



*The Lion's Roar*  
*Virginia Multi-District 24-F*  
*News July 2017*



**Lion Rev. Joe Mack Taylor to lead District 24-F in 2017-2018**

Lion Joe was born and reared in Grayson County, Virginia. He attended Independence Elementary School and graduated from Independence High School in June 1966. After graduation, he married his high school sweetheart, Dorothy Anders. They have been married for 51 years and have one son, Mark. They are the proud grandparents of Daniel and Colleen. Lion Joe attended Wilkes Community College while working in textiles and received an Associate Degree in Business. In 1982 answered the call to ministry and became a United Methodist Clergy. While pastoring, attended Duke Divinity School in Durham, N.C. COS. Lion Joe first joined the Independence Lions Club where he held several offices. He dropped out of Independence Lions Club due to work scheduling. After moving to Wytheville, Lion Joe joined the Wytheville Lions Club where he held many offices. I am very proud to be your District Governor for the year 2017-2018. As we serve together may we grow the pride.

During this year I have made some goals for us to accomplish. As we go further into the year we will develop goals together as best serves our communities. Some that I will mention now are to eliminate the yearly loss and start a trend of increase in membership.

- Each club have an annual increase of 10%, this would take care of any deaths or Lions moving out of the district.
- Leadership is to have 5 in attendance from 24F at the Regional Leadership Institute in spring of 2018.
- To have more participation in the James Bland Music Scholarship Competition.

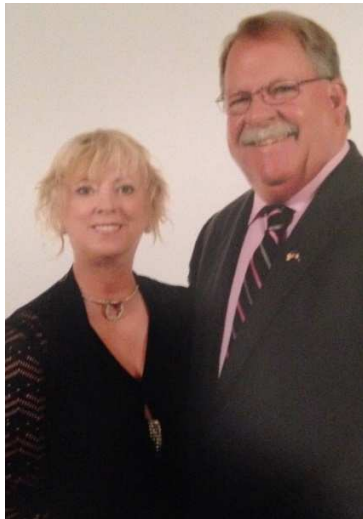


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## MEET YOUR 1<sup>ST</sup> AND 2<sup>ND</sup> VICE DISTRICT GOVERNORS



John Seaborn is the 2017-18 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor. He is pictured with his wife of 29 years, Lisa. 1<sup>st</sup> VDG John is a retired Manufacturing Engineer. A couple of his retirement goals are to visit all 50 states and all 30 Major League Baseball parks. Still has a long way to go on both counts.

A native of Pennsylvania, I have resided in Wytheville, VA for the last 40 years. I am a retired Purchasing Director from Wythe County Community Hospital with 33 years of service. In addition to Lions, I enjoy gardening, jigsaw puzzles, and church activities.

A close friend encouraged me to join the Wytheville Lions Club in 2009. In 2012, the club joined me in developing our annual Memorial Day Flag project. This year, we placed over 700 flags on veteran's graves in 28 cemeteries. I have served in various capacities over the years and have found the work of the Lions to be very rewarding. Work is in process to establish Leo Clubs in our schools this fall.

This past year I served as the first female president of the club in its 75 years of existence. I am honored to serve you as 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG and Chairperson of Region 3 Zone 1 this year in promoting LIONISM.



## Upcoming DISTRICT CABINET MEETING

The upcoming District Cabinet Meeting will be July 23, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. at the Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church, 200 Mt. Pleasant Road, Wytheville. Light refreshments will be served. Directions: I-81 to Exit 70, turn North on U.S. Highway 52, go approximately 2 miles, church is on your right. The District Cabinet Meeting is open to all Lions but especially beneficial to officers of each club. Please Come!

**NEWS FROM**

**LIONS OF VIRGINIA FOUNDATION, INC.**



<b>LOVF Grants Approved 2016-2017</b>		
<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Use</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Arlington South Lions Club	Prosthetic Eye	\$1,750
McGaheysville-Massanutten Lions Club	Pavilion & Playground Equipment	\$12,000
Northern Virginia Lions Youth Camp	Pavilion	\$27,500
	<b>Total for the Year</b>	<b>\$41,250</b>

2017 LOVF Raffle results and other information for your use submitted by:  
 Douglas T. Cross, PDG  
 LOVF Treasurer

**Winners:**

\$10,000.00

\$500.00 Second Place

\$500.00 Third Place

Lion Debra Beebe  
 15 Covington Dr.  
 Fredericksburg, VA 22406

Lion Rick Berry  
 557 Logan Place  
 Newport News, VA 23601

Ms. Carla Wegesin  
 3407 Ruston Street, N.E.  
 Roanoke, VA 23012

**Selling Lion Ticket Winners:**

Debra Beebe  
 Greater Falls Run Lions Club  
 District A

Lion Rick Berry  
 Northampton Lions Club  
 District 24-D

Lion Linda Long  
 Roanoke Valley Breakfast Lions Club  
 District 24-E

**Top three Clubs Selling the most tickets:**

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|---|-----------|
| 1. Farmville Lions Club (24-B)          | 256 books |
| 2. Roanoke Valley Breakfast Club (24-E) | 204 books |
| 3. Smith Mountain Lake (24-E)           | 110 books |

A preliminary financial report of raffle results is as follows:

Gross Receipts from Sale of Raffle Tickets (23,328 tickets) \$23,318.60

**Less: Expenses:**

Cost of Printing Tickets	\$ 2,156.80
1st Place Winner	10,000.00
1st Place Ticket Seller	100.00
2nd Place Winner	500.00
2nd Place Ticket Seller	100.00
3rd Place Winner	500.00
3rd Place Ticket Seller	<u>100.00</u>

Total Raffle Expenses to Date 13,456.80

Net Income from 2017 LOVF Raffle \$ 9,861.80

# Bits & Pieces



Taylor Berard drew the picture. Her home is in Suffolk, VA, in district 24-D. She has attended Bridgewater College for the past two years. Bridgewater is in district 24-C. Taylor's grandmother has relatives in Salem and through the years has brought Taylor to visit when she comes. Of course, Salem is in district 24-E. On one of her visits Clark Vandergrift, chair of the 2017 Virginia State Convention, watched her sketch a picture on a napkin and could not believe his eyes. He asked her to sketch a lion on another napkin and again, was truly amazed at her ability to draw so effortlessly.

Clark asked Taylor if she would be interested in drawing some pictures for us to use in the raffle for the 94th State Convention to be held in Roanoke. She agreed and over the next month and a half she sent me photos as she progressed on each of the pictures. The two pictures were the lion and a sail boat. The lion had "Roaring into the future" and the sail boat had "Sailing into the future" written on them. The Lion was certainly his favorite and it was used on various correspondence for the convention. Congratulations to Taylor for a job well done. (Submitted by PCC Clark Vandergrift, District 24-E.)

## Norton Lions Club Kids Night at the Best Friends Festival 2017

A great day of fun and camaraderie was enjoyed by friends, neighbors, kids and adults at the Norton Lions Club-sponsored Best Friend Festival. Events like this renew our confidence in our youth. It gives us reinforcement of pride and makes us very proud of the opportunity to enjoy each other as friends and neighbors. Where there is a need, there is a Lion.





# Legacy Projects

"Reach the Summit Through Teamwork". Lions Club International has reached their centennial year and we have been successful because we are focused on the same goal: serving those in need. Be it on a global level or a local level, Lions truly live up to the idea "where there is a need there is a Lion". This year we will continue the Centennial Service Challenge and are expected to reach our goal of 100 million people served well before the June 30th, 2018 deadline. The Lions of District 24-F have embraced this challenge and made it their own. Lions Club International has added a new layer to the Centennial Service Challenge; clubs are being asked to leave their mark on their communities through the Centennial Community Legacy Project.



To commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Lions Club International, Wytheville club members donated a park bench at Wither's Park.



The Rural Retreat Lions Club donated the bench pictured above as a symbol of the Lions Centennial year and our legacy goal of "Reach the Summit Through Teamwork," to the Rural Retreat Depot. Lions truly live up to the idea "where there is a need there is a Lion." Shown here are Rural Retreat Mayor Tim Litz, Rural Retreat Depot Foundation member, Stanley King, Jr., and Rural Retreat Lion Kenneth Kegley cutting the ribbon at the dedication of the bench.



## WHITE CANE DAY



Lions Beth McGlothlin and Ethel Daniels supporting White Cane Days.



The Hillsville Lions Club participates in White Cane Days, raising funds for Lions Sight Conservation programs. Collection points are set up at several locations in the city. White Cane Day is a national project. Pictured left to right, PDG Kitty Smith, Lion Jim Parker and Lion Peggy Chappel.

In 1921, James Biggs, a photographer from Bristol, England, became blind following an accident. Because he was feeling uncomfortable with the amount of traffic around his home, he painted his walking stick white to be more easily visible. In 1930, Lion George Bonham, President of the Peoria Lions Club (Illinois) introduced the idea of using the white cane with a red band as a means of assisting the blind in independent mobility. White canes were made and distributed and the Peoria City Council adopted an ordinance giving the bearers the right-of-way to cross the street. News spread throughout the U.S., and their visually handicapped friends experimented with the white canes. Overwhelming acceptance of the white cane idea quickly gave cane users a unique method of identifying their special need for travel consideration. Today, white cane laws are on the books of every state in the US providing persons who are blind a legal status in traffic. Lions and International White Cane Safety Day is an opportunity to increase awareness about the white cane, alerting motorists of the need to exercise special caution and provide the user the right of way. In 1964 the U.S. Congress approved a resolution authorizing the President of the U.S. to annually issue a proclamation designating October 15<sup>th</sup> as "National Cane Safety Day." This date is a suggested date. Lions Clubs are free to hold awareness events according to the schedule of the club and the community it serves. More information is available at [Programs@LionsClubs.org](mailto:Programs@LionsClubs.org)

## Suggested Activities for Lions

Mobilize your club to partner with local blindness experts, schools and organizations for the blind to plan your International White Cane Safety Day awareness activity.

- Arrange for a person who is blind to demonstrate the use of the white cane and its benefits, and share his or her accomplishments and aspirations with the community or your club.
- Invite a representative from a local school for the blind or a low vision clinic to speak about white cane, orientation and mobility and white cane laws in your community.
- Work with your local government officials to create a White Cane Safety Day Proclamation for your event.
- Work with local news media to convey your community's white cane laws to the public.

Be sure to report your white cane awareness project or event using the [Service Activity Report in MyLCI](#). Learn how your project may contribute toward the [Centennial Service Challenge!](#)

# LEO News



## Leo Club Objective

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.

## Leo Club Motto

**Leadership** – Develop skills as a project organizer, time manager and team leader.

**Experience** – Learn how teamwork, cooperation and collaboration can bring exciting changes to your community and the world.

**Opportunity** – Make friends and feel the rewards of community service.

Is this a problem for us?

There was an important job to be done and Everyone was sure that Someone would do it.

Anyone could have done it, but No-one did it.

Someone got angry about that because they thought that it was Everyone's job.

Everyone thought that Anyone could do it, but No-one realized that Everyone wouldn't do it.

It ended up that Everyone was angry with Someone because No-one did what Anyone could have done!

"Everyone, Someone, Anyone and No-one don't belong to your Lions Club – do they?"

If you're a leader, take responsibility and get it done."

Don't blame people for work that doesn't get done that we could have taken responsibility for.

### 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.

**District 24-F is composed of the following active Lion's Clubs:**

<p>Abingdon – 9360 Chartered 3/17/54  P. O. Box 251, Abingdon 24210  1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays, 7:00 pm  Shoney's Restaurant, Abingdon  Members - 15</p>	<p>Appalachia – 9361 Chartered 11/27/41  P. O. Box 528, Appalachia 24216  2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays, 7:00 pm  Appalachian Senior Citizens Center, 313 Main St.  Members - 24</p>
<p>Big Stone Gap – 9362 Chartered 3/27/51  1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, 6:00 pm  Food City, 603 Wood Ave. East, Big Stone Gap  Members - 16</p>	<p>Bluefield – 9364 Chartered 10/08/53  Every Wednesday  Fincastle Country Club  Members - 24</p>
<p>Bristol Evening – 9366 Chartered 11/2/59  2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays, 6:00 pm  Golden Corral, 3104 Lee Hwy., Bristol, VA  Members - 10</p>	<p>Bristol Goodson – 9376 Chartered 5/14/64  1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, 6:00 pm  Lions Clubhouse, Boardwine Rd., Bristol, VA  Members - 6</p>
<p>Bristol Host – 9365 Chartered 6/02/24  Each Friday at Noon  Food City, across from Bristol Herald Courier  Members - 50</p>	<p>Castlewood – 9367 Chartered 11/6/57  1<sup>st</sup> Monday, 7:00 pm, Romano's, Castlewood  3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, 7:00 pm, Castlewood Lion Den, Highway 58-A  Members - 20</p>
<p>Chilhowie – 9368 Chartered 12/15/47  1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays, 7:00 pm  Lions Club Bldg., 116 Industrial Park Dr., Chilhowie  Members - 14</p>	<p>Clintwood – 9370 Chartered 5/14/68  1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, 6:00 pm  Clintwood Community Center, 237 Main Street, Clintwood  Members - 22</p>
<p>Coeburn – 9371 Chartered 3/22/57  2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, 5:30 pm  Coeburn Library, Laurel Ave., Coeburn  Members - 4</p>	<p>Ewing Boones Path – 55582 Chartered 4/25/94  2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays, 7:00 pm  100 F Fellowship Hall, 411 Rose Hill Drive, Rose Hill, VA  Members - 18</p>
<p>Fries – 9372 Chartered 12/09/41  2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, 6:00 pm  Fries Café, 335 Firehouse Dr., Fries  Members - 19</p>	<p>Galax – 9373 Chartered 12/13/38  1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, 6:30 pm  Scoots Restaurant, 104 N. Main St., Galax  Members - 19</p>
<p>Grundy – 9377 Chartered 10/14/53  2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday, 7:00 pm  Italian Village, Walnut St., Grundy  Members - 3</p>	<p>Haysi-Clincho – 64286 Chartered 5/21/01  2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> Monday, 7:00 pm  Pizza Factory, 279 Main St., Haysi  Members - 24</p>
<p>Hillsville – 9379 Chartered 7/30/40  2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, 6:30 pm  Peking Palace, 2664 Carrolton Pike, Hillsville  Members - 50</p>	<p>Honaker – 9380 Chartered 1/27/58  2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, 6:30 pm  Honaker High School, 1795 Thompson Creek Rd., Honaker  Members - 22</p>
<p>Independence – 9382 Chartered 10/1/46  2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday, 6:30 pm  Skyline Bank Conference Ctr., Independence  Members - 18</p>	<p>Jonesville – 9383 Chartered 8/14/40  1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday, 6:30 pm  Jonesville Senior Citizen's Building, Cumberland Bowl Park  Members - 22</p>
<p>Lebanon – 9385 Chartered 9/4/40  2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, 6:45 pm  Bonanza, East Main St., Lebanon  Members - 14</p>	<p>Marion – 9386 Chartered 9/29/41  2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> Monday, Noon  Holston Hills Country Club, Marion  Members - 13</p>
<p>North Tazewell – 9389 Chartered 10/21/57  2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> Monday, 6:30 pm  American Legion Building, 202 Central St, Tazewell  Members - 17</p>	<p>Norton – 9388 Chartered 2/18/47  1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, 6:30 pm  Prime Sirloin, 1728 Park Ave., Norton  Members - 48</p>



Pennington Gap – 9391 Chartered 5/26/32 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday, 6:00 pm Ruby's Steak House, 131 Industrial Dr., Pennington Gap Members - 18	Pocahontas – 9392 Chartered 11/12/41 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday, 6:30 pm 1 <sup>st</sup> United Methodist Church, Center St., Pocahontas Members – 17
Pound – 9393 Chartered 9/24/53 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday, 6:30 pm Lions Den, 11427 Church St., Pound Members - 13	Richlands – 9394 Chartered 1/29/47 2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday, 6:30 pm V & V Restaurant, 104 Front St., Richlands Members - 21
Rural Retreat – 9396 Chartered 9/23/41 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday, 6:30 pm St. Paul Lutheran Church, Crockett Members - 38	Saltville Rich Valley – 9399 Chartered 5/26/50 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday, 6:30 pm Lions Club Park, Palmer Ave., Saltville Members - 51
St. Charles – 9397 Chartered 2/3/47 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, 6:00 pm Hardee's Restaurant, 712 E. Morgan Ave., Pennington Gap Members - 4	Tazewell – 9400 Chartered 2/28/47 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday, 6:30 pm American Legion Hall, Central Ave., Tazewell Members - 29
Weber City – 9401 Chartered 12/21/53 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday, 6:00 pm Lynn Garden Restaurant, 1106 Lynn Garden Dr., Kingsport Members - 6	Wise – 9403 Chartered 9/29/53 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday, 7:00 pm Bonanza, Ridgeview Center, Norton Members - 11
Wytheville – 9404 Chartered 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, 7:00 pm Wytheville Golf Club Members - 80	

# Happenings

**Abingdon Lions Club will  
be selling ice cream at the  
VA Highlands Festival  
July 28 – August 6 on  
Rensburg Drive.**



## UPCOMING RAM EVENTS

WISE RAM

JULY 20-23

LEE COUNTY – JONESVILLE RAM

SEPT 22-24

GRUNDY RAM

OCTOBER 6-8



For over 25 years, the Lebanon Lions Club and the Town of Lebanon have sponsored a celebration of our nation's freedom. The celebration features a parade, musical entertainment, food, games, crafts, a giant cake for our country's birthday, and, of course, fireworks. The activities start early in the morning and continue through the day on the grounds of the Lebanon Middle School.



**Lions Club  
Charity  
Carnival  
July 17 thru 22  
2017  
at Wytheville  
Community College  
campus**

**Future Lions of Virginia State  
Conventions  
May 17 – 20, 2018  
Wyndham Virginia Crossings Hotel &  
Conference Center  
Richmond, VA**

**Future Lions of Virginia State  
Conventions  
May 15 – 19, 2019**

**Future Lions of Virginia State  
Conventions  
May 13 – 17, 2020**

