



The Lions Pride

District 24-E

November 2012



District Governor

**Nelson Leftwich
2012 – 2013**

District Governor's Message

As usual, this has been a busy Autumn in our District with many fund raising and service activities by our clubs. In one heartwarming story of Lions helping Lions, the members of the Boones Mill Lions Club were facing a shortage of members to work the Apple Festival they have sponsored for over 50 years. They decided to go ahead with the Festival and on Friday afternoon when they were setting up, 5 members of the Smith Mountain Lake Lions Club came and helped set up and then returned on Saturday to assist with the Festival and help take down. Also on Saturday, 8 members of the Cave Spring Lions Club came and did eye screenings. Our motto "We Serve" also applies to Lions helping Lions.

District 24-E Officers

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District Governor**

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1st Vice District Governor**

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Reg II Zone III Chair**

We just completed a successful Fall Conference chaired by Lion Tammie Brightwell. Our International Guest was Director Bob Corlew and his wife Dianne from Milton, TN. We had presentations by Lion Peggy Smith on secretarial duties and IPDG Dallas Scott on duties of the presidents, and Lion Tammie Brightwell informed us on the funds controlled by the State Office. Bedford County Commonwealth Attorney Randy Krantz gave two presentations on Leadership. I hope to have him signed up as a Lions Club member on Sunday. We had a successful auction on Friday evening and the ladies enjoyed the Tea on Saturday afternoon. A big THANK YOU to Lion Tammie. Webmaster Lion Carl posted some very good pictures on the website. Check them out.

Hurricane Sandy presents many opportunities for Lions to Serve. I am happy to say that District 24-E appears to have been spared any major damage. I put out an email to all club presidents and secretaries to be on the look out for opportunities for us to apply for LOVF and LCIF Disaster Relief funds and thus far I have not heard of any needs for these funds.

As we go into the Holiday Season, I know that a number of clubs will be distributing baskets of food to needy families and buying clothing for the needy children in our communities. This is a great way to serve our fellow man and I commend each club for their service.

Lion Bernice and I wish that every Lion and their family have a wonderful Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and Happy New Year.

In A World of Service

DG Nelson Leftwich

First Vice District Governor's Message

Greeting fellow District 24-E Lions,

We must all be thankful that District 24-E escaped major damage from the recent storm and now we need to reach out to others in the state that were not as fortunate. The Lions have some funds available, so if your club identifies a need, please contact the District Governor or myself and we will forward your request to the proper source.

The District 24-E Peace Poster contest has been completed for this year and the District Governor will receive the winning poster on November 16. He will then forward it to the state chairman for final selection. I will let everyone know the District and state winners in the next edition of Lions Pride.

Thanks to all the Lions that attended the Fall Conference. We had an informative and fun 2 days ! I would like to see more new members attending Zone Meetings and Fall Conferences in the future. I believe this is the beginning of how we develop our future District leaders.

Lastly, I want to wish everyone a happy and joyous holiday season. This the time of year when Lions clubs across our district do wonderful things to help people less fortunate to have food, clothing, and presents under the tree. It is heart warming to be a part of helping others at Thanksgiving and Christmas. Service and giving is what being a Lion is all about.

1st VDG Kirk Sampson

Bland Contests

Below are the dates and Locations and times for the Region, District and State Bland Contests.

March 24, 2013	2:30 pm	Region II/Zone Contest	Cave Spring United Methodist Church 4505 Hazel Drive, Roanoke, VA 24018
March 31, 2013	2:30 pm	Region I/Zone Contest	Ferrum College Vaughn Chapel 40 Wiley Drive, Ferrum, VA 24088
April 28, 2013	2:30 pm	District Contest	Cave Spring United Methodist Church 4505 Hazel Drive, Roanoke, VA 24018
May 31, 2013	7:00 pm	State Contest	Holiday Inn 3005 Linden Drive, Bristol, VA 24202

PDG Dallas Scott

24-E Fall Conference

The Lions of Virginia (LOV) District 24-E held their Annual Fall Conference, hosted by District Governor Lion Nelson Leftwich, and his wife Past District Governor Lion Bernice Leftwich, at the Holiday Inn Valley View, located in Roanoke, Virginia the weekend of October 26-27th. Lions from the 11 count District, along with dignitaries from across the state and beyond, enjoyed a full schedule of activities, thanks to Fall Conference Chair, Lion Tammie J. Brightwell of the Edgewood Lions Club.

The Parlor Room at the Hotel featured various exhibits, including information on Hearing, The Lions Quest Program, and Pin Traders, among others.

Educational classes included: "Club President Training" by Past District Governor Lion Dallas Scott, "Leadership" by Randy Krantz Virginia Commonwealth Attorney Bedford County, "Club Secretary Training" by Lion Peggy Smith, and "State Office Financial Information" given by LOV State Secretary / Treasurer Lion Tammie Brightwell.

A formal "Ladies Tea", hosted by Past District Governor Lion Bernice Leftwich, was held Saturday afternoon in honor of Lion Dianne Corlew, wife of International Director Lion Robert Corlew.

The event's guest speaker at the formal Banquet Saturday evening, was International Director Lion Robert E. Corlew. Director Corlew is a Chancellor for the State of Tennessee, and an active member of the Murfreesboro, TN Lions Club. Chancellor Corlew addressed the group, thanking Lions everywhere for their dedication to Lions Clubs International, and especially for all they do within their local communities.

Submitted by Lion Rob Senoski



Fall Conference Headliners -
DG Nelson Leftwich, PDG Dallas Scott
and ID Bob Corlew prior to awards
ceremony



Conference Chair Tammie takes
a break



Randy Krantz, Va.
Commonwealth
Attorney for Bedford
County speaks on
leadership



(Right) PID Wayne Davis and Lion Marge Davis with ID Bob Corlew and wife Dianne from Milton, TN

(Left) Ready for the Ladies Tea



The International President's "Certificate of Appreciation" was presented to: Lion Peggy Smith, Lions Quest Chair- Ferrum Lions Club, Lion Gloria Guice, Lions Quest Liaison for Bedford County-Moneta Lions Club, and First Vice District Governor Lion Kirk Sampson-Smith Mountain Lake Lions Club.

The Awards read in part "In Recognition of Distinguished Achievements in Fulfilling the Mission of Lions Clubs International...." signed by Lions International President Wayne A. Madden.



1st VDG Kirk Sampson



Lion Gloria Guice



Lion Peggy Smith



Entertainment by Lion Betty Herbert and "Ratatouille"

Thank you!

On behalf of District Governor Nelson and myself, I would like to thank all of the Lions of District 24-E and other Districts throughout the state that helped to make the 2012 District 24-E Fall Conference a great success.

Thank you to the individual Lions and Clubs that donated items for the auction Friday, and a very special thanks to our auctioneer Past International Director Lion Richard Chaffin. Our masquerade theme Friday evening was fun; it was great seeing everyone wearing the beautiful masks. Lions Charlie and Betty Herbert made quite an appearance in full masquerade regalia.

Informative sessions were offered Saturday morning; I hope that everyone was able to attend at least one. Anyone that had the opportunity to attend one of the two Leadership sessions offered by Randy Krantz - Commonwealth Attorney Bedford County left with a wealth of knowledge.

Once again, our traditional Ladies' Tea which was hosted by Past District Governor Lion Bernice was very well attended and a great time was shared with Lion Dianne Corlew, spouse of International Director Lion Bob Corlew of Milton, Tennessee.

Great meals were served by the staff of the Holiday Inn Valley View. And as always, the hospitality room hosted by 1st District Governor Lion Kirk Sampson allowed for fun and fellowship.

Thank you to Lion Jim Newman for designing the Fall Conference pins. If you did not have an opportunity to complete your set, please contact Lion Jim to purchase additional pins.

Lion Betty Herbert and Ratatouille provided great entertainment after the banquet Saturday, it is always fun to see Lion dancing and enjoying themselves.

Yours Very Truly in Lionism,

Tammie J. Brightwell, Fall Conference Chair

The two SPOT units that are in District 24-E are staying busy. If your Club is interested in scheduling a screening please contact Lion Tammie at the State Office 540-774-2495.

Save the date! The 90th Annual Lions of Virginia State Convention will be held May 30 - June 2, 2013 in the beautiful Bristol, Virginia. Tim White and the VW Boys will provide entertainment Thursday evening at our country themed picnic. Come enjoy fun and fellowship with Lions from the entire state of Virginia. Our International Guest will be International Director Carolyn and Lion Normand Messier from Windsor Locks, Connecticut.

District 24-E Website

Lions:

All Lions are encouraged to visit our District 24 E Website
(www.virginia-24e-lions.org) often.

You can find valuable information on District Committees, links to 24E Memorial, New Members, Directory, Membership, LION'S PRIDE, 24 E in Pictures, Clubs, Leo Clubs, Calendar of Events, Officers, 2012-13 Zones, Committees MD24 Committees, MD Governors & Intl Dir, Presidents 1917 to Date, etc

There is also a link to Calendar where all Lions can add events and activities >
<http://www.my.calendars.net/24ewebcalendar/> and view what others have added. Governors schedule, etc.

Kindly send information, photos, etc. to be posted to my email > district.24e.website@comcast.net and it will be posted as soon as possible.

All Clubs that have not already set up accounts are urged to start a Club website which is free at: >>
(<http://www.lionwap.org/addhtml1.php> and to start a free Facebook site at www.facebook.com Clubs that have already started websites, facebook, twitter, etc. are being requested to report their sites, so a database can be set up and maintained by Districts and State.

In Service

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September 28, 2012

Lions Club
Mr. Nelson Leftwich
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Dear Nelson and Lions Club members:

On behalf of the JDRF Greater Blue Ridge Chapter, I wish to express our gratitude for the time and energy you gave to volunteer at the 2012 Walk to Cure Diabetes. We hope to reach our goal of \$1.2 million when all donations are in and accounted for.

The Walk is one of our biggest events of the year, and we truly could not have done it without the Lions Club's help. We have already received many compliments from the walkers regarding your group of volunteers. We look forward to working with you on next year's Walk!

We believe that the work of each person makes a difference as we get closer and closer to a cure. It's dedicated volunteers like you that make our organization so strong and successful – we could not do it without you!

Thank you again for your dedication to our mission - finding a cure for type 1 diabetes and its complications through the support of research.

Sincerely,

Charlotte Kidd
Executive Director
Greater Blue Ridge Chapter

Federal EIN #: 23-1907729

Juvenile Diabetes Research Walk



Cookie Monster and DG Nelson (DG Nelson is on the right)



Sunday September 23, 2012 Frances and Dallas Scott took a day off from church to work with the District 24-E Lions to support the JDRF Walk in Roanoke. After the event upon returning to our car we found the following note.

Thank you so much for coming to support the JDRF. It means so much to know someone is supporting all type 1's. God bless you.

Olivia
Age 16
diagnosed at 9 months old

I guess after reading this note we did not skip church but were doing God's work in another location.

Dallas Scott, PDG



Pictured are the Lions that participated. They were Lions Jean Broyles, Roanoke Valley Breakfast Lions Club, Frances Scott, Forest Lions Club, Ralph Long, SML, Joel Litton, Vinton Breakfast Lions Club, Debbie Farthing, SML, Kirk Sampson, SML, Dallas Scott, Forest Lions Club, Fred von Bechmann, Forest Lions Club, Jim Newman, Cave Spring Lions Club, David Cuff, SML, Richard Chaffin, Forest Lions Club, Lowell Skelton, SML, and his wife Kathy, and Nelson Leftwich, Bedford Host Lions Club.

Pictured at the registration table are Forest Lions Fred von Bechmann, PVDG Lion Dallas Scott, PID Lion Richard Chaffin and Lion Dallas Scott.

Old Dominion Eye Foundation Offers DSEK Surgical Tissue

Old Dominion Eye Foundation, Inc. (ODEF) strives to be on the cutting edge of current eye banking technology. Over the past few months, ODEF developed a DSEK precutting program that will allow us to offer our surgeons pre-cut DSEK tissue, as well as long-term preserved anterior tissue for a variety of surgical uses, including glaucoma shunt patching.

DSEK stands for Descemet's Stripping Endothelial Keratoplasty. The benefit of DSEK over other types of corneal transplant is that the surgeon is able to transplant a partial-thickness graft of corneal tissue (as opposed to a full-thickness graft), using fewer incisions, which results in a quicker healing time and better overall outcome for corneal transplant recipients.

As a part of the preparation for a DSEK surgery, the surgeon must cut off the top few layers of the cornea to make the graft partial-thickness. Only the inner-most corneal layers will be transplanted. ODEF's precutting procedure will complete step for the surgeon. ODEF will provide tissue that has already been prepared for the DSEK surgery.

Recently, ODEF began offering this unique surgical tissue to our physicians. "We are very excited about the opportunity to provide this DSEK tissue to our surgeons and cornea transplant recipients," said Bill Proctor, ODEF's Executive Director. "We will continue to follow trends in the corneal transplant surgical field and provide the necessary services to our surgeons and the visually impaired community."

ODEF Introduces the Joe Lipomi Lions Vision Fund

Joseph Lipomi was a dedicated Lion with many years of service. Joe embraced a special commitment-working for the sight impaired and visually handicapped. While he pursued these endeavors through numerous avenues, the Old Dominion Eye Foundation, Inc. (ODEF) was particularly close to him. This was evidenced in his service as President and life-long member of its Board of Directors. He expressed his belief in ODEF's work upon his passing through a major endowment to further the eye bank's goals.

With this endowment ODEF established The Lipomi Lions Vision Fund. This fund is intended to honor the memory of Joe and his wife Mary, express an appreciation for their immeasurable support and broaden the scope of our service.

The Lipomi Lions Vision Fund will offer assistance to individuals who are legally blind who want to further their education through scholastics or in the trade industry. Old Dominion Eye Foundation will award scholarships and/or equipment assistance grants to qualified applicants. Interested parties can submit their application through their local Lions Club. More information on the application process can be found at www.odef.org.

William Proctor, Executive Director/CEO, Old Dominion Eye Foundation, Inc.(804) 560-7540

Rich Creek- Giles Breakfast Branch Lions Club

Rich Creek – Giles Breakfast Branch Lions gathered on Saturday, September 1 for our annual family dinner party at the home of Lion Edna and Brett Malone. Members were treated to a beautiful, double rainbow over the New River before dinner. A dinner of steaks, potatoes and many other delicious dishes brought by members was full of laughs and much fun. Guests included Gov. Nelson and Bernice along with PDG Dallas and Frances (plus puppy) as well as Rich Creek IPP Gary and Marsh Eaton plus prospective members.



(Left) Lions Edna Malone, PDG Bernice Leftwich and Charlie Herbert.

The first Saturday after Labor Day marks Rich Creek's annual Fall Festival. Rich Creek Lions Club along with the Rich Creek – Giles Breakfast Branch Club were on hand with an information booth. Rich Creek Lion Denny Whitlow was joined by Branch Club members Lions Charlie and Betty Herbert for the day – at least until around 2 p.m. when a violent storm developed and everyone had to scurry to breakdown their booths and make a mad dash for their cars.

Members of RC-Giles Breakfast Branch Lions as well as Rich Creek Lions acted as volunteers for Giles Arts Council's 7th Annual Art on the Lawn fine art show on Saturday, September 15. The event, chaired by Lion Betty Herbert, saw 24 artists from Southwester VA, Southern WVA, Northern VA and North Carolina competing in Professional and Non-professional categories. These Lions joined approximately 30 other volunteers who circulated through the venue, chatting with guests and artists, giving artists breaks or providing food or drinks for them. Some assisted with Kids Art Adventure where children of all ages are given an opportunity to experiment with several different art mediums. Conversations were started about Lions in Giles County. Several of the artists mentioned the wonderful Lions who helped them set up their displays when they arrived and break them down as the show ended along with their assistance all day when they sent in their event surveys. (Picture: Lion Stephen Haight (center of photo on sidewalk) and Charlie Herbert (at right near fence) were two of the RC - Giles and Rich Creek Lions who volunteered at the Giles Arts Council's Art on the Lawn.





Rich Creek Lions IPP Gary Eaton mixes paint for Kids Art Adventure



On Saturday, October 6th the Rich Creek-Giles Breakfast Branch Lions Club's first annual Blood Drive was held during the annual Pembroke Heritage Festival. Virginia Blood Service representatives arrived around 10 a.m. and were ready to begin taking donations by 11 a.m. Club member Lion Betty Herbert stated "we were happy to see folks waiting to make their donations as soon as they could be screened". Virginia Blood Services representative Doug Ruble reports that on a first time blood drive they expect to collect between 12 and 15 units of blood. "28 units were collected at this blood drive which is outstanding" Rubel continued. All 28 units of blood collected will remain in the New River Valley for use in the Carillion Clinic facilities. Each unit can be used to save as many as 3 live. That means that 84 people's lives will be touched by these donations. Discussion is already underway to repeat this blood drive at next year's Pembroke festival as well as at other festivals around Giles County in the coming year.

Rich Creek-Giles Breakfast Branch Lions were on hand at Eastern Elementary/Middle School on October 23 to assist the Pearisburg Lions Club with vision screening for third and seventh grade students. Pearisburg Lions, who have not yet taken training on the SPOT units, screened the students for preliminary results. Any student whose vision was less than 20/30 was referred to the Rich Creek – Giles Breakfast Branch for screening with the SPOT unit. Students with special needs were referred directly to the SPOT unit for evaluation. RC-Giles Lions screened approximately 40 children between 9 and 11:30 a.m. Mary Henderson, Supervisor of School Nurses for Giles County was overwhelmed by the advances between from the old machines being used in previous years, as well as on that day, and the capabilities we now have with SPOT. Mary kept asking, "Where has this been? We could have been doing so much better for our children if we'd had this sooner." Members of her nursing staff who were on hand were equally impressed.

Rich Creek-Giles Breakfast Branch Lions Chris Calfee, Charlie and Betty Herbert attended the District 24-E Annual Fall Conference on October 26 and 27. The fellowship, meetings and dinner events were very meaningful. Lions Betty and Charlie were able to attend both Leadership seminars lead by Randy Krantz and came away with lots of useful information and ideas. Lions Betty and Charlie were in attendance at the Saturday luncheon and enjoyed hearing Director Robert Corlew speak. Lions Chris and Charlie attended the Charity Meeting and Cabinet Meeting. As usual, old friendships were renewed and new friendships made.



Lion Charlie Herbert paid a visit to the old “Grey Bar Hotel” on Tuesday, October 30 when he turned himself in to the MDA fundraiser jail. Although there were several folks who made donations to keep him locked up, he seemed to have accumulated more to release him so his stay was short.

Submitted by Lion Betty Herbert

Smith Mountain Lake Lions Club

The SML Lions kicked off their annual vision screening program in September and anticipate screening 3,600 students in Franklin County by the end of October. The students include those in public, private, and home schools. The effort is supported by 33 members of the Club who conduct standard vision and stereopsis screening.



Picture above are members of the team who performed screenings at Glade Hill Elementary School on Wednesday, October 10, 2012. Seated left to right: John Carlson, Tom Merriman, Lowell Skelton, and Don Abell. Standing left to right: Ray Holt, Dave Maloney, Sheila Wells – School Nurse, Walt Flindt, and Bob Carter.



At it's meeting on October 25, 2012, the Smith Mountain Lake Lions thanked the sponsors of the 22nd Annual Andrew Haley Memorial/SML Lions Club Junior Open Golf Tournament. The tournament, which is the SML Lions' major fundraiser, was held in July at the Waterfront County Club with 72 golfers ages 11 to 18 participating. The money raised by the tournament is used to support various projects of the SML Lions including the Scholarship Trust which provides annual financial assistance to outstanding Franklin County High School seniors.

Pictured: Ken Hayes, Commonwealth Roofing; Perry Downing, Merrill Lynch; Ed Buckholtz, Riddick Roofing;

Rick Hineman, Mariners Landing; Debbie Farthing, BB&T; and Deanna Early and John Smith, Hamilton GP. Sponsors not in attendance were: Greg Haley, Ron Willard, Mark McKee, Adam Witt, Jim McKelvey, Tim Tingler, and George and Michele Aznavorian.