at Camp Roanoke June 22-26 for young people between the ages of 7 and 16 who have type 1 or type 2 diabetes.

Lions involvement will include providing notaries on the opening morning (June 22), a teacher for Lions Quest training, hearing screening, and vision screening. We will also secure day and night deputy sheriffs for camp security, provide Lion's coloring books for the younger campers, and purchase Camp Too Sweet tee shirts with the Lion's logo and "Lions District 24-E" on them for campers as well as Carilion staff, Camp Roanoke staff, and volunteers who help with camp.

The cost for day campers will be \$200 each; and the cost for resident campers will be \$325 each. We hope to have as many as 50 campers this year from many parts of Virginia as well as from some other states. Scholarship applications are already being received, and the number of scholarship needs will certainly exceed what we have had in the past. We need for all of the Lions Clubs in District 24-E to participate in providing financial assistance and volunteer help for our camp this year. As usual the Lions of District 24-E will pay for the scholarship needs for all campers from our district. Any campers with scholarship needs from outside District 24-E will have their scholarships paid by the Lions District which contains their home address.

I would like to thank all of our Lions Clubs in District 24-E who have supported Camp Too Sweet in the past through financial and/or volunteer efforts. Without our Lions Clubs' participation, we could not be able to help the young people who need our assistance to be able to participate in such an activity and educationally focused learning experience.

I would also like to thank Carilion Clinic for their formation of Camp Too Sweet and for their dedication to providing 24/7 on site nursing and physician care and diabetes awareness and management education.

Last but certainly not least I would like to thank the sheriff's departments of Bedford, Franklin, and Roanoke Counties which have provided night and day deputies and/or resource officers.

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



PARENT / GUARDIAN QUESTIONNAIRE

Do you plan to attend parent education on June 26? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

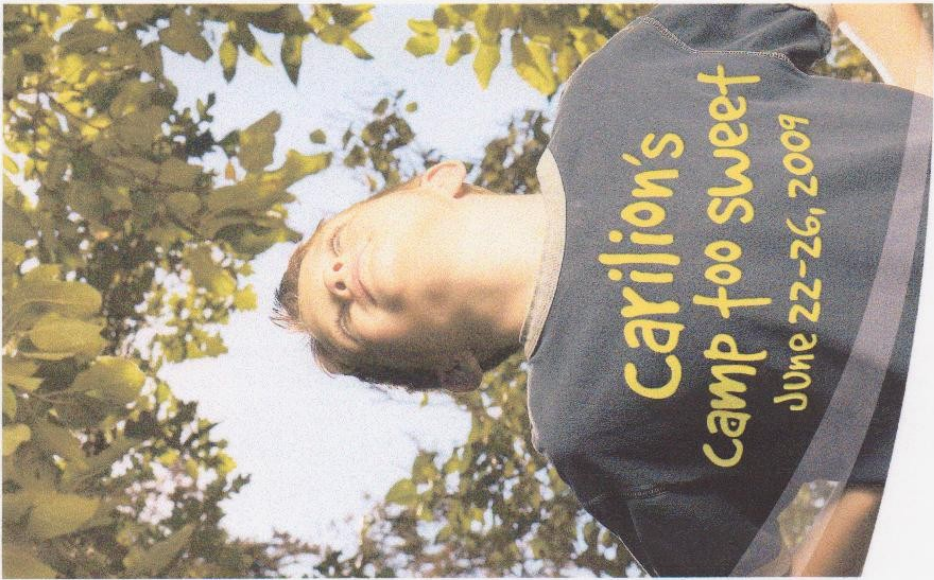
Indicate any specific subject(s) you would like included in parent classes:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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CAMP REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS FRIDAY, MAY 8, 2009  
Camp Too Sweet is only for children with diabetes.



Carilion Diabetes Management Program  
1030 S. Jefferson St., Suite G101  
Roanoke, VA 24016



finding better ways



# Carilion's Camp Too Sweet June 22-26

## At Camp Roanoke

Carilion Diabetes Management Program provides a summer camp for children and young adults (ages 7-16) who have Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes.

The camp focuses on having fun and helping campers accept their diabetes as a part of their daily living. Through the camp, participants learn to interact with others, improve coping skills and challenge themselves.

Camp Too Sweet is designed to meet the social, recreational and educational needs of young people with diabetes.

### STAFFING

The staff consists of both licensed healthcare professionals and graduates of accredited outdoor recreation programs.

### Location

Camp Roanoke is nestled within 700 acres of the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains in western Roanoke County, conveniently located just off Interstate 81 exit 132. Camp Roanoke is proud to be accredited by the American Camping Association, a nationally recognized

organization that focuses on the quality, health and safety of camp programs.

### ACTIVITIES

Camp Too Sweet is excited to offer a fun-filled residential experience that will run Monday, June 22 through Friday, June 26. Activities include canoeing, arts and crafts, outdoor sports, archery, hiking and much more! A parent education day is offered on Friday, June 26.

### RESIDENTIAL CAMPERS

Residential campers live in supervised cabins with other participants. Tuition includes all meals, snacks, lodging and activities for the week.

### DAY CAMPERS

We also offer day camp for participating children. Tuition includes all lunches, snacks and activities for the week.

### REGISTRATION/FEE

Please complete the camp application form and parent questionnaire. The fee per residential camper is \$325. The fee for day campers is \$200. All fees must be paid in full by May 8, 2009. To request a scholarship application, please check the appropriate space on the camp application form. Scholarships are need-based and available funding is limited.

Please detach the application form and mail it with a check or money order, made payable to:

**Carilion Diabetes Management Program  
CAMP TOO SWEET**

**Diabetes Management Program  
1030 South Jefferson St., Suite G101  
Roanoke, VA 24016**

Space is limited. Applications for camp and scholarships are processed on a first-come, first-served basis. Parents' packets are mailed upon receipt of registration and serve as confirmation for camp.

The health information, scholarship applications and release forms **MUST BE RETURNED** BY Friday, May 8. Updated forms will then be due June 1. Campers whose forms are not returned by this date will not be able to attend camp.

**For more information about Camp Too Sweet, please call  
Carilion at 540-266-6000 or 800-422-9482.**



## APPLICATION FORM

Camper's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian (Name/Relationship): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

other: \_\_\_\_\_



Amount Enclosed (check below):

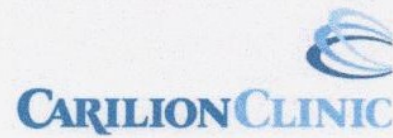
\_\_\_\_ Residential Camper (\$325)

\_\_\_\_ Day Camper (\$200)

\_\_\_\_ Camp Scholarship Application Requested

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March 2009

Dear Parent,

Please complete and return the attached application for scholarship assistance as soon as possible but no later than May 8, 2009. Only completed applications received by this date will be considered for scholarship.

If you have any questions, please contact the Diabetes Management Office at 540-224-4360.

Reasons for applying for a Camp Too Sweet scholarship.

Please describe the reasons for applying, such as financial, adjustment to diabetes, education, peer support and/or diabetes management. If possible, please encourage your child to give their reasons they want to come to camp too.

Please return the completed application to:  
Carilion Diabetes Management Program  
1030 South Jefferson Street, Suite G-101  
Roanoke, Virginia 24016

Please complete all sections.

Applicants Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Work or Cell Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Work or Cell Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Age at Diagnosis: \_\_\_\_\_

Has child attended prior Diabetes Camps? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

If yes, what years and where: \_\_\_\_\_

Child lives with: \_\_\_\_\_  
(single parent, both parents, grandparents, guardian, etc)

Total number of family members living in household: \_\_\_\_\_

Total annual family income: \_\_\_\_\_

Complete reasons for applying for a Camp Too Sweet scholarship on next page.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



*On Sunday afternoon, March 22, a group of zone chairs and district officers met to work on a Strides Walk for Camp Too Sweet and Diabetes Awareness. We will be having more meetings in the future and include the rest of the zone and region chairs.*

*Strides Walk is a Lions International Program to emphasize diabetes problems around the world. In District 24-E we not only have a lot of people with diabetes but we also sponsor with Carilion Clinic Camp Too Sweet for young people with diabetes.*

*We have decided on having Strides Walks in different parts of our district on November 14, 2009, which is World Diabetes Day which was established by the United Nations. We will be furnishing a lot more information about our plans in the future.*

*Please put November 14<sup>th</sup> on your calendar to take part in this effort to support Camp Too Sweet and Diabetes Awareness.*

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



## Bedford Host Lions Club

Since the newsletter was last published the Bedford Host Lions Club has been busy planning events, and raising funds. We hosted a spaghetti dinner in January and a pancake breakfast in March.

Upcoming events for our club start with our April 7<sup>th</sup> meeting at the Bower Center in Bedford. The Bower Center has recently completed a new music center and one of our members came up with the idea of using one of our meetings to help showcase what the music center has to offer. We have invited other civic groups in the area to join us for this event, and the Olde Liberty Station Restaurant has agreed to provide heavy hors d'oeuvres. We look forward to seeing the Bower Center's music lab, and sharing the experience with others in our community.

Along with May flowers will come the Bedford Host Lions Club's annual yard sale. We have been collecting items for the yard sale all year, so for those yard salers in District 24-E we invite you come on down and see what bargains we have. The sale will be held a Past President Lion Jeff Persinger's office near the D-Day Memorial in Bedford on Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Friday May 15<sup>th</sup> and Saturday May 16<sup>th</sup> members of our club will be teaming up to walk for a cure for cancer. We are busy raising funds for our Relay for Life team. If you would like to sponsor one of our members, then please get in touch with that member directly or contact our team captain, Lion Jim McSlarrow at (540) 586-4712.

The last community event we have on our calendar for this Lions year is a blood drive in May. The last blood drive we sponsored garnered the largest number of pints of blood the American Red Cross had ever collected in the Bedford area. We hope to surpass that number with the May blood drive.

We will also be sending a contingent to the State Convention May 28-31<sup>st</sup>. Please watch and vote for Bedford Host Lions Club's own Bernice Leftwich as she hopes to kick off her reign as the First Vice District Governor for District 24-E at the state convention.

Already on our calendar for next Lions year, we have Cow Patty Bingo, a pancake breakfast and participation in the Bedford Women's Craft Show. We would love to see our fellow District 24-E Lions come to Bedford and join us for one or all of our events.

Lion Jennifer Persinger

## Lions of Virginia District 24-E Region II Zone Bland Memorial Music Scholarship Contest



This past Sunday, a beautiful spring day, the hills of Virginia were alive with the sound of music as the The Inn at Trivium on Route 221 hosted the 2009 Lions District 24E Region II Bland Memorial music scholarship competition. This is a qualifying contest in the statewide Lions of Virginia scholarship competition.

A total of seven very talented musicians performed for the entertainment of some 50 family and friends. Representatives of Zone I and Zone II were not competing for advancement to the District Competition but were merely honing their skills and entertaining those in attendance. Zone III had two instrumentalists and two vocalists vying to see who would advance.

Representing Zone I was Helen Colleen Cooley , a 17 year old junior from Christiansburg. Helen, who is home schooled, performed Handel's Concerto in B-Flat - 1st Movement on the Harp.

From Zone II, Elizabeth Carmel Surat, a 17 year old junior from Roanoke Catholic High School, sang the Puccini composition of Visi D'arte and Jie Qun Jessica Wang, a 17 year old senior from Hidden Valley High School, played Liszt's composition of Un Sospiro on the piano.

In the still competitive Zone III, vocalists were Sara Reece of Bedford and Caroline Mary Ballard of

Forest and the instrumentalists were Rachel Ellen Sochor of Bedford and Brian Christopher Ballard of Lynchburg. Miss Reece, an 11 year old 5th grade student at Bedford Christian Academy, sang "Oh, Pretty Birds" and Miss Ballard, a senior at Jefferson Forest High School, sang Benedetto Marcello's composition of Il mio bel foco.

In the instrumental competition, Rachel Ellen Sochor a 13 year old 8th grader from Bedford performed Beethoven's "Sonata Op.31-No.2. Tempest 1" Movement on the piano and Brian Farrell, a 17 year old senior at Jefferson Forest High School, performed "Cork Hill" on the bagpipes.

The first place winners from Zone III, Caroline Ballard and Rachel Sochor will join the winners from Zones I and II in the District 24-E competition to be held April 19 at 2:00 PM at the Cave Spring United Methodist Church in Roanoke.

Judges for Sunday's competition were Mrs. Rebecca Ravenshaw, a noted opera singer; Mrs. Norma Stein, a piano teacher and church organist; Dr. Lynn Seipp, Instrumental Coordinator at Liberty University; and Dr. John Hugo, Chorus Master of the Roanoke Symphony Chorus.

Dallas Scott, past president of the Forest Lions Club and current District 24-E Region II Chairperson, served as the emcee for the competition. Refreshments were provided by The Inn at Trivium.

## **Dublin Lions**

"The Dublin Lions are busy and excited as we work toward our annual Flea Markets for 2009. This marks the 35th year since they began. The dates for 2009 are June 6-7 and September 19-20. The Fairgrounds are located on Route 100 just south of Cloyd's Mountain. They can be easily reached from I-81 by traveling north on Rt 100 after exiting in Dublin. If you are coming from Route 11, take the north on Rt 100 exit in Dublin. For additional information please feel free to contact our Flea Market Chair, Warren Morris, at 980-0071.

As in the past, if any Lions Club member comes by our concessions stand and identifies themselves as a Lion, they can receive a complimentary "Lion Dog." These "dogs" are world famous, at least in the world of Southwest Virginia!

The proceeds from our annual markets help provide eye exams and glasses to residents of Pulaski County. During this current fiscal year we have all ready contributed over \$30,000.00 toward this cause. Our proceeds also fund our other benevolent outreach programs.

Our fellow Region 1, Zone 1 member club Fairlawn will also have their customary concessions stand. This represents their biggest fund raising event of the year as well.

So come on out, or down, or over to the Dublin Lions Flea Market this June and September. It's a great place to shop, enjoy some tasty foods, and see old friends. We like to think of it as a "Roarin' Good Time!"



## Moneta Lions Plan Golf Tourney



Adam Witt (center), Head Golf Professional at Mariners Landing, stand with Moneta Lions Jim Hunt (left), Past President and Del Bailey, Treasurer and Chair of the Ninth Annual Moneta Lions Club Golf Outing scheduled for April 20th. The tournament is a major fund raiser for the organization and will be held at Mariners Landing Golf and Country Club.

The Moneta Lions Club continues to help people in the area through eyesight and hearing preservation and other programs stated Bailey. Moneta Lions donate many hours of time in recycling eyeglasses and testing vision and hearing of local school children as well as conducting other programs at Staunton River Middle School, Body Camp, Huddleston and Moneta Elementary Schools. The club members have also worked with the Moneta Volunteer Fire Department in the past to install smoke detectors in area residences. Members have also redecorated the CVAAA Dining Hall and meet with the clients once every other month. The outing will help raise essential monies for things over and above our time; equipment, screening, education and providing eye exams, eyeglasses and hearing aids for the needy.

The Moneta Lions Club would like to thank the many Sponsors as of this writing. A Platinum Sponsor this year is Preu Enterprises - Moneta. The Gold Sponsors this year include; Blue Ridge Optical/EyeCare & Surgery P.C., Conrad Brothers Marine and Downtown Moneta - Mayberry Hills. The Major Sponsors this year include: Alan Mullins Complete Automotive - Westlake, At The Lake Boat & Mini Storage, Bob Riddick Roofing, Central Oil of Virginia - Corp., Cruise Planners, El Torito Mexican Restaurant - Moneta & Ferrum, Fallon's, Casa D'Amici, Downtown Pizzeria, Farm Credit of the Virginias, Good Looks Salon and Day Spa, LaBarbera Family Chiropractic Center - Bedford, Mariners Landing Resort Communities, Mariners Landing Golf and Country Club, M.L. Sutphin Insurance Agency, Moneta Farm & Home Center, Sam's Club - Roanoke, Runk & Pratt Healthcare Enterprises, Sam's Club - Roanoke, SML Real Estate & Development, SML Fraternal Order of the Eagles - Aerie 4344, Southside Electric Cooperative, Virgil Naff Sea-Doo, Webster Marine Center - Mark Mills, Wal\*Mart Supercenter - Valley View and The Willard Companies, Inc.

"The Moneta Lions golf tournament committee has coordinated a golf fundraiser that continues to make the event superior to the typical golf tournament fundraiser," indicated Adam Witt, Head Golf Professional at Mariners. "We are very proud to partner with the Moneta Lions Club and to host such a worthy event. The Lions have chosen Monday, April 20th for the outing and have put together a great program."

Main Committee Members, Del Bailey and Jim Hunt, explained the day's events and prize structure. The format will be a handicapped Captain's Choice. The outing is open to both men and women of all handicaps. The field this year is limited to the first 25 teams. Prior to the shotgun start at 9:00 a.m. participants may warm up at the range and enjoy a continental breakfast sponsored by Conrad Brothers Marine. There will be an I/O Boat & Trailer and a Sea-Doo & Trailer and other hole-in-one prizes on the Par 3's provided by Conrad Brothers Marine and Webster Marine Center respectively. Refreshments on these holes are provided by other businesses. Among other prizes, participants will be competing for complimentary green fees at Westlake and Waterfront (Willard Companies), Mariners Landing, Ivy Hill, Ashley Plantation, Botetourt Country Club, Blue Hills Golf Club, Countryside Golf Club, London Downs Golf Club and as well as sportswear and equipment provided by others.

At 1:30 p.m. participants and Lions Club workers will enjoy a multi-entrée buffet dinner at nearby Saunder's Firehouse. During the dinner, sponsors will be acknowledged and prizes of all kinds awarded. The early registration fee by April 15th per golfer is \$65.00. Contact the Baileys at 297-3519 or Mariners at 297-7888 for an application.

While this will be a great day for the golfers, the other additional real money for the Lions and their sight and hearing projects comes in the form of Hole Sponsorships, indicated Bailey. Businesses or individuals donate \$65.00 and get their name on a sign located at the tee box of a hole. The Moneta Lions Club would also like to thank those area businesses that have already signed up or promises. Hole Sponsors at this time are; All Seasons Marine Service, Artfully Framed at the Lake, Aztec Rental - Westlake, B, B & T Bank, Body Camp Store, Bryan Sicher, DMD, PC, Call Richard Handyman Service, Dom Buccola Electrical Contractor, Drift-In Sunoco, Eastlake 122 Self Storage, El Torito - Westlake, Enirtep, Inc., Fisher Auto Parts - Moneta, Franklin Community Bank, George Cooper Agency - State Farm, Glenwood Fuel Oil Co., Inc., Golden Corral - Lynchburg, Hometown Bank - Westlake, Jeff Persinger - State Farm, Lyons Jewelry - Bedford, Mayberry Drive-in-Diner, Mary Lou McDonald - Realty World, New York Pizza - Westlake, Outdoor Lighting Perspectives, P D & M, Inc., Phil Hager Insurance Agency, Print-n-Paper - Westlake, Radio Shack - Westlake, Richardson & Sherman, D.D.S. C., Scott & Bond, Inc., Shoprite/Great Valu, SML Chiropractic Center, SML Family Practice, SML Mini Shops, Steve Chiminello/ Long & Foster, Sweet's Heating & Air Cond., Team Coachworks, Inc., Tuck's Tire & Auto, Vogel & Cromwell, Westlake Signs & Design Group, Westlake Veterinary Medical Center, Woods Towing & Service Center,.

If you wish to be a sponsor, please call Del Bailey at 297-3519 or any other Moneta Lion.

## ***Lions Golf Tournament***

The 9th Annual Lions Golf Tournament will be held on **Friday, May 29, 2009**,  
at Great Oaks Country Club in Floyd, Virginia.

The Tournament will begin with a shotgun start promptly at 1:00 p.m., and will be a four person Captain's Choice format. Teams will be flighted by handicap.

**Prizes:**

- Hole-in-One\*: All Hole-in-One prizes donated by United Country-Blue Ridge Land & Auction
  - No. 8 – a 3.68 acre Building lot in Floyd County (\$35,000 value)
  - No. 3 – Calloway driver or set of irons
  - No 15 – choice of one premium electronic (TV, Ipod, camera)
  - No 12 – 2 airfares within the US or Caribbean Cruise for 2
- \$250 for 1st place team and \$100 for 2nd place team in each flight
- Other prizes for Closest to Pin, Longest Drive, Longest Put, etc
- Award for the winning Lions Club Team

Fees: \$45 each for members of Great Oaks and \$65 for non-members. Fee includes greens fee, cart, plus prizes and a great BBQ dinner at the end of the round!

For more information contact the Great Oaks Pro Shop at (540) 745-2189, or  
Lion Al Thompson at (540) 745-3522 or [aathomp@swva.net](mailto:aathomp@swva.net).

*\*Card carrying pros or club pros are not eligible for Hole-in-One prizes.*

***Proceeds from this tournament will help the Floyd County Lions Club help those in need in the Floyd Community with glasses, hearing aids, and help with juvenile diabetes.***

### **Great Oaks Country Club**

P.O. Box 536  
Floyd, VA 24091  
(540) 745-2189

Located on a plateau in the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains,  
**Great Oaks Country Club**  
offers one of the most popular sites in the area to enjoy a round of golf!

### Directions:

From I-81: Take exit 114 to Route 8 South to Floyd, about 24 miles. At the stoplight, turn left onto Rt 221 North. Go approximately 3 miles and  
**Great Oaks** is on the right.

From Roanoke: Take Route 221 South/West toward Floyd;  
**Great Oaks** is on the left, just before Ray's Restaurant on the right.



## Registration Form for Lions Golf Tournament

**May 29, 2009, at 1:00 p.m. at Great Oaks Country Club, Floyd, VA**

**Lions Club Team?** YES NO Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Total entry fee enclosed:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (**\$45 for Members of GOCC, \$65 for Non-Members.**)

*Name, address, and phone are required for each player in order to be eligible for Hole-in-One prizes.*

### Team:

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Handicap: \_\_\_\_\_ Member/Non-member

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3. Name: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Handicap: \_\_\_\_\_ Member/Non-member

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**Please fill out this form completely, detach and return with payment to:**

**Lion Bob Sparrow, 494 Soapstone Hill Road SE, Floyd, Virginia 24091**

**Make checks payable to: Floyd Lions Club**

## Bedford Area Bland Competition



**Bland Contestants**



**Winners - 1st&2nd Vocalist-Sarah Reece, Emma Tibs  
1st & 2nd Pianist Rachel Ellen Socher, Anne-Marie Hancock**

The Bedford Breakfast, Bedford Host, and Moneta Lions Clubs proudly hosted the Local Annual Bland Music Scholarship Competition February 15<sup>th</sup> at the Trinity Baptist Church in Bedford, Va. The Bland Scholarship, originated in 1948, as a living memorial to James A. Bland, composer of the song "Carry Me Back to Old Virginny", and is sponsored by the Virginia Association of Lions Clubs. The competition is a four step process of elimination, starting at the Local level, moving to Regional, District and finally the State Competition which will be held at the Lions State Convention, May 29<sup>th</sup> at the Sheraton Premier, Tyson's Corner, Va., The scholarship awards has grown from \$300 in 1948, to it's present value of \$15,000. Pictured from left are this years local contestants, Alex Sturm, Sarah Reece, William Sperrazza, Anne-Marie Hancock, Emma Tibbs, Micaela Dellerdera, Rachel Ellen Sochor, and Adam Gibson.

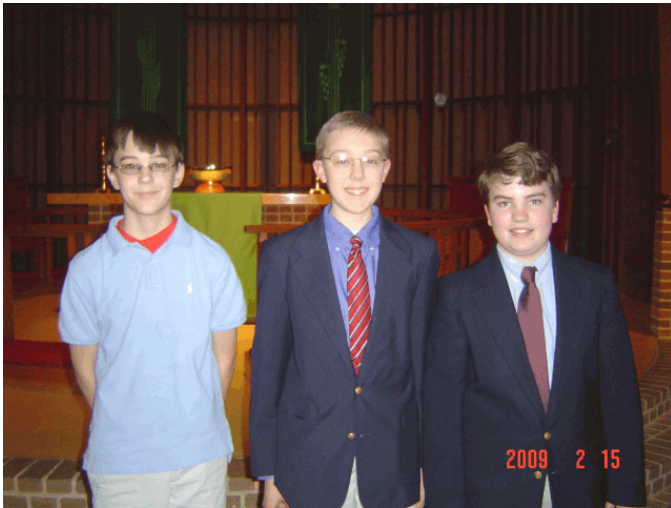
### Moneta Lions Club



The Moneta Lions Club tossed tradition aside at their regular meeting Thursday March 5th at Resurrection Catholic Church. Instead of the regular catered dinner, members and friends prepared a variety of "covered dish/pot luck" items from salads and main course items to desserts, club business was conducted informally, and in place of a guest speaker, the club was entertained by the Taylor Sisters, whose talent was discovered by Lion Gloria Guice, Youth Services Chairperson. Pictured are Courtney, Brittney, Lion "Nana" Gloria, Kelsey and Tabitha. The group, lead by self taught pianist Brittney, who performed several piano solos, also joined her sisters in a number of vocal presentations. A silent auction was held after the meeting, to support the club's administration fund.



## Cave Spring Lions Club



**Bland contestants** Ryan Hunt, Samuel Cordle winner, Justin Hall.



**Lion John Arbogast** (with sponsor Lion Jim Newman) is installed by District Governor Lion Melvin “Bud” Chambless.



**Lion Ron Harris** receives Melvin Jones award and 50 year pin. Lion Ron was instrumental in establishing the Eye Bank

## Fort Lewis Lions Club

The Fort Lewis Lions Club will be hosting the Zone meeting April 20, 2009 (Pot Luck) at 6:30 pm in the Community Building at the intersection of Alleghany and Givens Tyler Roads, Salem, Virginia.



## About Leo Clubs – April is Leo Month

### Leo Program History

In 1957, Coach Jim Graver started the Leo ball rolling. Chances are, that ball was a baseball.

Graver was the coach of the Abington High School, Pennsylvania, USA, baseball team. Graver was also an active member of the Glenside, Pennsylvania, Lions Club.

With fellow Lion, William Ernst, Graver talked about starting a service club for high school boys. So they asked their fellow Lions for support. Without hesitation, the Glenside Lions agreed that a Lions youth group was a good idea. Graver and Ernst set to work.

On December 5, 1957, the Glenside Lions presented a charter to the Abington High School Leo Club whose members were mostly made up of the high school's baseball team.

As the world's first Leo club, the group created the Leo acronym - Leadership, Equality, Opportunity (Equality was later changed to Experience.) And, the group chose maroon and gold - their school colors - to serve as the Leo club colors.

### Leo Club's Objective and Motto

In October 1967, the board of directors of Lions Clubs International adopted the Leo Club Program as an official program of the association. Open to males and females, the objective of the Leo Club Program was (and still is):

**"...to provide the youth of the world (with) an opportunity for development and contribution, individually and collectively, as responsible members of the local, national and international community."**

The Leo club motto is:

**Leadership** - Leos develop skills as organizers, time managers and motivators of their peers.

**Experience** - Leos learn the importance of cooperation through community service.

**Opportunity** - Membership provides young people with a chance to excel, to develop positive character traits, and to receive recognition for their contributions to the community.

Today, the Leo Club Program is stronger than ever. Community service remains the cornerstone of the program. Like their Lion counterparts, Leo club members enjoy serving their neighbors and watching positive results unfold.



## WILLIAM BYRD HIGH SCHOOL LEO CLUB

Sarah Ashby and Erin Moody– Co-Presidents

Tyler Snow– Vice President

Chris Chewning– Secretary

Andrew Morris – Treasurer

- Our next Leo Club meeting will be during AM Extra Help on Wednesday March 18th. Please mark your calendars. Passes will be given to your homeroom teacher.
- March 18th – We will be stuffing plastic Easter eggs with candy for the Salvation Army's Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Please bring in plastic eggs and candy by March 18th. All Easter Eggs need to be stuffed and sealed by March 26th. Bring them to room 149 when you have them complete.
- April 2nd – Rescue Mission 4:45- 8:00 pm. We will be serving food at the Rescue Mission. There are a limited number of volunteers needed. Please see Mrs. Mays in room 149 if you are interested- these spaces fill quickly!
- April 17th – Relay for Life. We have HAIR TWISTIES from the Relay for Life for sale. They are \$2 and come in a variety of colors. Each Leo Club member needs to sell just one of them and all the money goes to the American Cancer Society. Please see Mrs. Mays (room 149) to pick up one to sell – bring the \$2 with you! Checks can be written to the American Cancer Society for the \$2 and it is tax deductible. Colors are orange, red, black, purple and green.
- April 22nd – Bring in your gently used prom attire! This project provides gently used dresses, shoes, jewelry, tuxedos, etc. to needy high school students across the Roanoke Valley to wear for prom. Please consider donating your gently used formal wear and accessories to assist others. Donations can be brought to room 149 by April 22nd.
- July 16 – 30th – CHINESE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TO VISIT THE ROANOKE VALLEY. About 25 Chinese high school students are hoping to visit the Roanoke Valley for 2 weeks in mid-Summer 2009, from July 16 to July 30. To make this possible, we need host homes for them and their 2 adult escorts. Please consider serving as a host family to enrich these young inquiring lives as well as your own, and spread the word about this wonderful cross-cultural opportunity. There is no cost to host families other than sharing normal family breakfasts and dinners, and providing sack lunches on weekdays. Families will include these teens in their usual evening and weekend routines, and assist with daytime local transportation when possible. Time is of the essence in finding our host families so we can report back to China and CompassUSA how many students will be able to come. Please let us know if you would like to take the next step toward hosting a student or offering an enrichment program. Contact Rod Broker, Coordinator of CompassUSA in the Roanoke Valley. RoanokeCompass@aol.com (540) 597-7000
- Other upcoming events include: White Cane Day (MAY), Festival in the Park (MAY).