



# *The Lion's Roar*

## *Virginia Multi-District 24-F*

### *News December 2017*



Greetings to the Pride,

We are entering our sixth month and I have lots more visits to make. As you know we are working with the District Cabinets in 24 E and 24 F to have a smooth transition to District C. This is going very well. There are still lots of questions and we do not have all the answers. Please be supportive of this transition especially if you are asked to be a chairperson or serve on a committee. As our International President Lion Dr. Naresh Aggarwal quotes "It is the Power of We." It is not the power of I or the power of \_\_\_\_\_ Lions Club but the Power of We TOGETHER CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

As you did screenings in the schools it was the power of we that made that a success. If one child was helped through the Lions Club of your community it was worth it all. I enjoyed every minute of the time I spent with the students at schools and day care. We as a PRIDE are here to help the children.

Make sure you get credit for service projects. It does not take long to send off a report to LCI. Let the world know how strong you are and that the Pride is growing. THANKS to each club that has added members. That deserves a Lions ROAR. We still have time to add to our membership. Growth in membership, no matter what organization you may be a member, is growth for service. We give thanks to God for the Growth in 24F of new members and each club.

The month of December is a busy one. With our church activities, family activities and Lions activities, it is full. December 4<sup>th</sup> we will be at Clintwood Lions with Haysi-Clincho Lions and Pound Lions. December 9th we will be at the Wytheville Lions Club; December 14 we will be at Appalachia Lions Club. Dorothy and I have enjoyed being in the clubs for visits. We are so proud of the Clubs that we have visited so far. Looking forward to my other visits.

Dorothy and I would like to wish each of you a very Merry Christmas and Great 2018.

D. G. Joe Mack and Dorothy





Governor Joe and the Wytheville Lions Club hosting the George Wythe High School Boys and Girls Basketball Teams.



Governor Joe "sharing the fun" at Speed Ball at the annual Wytheville Carnival.



## Governor on the "GO"



Governor Joe with Lion Pete Nuckols and Lion Yungho Park at the Wytheville-Wythe-Bland Chamber of Commerce Business Expo.



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR 1<sup>ST</sup> AND 2<sup>ND</sup> VICE DISTRICT GOVERNORS



Well, I had not planned to be a 1st Vice-District Governor, but so far, I've had some great experiences. In June I went to Chicago for the Lions International Convention, celebrating our 100 Anniversary in the city where Lions was born. We had about 30,000 Lions from more than 125 countries. Sometimes we forget that we are part of something much bigger than our local clubs. In July, I made my first trip to the Wise RAM and saw many Lions from all over Virginia there to serve. In August, Lisa and I had the opportunity to travel to Detroit to visit the Leader Dogs for the Blind facility. This great organization was started 78 years ago, by three Lions, and is still supported by Lions Clubs across the country. Today, they match around 200 guide dogs to clients, giving greater mobility and independence to folks who have lost their sight. What a great organization we belong to! Thanks for all you do in your communities. I'll look forward to seeing you all soon.

**John Seaborn, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor**

Congratulations to Isabelle Shockley on winning District 24-F's, 2017-2018 "The Future of Peace" poster contest! She is a 13 year old from Carroll County Middle School sponsored by the Hillsville Lions Club. Isabelle's quote on Peace is "The future belongs to those who believe in peace." Her poster will now be sent for state judging. Thanks goes to the students and clubs participating from Pound, Rural Retreat, Marion, Richlands, and Wytheville. The International grand prize winner will receive \$5,000.



**Jean Cook, District Peace Poster Chair, 2nd VDG**





## How to Contact Your District Officers

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Greetings, Fellow Lions!

I would like to give you a brief summary of the final figures for the 2017 Districts 24-E and 24-F Fall Conference.

First, I want to thank all of you for your help in pulling things together for the conference. The time and effort you each put into this is greatly appreciated. The large number of raffle items and silent auction items the clubs provided was a huge success. Also, Lion Lanny Ballentine's donation of the brooms, etc., was a great help in raising funds. The Vice Governors provided a very nice hospitality room with beverages and snacks both evenings of the conference. The financial success of the conference allowed us to provide the hospitality room at no charge to the Vice Governors.

We have paid all expenses. The hotel charges of \$4,575.86 included meals and PID Hauser's expenses (lodging and Friday evening meals), meeting room charges, and A/V rentals; David Browning, "Mayberry Sheriff," was paid \$500.00 for entertainment; conference pins cost \$233.75; 50/50s paid out \$205.00; the Melvin Jones Progressive Award for PID Hauser's gift cost \$200.00; Memorial flowers cost \$49.50; a donation (\$200.00) was made to the Edgewood Lions Club for providing desserts for Friday evening and other assistance with VIP gifts; and PCC Clark Vandergrift, was reimbursed for printing, purchasing of supplies, etc. \$263.96.

After all deductions from the \$6,668.00 taken in from registrations, meals, 50/50s, raffles, silent auctions, and broom sales (\$164.00), we maintained a **profit of \$439.93**. This amount has been placed in the Fall Conference funds which PDG Jim Newman, District Treasurer, is overseeing for our future fall conferences.

I thank you for the opportunity to serve you and our fellow Lions during the planning and implementing of the 2017 Fall Conference. It was very reassuring to me to find the Lions of our two districts so welcoming and easy to work with during the process of planning for this conference.

My Best to Each of You!

PCC Clark Vandergrift



Thanks, PCC Clark, for all your hard work!

# Bits & Pieces

## News from the Fries Lions Club

The September 26, meeting of The Fries Lions Club welcomed newly elected District 24-F Governor Joe Mack Taylor as our special guest. The main goal of his motivational speech was to increase membership. Fries Lions Club President French "Junior" Anderson received a 35 year membership certificate, Lion James Williams received a 10 year membership certificate, and Lion Larry Williams received a 10 year membership certificate. Our club raised \$306.00 as a participant of The Fries Festival On The River held September 16. Three eyeglass applicants were approved. Lion Jennie Farmer represented The Lions Eye Clinic Report.

During the month of October, The Fries Lions Club assisted in the eye screening of 568 children countywide, 143 students at Fries Middle School. Made a donation of \$200.00 for a benefit assisting cancer patient Jerry Watson, who was an advocate of our cause and received a Thank You card from The Leader Dog Program.



### LIONS INDUCT NEW MEMBERS

The Saltville-Rich Valley Lions Club recently inducted three individuals into membership by Immediate Past District Governor Bill Cahill. Shown left to right are Lions Tim Denton, sponsor; Ellie Branham sponsor, Barry Davidson, Scott Schriefor, Penny Hutchins and IPDG Bill Cahill. President Lion Linda Larmer presented the new members with a Lion's packet, pin and cap/visor.



## *More New Members*



The Wytheville Lions Club inducted nine new members at the November 21<sup>st</sup> meeting. This boosts the number of members to 88 and more than doubles the number of women in the club. The club also sponsors the newly established Leo Club service club at Scott Memorial. Amanda Ferguson is the faculty sponsor. The induction ceremony was held at the Presbyterian Children's Home who provided the meal as an annual fundraiser for the home. The Wytheville Lions Club is the local branch of the world's largest service organization, Lions International. The club that provides eye, hearing, and other service projects in Wythe and Bland counties. Find out more at [wythevillelionsclub.com](http://wythevillelionsclub.com) or follow the Wytheville Lions Club on Facebook.

Photo caption: New Lions Club Members and their sponsors:

Front: (L-R)

Autumn Turner; Sponsor: Sarah Anderson  
Sarah Anderson; Sponsor: Sam Crockett (behind)  
Amanda Ferguson; Sponsor: Jean Cook (behind)  
Crystal Tibbs; Sponsor: Rob Kern (behind)  
Lee Ogle (very back); Sponsor: Rob Kern  
Photobomb in the middle: President Eric Vransky

Not pictured: Terry Bass; Sponsor: Kenny Irvin  
James Fleming; Sponsor: Jean Cook  
Virginia Loop; Sponsor: James Fleming  
Bill Marshall; Sponsor: Eric Vrsansky



## NEWS FROM

## NORTON LIONS CLUB

We had homeless and relocated families that were in desperate need of EVERYTHING and anything. These families had been in shelters. We also had families from Florida that had left their homes with nothing but the clothes on their backs. We had plenty of clothes but that was all. My husband, Wiley and I went to businesses here in Norton and ask if they would help, telling them the situation. In one day we were given six mattress and box springs, towels, wash cloths and bedding. This day the rain

was really coming down, so Wiley and I moved these in our truck. We had to make two loads. They got wet but not soaked. We got soaked!!! We stood them on their sides like a tepee and turned a huge fan on them, in our Lions Club Building overnight, until they dried. We called the six families and they took all of the above items home along with clothing, pots pans and other items to start their new lives. Wiley and I talked and prayed that God would open a door that we would be able to help those in need. Thank God, He heard our Prayers. We have helped many more families in and around our community. Words cannot express how proud we are to be Lions. (Submitted by Lion Anne Holbrooks.)



### BASH IN THE PARK

The Norton Lions Club and Norton Parks and Recreation Department sponsored Bash In The Park, Saturday, October 21.



Lion Marilyn Cook



Let's think about all of the service your club is doing to make your community and the world a better place in which to live – those that you do well and those needing change. I challenge you to select and examine just one activity that you think might improve with change – it does not matter what it is. Then suggest to other members and your leaders how the activity might be done in a different way, just to see what happens.

There are 'lump of coal' and 'diamond' clubs. The first type stays at status quo and does not grow, especially in women and family. A 'lump of coal' club member asks, "Why does this always occur in our club and why do I get stuck doing it? This should not be happening – it's just not fair." In this type of club, the club leadership has no power or strength to change the way the club is. The member then thinks, "Since I should not have to do it again, instead of speaking up, I just won't volunteer again."

One action that goes along with a 'lump of coal' club is simply giving up – the worst thing we can do – the club may begin to lose members because there is no purpose or goals, and eventually, the club may disband. An old quote helps us understand why some members do this: When you're up to your posteriors in alligators, it is difficult to remember your original intention was to drain the swamp. A second action is taking it out on others – take no responsibility and blame other members when things are not going well.

Questions and beliefs that go along with a 'diamond' club: "How can we make this activity successful?" This opens members' minds to the possibilities and creative choices available to them. "We can handle this situation. There are a number of things we can do to make the activity enjoyable." Through open discussion and communication with everyone about the situation, the end result is a positive one.

To see membership growth (especially women and family members), we must always remember that WE SERVE is the foundation of our association. It is rooted in everything we do and stand for. It is the reason that people become Lions; it unites us and provides us with the opportunity to accomplish great things for our communities and around the world.

I firmly believe that long-term successful growth, whether it is women, men, or family members, is dependent upon welcoming and keeping our new members involved, instilling pride, and treating them like family. It is a simple equation:

Involvement + Sense of Pride + Member Care + Family Atmosphere = Club Success





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We are to focus our efforts on the five service areas with the goal of tripling our humanitarian impact by serving 200 million people per year by 2021. The five service areas are: Diabetes, Environment, Hunger Relief, Pediatric Cancer and Vision.

Our goal is to assist clubs and districts in identifying ways to improve service activities, find and share new service activities, continue to promote the centennial projects and improve the reporting of all service activities.

LCI and LCIF will support these goals by offering:

- PROGRAMS to change lives and improve communities by engaging in service programs.
- GRANTS to assist large-scale humanitarian needs with the help of grant funding from LCIF
- PARTNERSHIPS with global organizations to expand the scope of service activities
- ADVOCATING for legislative protections at local, regional, and national levels
- ENGAGING YOUTH by developing new ways to engage them as partners and leaders in service.

More information will undoubtedly be furnished.

Service to Others,  
GST District F Coordinator IPDG Rev Lion Bill Cahill



**Teresa Tyler and Paula Hill presented a program on the Health Wagon. The mission is to provide compassionate, quality health care to the medically underserved people in the Mountains of Appalachia. The average patient is somewhere around 38 years old. Ninety-eight percent of the Health Wagon patients are uninsured. Seventy percent of them have an income of less than \$20,000 annually, despite working multiple jobs. This means they make too much money to qualify for Medicaid, but not enough to afford private insurance. Teresa and Paula talked about the patients they serve living in poverty-stricken rural Appalachia, where they can't afford to go to the doctor but can't afford not to. The mobility of the Health Wagon provides for this gap, whether they are inline at the food bank or at their job, the Health Wagon brings healthcare to the people of Appalachia. If you have unused medications in your home, you can contact them to donate to the Health Wagon.**





# *James A. Bland Music Competition*

Each year, Lions clubs throughout the state of Virginia proudly sponsor the Bland Musical Competition for young musicians of high school age. This Competition encourages young people to pursue their musical ambitions, develop their talent and perhaps earn scholarship money along the way. The competition is held at four levels - local, regional, district and finally state. The state competition is held the opening night of the Lions State Convention every year in May.

Our district Bland chairperson is Lion Ethel Daniels, and she may be reached at 276-679-3492 or by email at [Ethel.daniels21@yahoo.com](mailto:Ethel.daniels21@yahoo.com).

**All winter:** Clubs holding contest make preparations. Arrange for venue, piano, contact schools, music teachers, identify judges etc. If your club is not holding a contest, schedule a presentation by the district Bland chairman to learn more about how to do it.

**February 2018:** Individual Lions Clubs hold local contests. Result: one vocal and one instrumental first place winner to proceed to Zone/Region contest. Clubs may award cash, bonds, trophies, or other prizes. All entrants receive certificates.

**March 2018:** Region or Zone Chairmen conduct Region or Zone contest where Club winners compete to move up to next level. (Note if only one club in a zone has a contest, that club must participate in a Region contest. Club winners may not proceed directly to the District level).

**April 2018:** District Contest where first place vocalists and instrumentalists from Region/Zone contests compete to determine who represents the district at the state level.

**May 2018:** State contest held at the State Convention. First place vocalist and first place instrumentalists from each of the six districts in the state compete for scholarship awards. attendance at this event is generally in excess of 800 Lions and family. It is also open to the general public.

2017 State Bland Memorial Winners	
1st Place Vocalist \$2,500.00 Scholarship Naomi Daniels - District 24-E	1 <sup>st</sup> Place Instrumentalist \$2,500 Scholarship Mairead Flory – District 24-A
2nd Place Vocalist \$2,000.00 Scholarship Sara Koo - District 24-A	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place Instrumentalist \$2,000 Scholarship Meloday Whitaker – District 24-F
3rd Place Vocalist \$1,500.00 Scholarship Maryann Hayden - District 24-C	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place Instrumentalist \$1,500 Scholarship Kevin Hong – District 24-D
Participants receiving \$1,000.00 Scholarships	
Vocalists	Instrumentalists
Zoe Knox - District 24-D	Emma Rose Cary – District 24-B
Jordyn Satterfield - District 24-B	Katrina Kirilyee – District 24-C
Hadassah White - District 24-F	Elizabeth Shelor – District 24-E



# Happenings



Photos from 2017 District 24 E & F Fall Conference in Bristol, Virginia

## The Roar --- District Governor's Newsletter

The Roar is the official publication of Lions District 24-F. It is an instrument for publicizing the activities of your club to Lion, Lioness and LEO members throughout the District and state. Please submit for publication articles and pictures of interest about your club's fund-raising, community activities and social events. All correspondence should be addressed to Mary Nichols, [marynichols@mail.com](mailto:marynichols@mail.com)

This publication is dedicated in memory of PDG Bill Hall and PDG Jim Nichols.

## 50th Anniversary Celebration:

### Enter the *Together We Can* Contest Series

Lions serve, and for 50 years Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) has been serving alongside them. Together, we've restored sight to millions of people and prevented blindness in millions more. Together, we've connected the world's children with lifesaving vaccines and tools for healthy social emotional development. Together, we've been there for our communities when disaster has struck. Together, we can do so much.

This year, LCIF celebrates its 50th anniversary. We're marking the occasion with a series of online contests that focus on our foundation's important work.

[ENTER THIS MONTH'S CONTEST NOW »](#)

Our first Together We Can Contest offers fun ways to enter and learn about LCIF's work to fight preventable blindness and restore sight.

Each month, lucky winners from around the globe will receive an exclusive LCIF 50th anniversary medal, plus an invitation to LCIF recognition events at the 2018 Lions Clubs International Convention in Las Vegas (travel and convention registration not included). We'll be running a new contest every month through April 2018, so [enter now](#) and keep coming back for more chances to win.

[ENTER THIS MONTH'S CONTEST NOW »](#)

This week, many countries around the world celebrate Giving Tuesday, the start of the giving season. There's no better time to connect with your foundation and celebrate 50 years of supporting the service of Lions.

Thank you.





*What's Next?*

**March 2 - 4, 2018**

**Regional Lions Leadership Institute**

**Holiday Inn Monticello**

**Charlottesville, VA    Cost \$125.00**

**Future Lions of Virginia State  
Conventions**

**May 17 - 20, 2018**

**Wyndham Virginia Crossings Hotel &  
Conference Center  
Richmond, VA**

**July 28, 2018**

**District 24C**

**Zone/Region Chair Training**

**Dublin Lions Club House**

**10 am - 2 pm with working lunch  
provided.**

**November 2 - 3, 2018**

**Multiple District 24-C**

**Fall Conference**

**Location to be Announced.**