



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



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

These first 3 months have been full and fun. I've enjoyed my travels across the district. Dorothy and I visited installed officers at Appalachia on July 13. We were in North Tazewell for their Steak meal on August 28. I really enjoyed my drive to the Jonesville Club on September 5. We enjoyed dining with the Independence Club on September 14. All these clubs are active and doing well with their service projects. I attended zone meetings on August 16 and August 21; traveled to Chesapeake for a Council on Governors meeting at the 24-D Fall conference with DG Beth Stevens; and District 24-A Fall Conference with DG Ann Ragland September 29-30. The next COG meeting will be at 24-A Fall Conference October 8 in Fredericksburg with DG Dr. Sally Kenavan. Districts 24-E and 24-F Fall Conference will be October 20-22 at Holiday Inn exit 7 Bristol, Va. With DG Steve Taylor and DG Joe Mack Taylor.

November 3-5 I plan to be with DG John Knepper Fall Conference with a COG meeting November 4. I will be at the Rural Retreat Club for their Charter Night on September 21; the Chilhowie Club October 5; the Clintwood Club on December 4, at the Wytheville Club on December 9 and with the Appalachia Club again on December 14.

I hope you each are putting ads in the local paper so the community will know that there is an active Lions Club in the community. Please send Lion Mary any pictures and articles so she may get them in the newsletter. She can't get it there without your help.

I know the clubs have been busy screening kids in their school district. I've been helping with the screening here in Wytheville. A BIG THANK YOU for helping screen in the schools. If the Lions find one kid that can get help it is worth it all. These kids are very special. There is a lot of information on lionskidsightusa.org about eye screening. I just learned at the last COG meeting that all screeners need to be certified and have a TB screening. Lion Dr. Hauser Weiler PID will be having a certification class at Fall Conference in Bristol October 21.

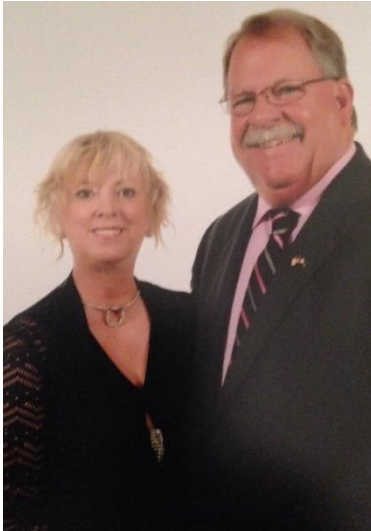
Please support the James Bland Memorial Music Scholarship. Please remember the one that goes to state gets a big scholarship. For any questions about this program please contact Lion Ethel Daniels. We also need funds for this program to be able to pay the judges. Send all donations to Cabinet Treasurer Lion Donna Collins P. O. Box 145, Saltville, VA. 24370.

Remember the pull tabs off drink cans is a good service project. For more information contact DG Joe Mack at 276-620-3623. I will be contacting clubs to set up date for official visit. If you have a preference please contact DG Joe Mack.

Best to the Pride
DG Joe Mack Taylor



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR 1ST AND 2ND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNORS



John and Lisa Seaborn

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.

Greetings Lions!

It is hard to believe that the Lions Centennial Celebration will be ending in June 2018. The global celebration is founded on three themes:

LEAD THROUGH SERVICE - all clubs are asked to help 100 million people in four areas of youth, vision, hunger and environment.

INVITE FOR IMPACT - new Lions will ensure our place as the global leader in humanitarian service.

CONNECT WITH COMMUNITY - clubs are encouraged to make a visible and lasting gift to your community.

If your club has not done a Legacy Project, there is time to complete it. You can find more information about Legacy Projects on the Lions100.org website. Also, I will be glad to help in any way I can. Please call me at 276-228-8507 or email me at jeanc@embarqmail.com.

See you all at the Fall Conference!! Jean Cook, 2nd VDG



We need your feedback to stay current ... if something's not quite right, or there's something important going on that doesn't appear somewhere, or if you've got a brilliant idea for improving the newsletter that's burning a hole in your brain, let us know! However you do it, be sure to keep us in the loop!

Your Announcement Here ... Need to get the word out on a major event? We can put an announcement on the **Happenings!** page and back that up with a registration form. Send your stuff to marynichols@mail.com

24-E

Mail registration to:
 PCC Clark Vandergrift
 Districts 24-E & F Fall Conference
 3226 Bromley Rd. SW
 Roanoke, VA 24018
 (540) 309-5521

**24-F**

Mail registration form to:
 Lion Mary Nichols
 Districts 24 E & F Fall Conference
 132 Carrington Lane
 Wytheville, VA 24382
 (276) 239-0094

24-E & F Lions Fall Conference 2017

October 20 & 21, 2017
 Holiday Inn & Bristol Conference Center
 3005 Linden Drive Bristol, VA 24202
 Phone: (276) 466-4100

A registration form must be completed for each person attending the Fall Conference. **All Lions and guests must pay the Registration Fee.** A conference packet and will be provided for all registered attendees.

Hotel Reservations: Call the Holiday Inn in Bristol (276-466-4100) to make your reservation. Request the Districts 24-E & F Lions of Virginia Fall Conference rate (\$82.00 plus tax).

Deadline for Fall Conference Registration and Hotel Reservations is October 2, 2017.

Name: _____ Lion _____ LEO _____ Guest _____
 (Include: PDG, PCC, PID, etc.)

Address: _____ Email: _____

Club: _____ Phone No. _____

Nametag: _____ (please indicate how you would like your name on nametag)

Registration Fee \$25.00 \$ _____

Friday Evening Dessert & Coffee Bar \$5.00 \$ _____
 with Cash Bar

Saturday Breakfast Buffet \$15.00 \$ _____

Saturday Lunch Buffet \$17.00 \$ _____

Saturday Banquet (Select one) \$30.00 \$ _____

- _____ Chicken Kiev
- _____ Sliced Top Sirloin of Beef
 with Au Jus and Horseradish Sauce

50/50 Raffle: 7 for \$5; 20 for \$10

50/50 - Saturday Lunch/red ticket \$ _____

50/50 - Saturday Banquet/blue ticket \$ _____

List dietary needs/food allergies:

Amount Enclosed **Total** \$ _____ **.00**

Make checks payable to: LOV Districts 24 E & F Fall Conference [Please send registration to your District listed above.](#)

Friday Evening

(Dinner on your own)

Dessert Party and Coffee Bar

7:30 PM – 9:00 PM

Saturday Breakfast - Buffet

Home Style Breakfast Buffet

Assorted Breakfast Breads and pastries

Scrambled eggs

Breakfast potatoes

Sausage and Bacon

Buttermilk Biscuits with gravy

Assorted Juices, Coffee, and Water

Saturday Lunch – Buffet

Deli Buffet

Assorted Breads

Sliced Deli Meats

Toppings and Condiments

Pasta Salad

Brownies and Cookies

Iced Tea and Water

Saturday Banquet

Choice of one of the following:

Chicken Kiev

Sliced Top Sirloin of Beef with Au Jus and Horseradish Sauce

Tossed Garden Salad with Assorted Dressings and Toppings

Oven Roasted Red Potatoes

Fresh Green Bean Almandine

Dinner Rolls

Assorted Desserts

Iced Tea, Coffee, Water

Bits & Pieces



Shirley Gordon-Lundy was named Grand Marshal of the Independence 4th of July Parade. She has been a member of the Independence Lions Club for 14 years and is serving as Membership Chair. Lion Shirley grew up in Independence and after marriage and a tour with her husband who served in the Navy, returned to Independence to live. Lion Shirley is very involved with her community. She is a member of the DAR, the VFW 7726 Women's Auxiliary, and a member of the First United Methodist Church. She also served on the Board of Supervisors and is a founding member of the 1908 Courthouse Foundation Board.

News from the Fries Lions Club



The Independence Lions Club had its 1st Annual Chicken BBQ on August 26th. It was a great success.

Congrats to Lion President Carlotte Bolt, Secretary Cora Testerman, Lion Nancy Faddis, and Lion Don Philen for perfect attendance at the Independence Lions Club.

The August 22, meeting received Wytheville Lions Club members John Jones, & Ray Patrick as our special guests. They gave a Hearing Program Presentation, which was most informative. Our club's service projects are as follows:

- The Fries Lions Club, in conjunction with The Fries Baptist Church, & The Fries Middle School, provided school supplies for underprivileged children;
- Collecting can ring tops for The Shriners Hospital For Children;
- The Legacy Project, which is in the early planning stages;
- Selling LOVF tickets;
- The placement of flags on Veterans' graves to commemorate Memorial Day.



Saltville Rich-Valley Lions Scholarship Program

Lion Steve Blackson presented scholarships to Lauren Rhea and Conner Selecman. Both recipients are 2017 Northwood graduates and will be attending Emory and Henry College. Lauren is the daughter of David Rhea of Abingdon and Rebecca Wilkerson-Smith of Chilhowie. Conner is the Son of Shawn and Debbie Selecman of Saltville. The presentation was made at the Lions Appreciation BBQ held each year in honor of the many volunteers who have helped with Lion's activities throughout the 2016-2017 year.



BIKE WINNER

Congratulations to Tristan Eastridge for winning the bike give-away contest sponsored by the Saltville-Rich Valley Lions' Annual Carnival. Tristan is the son of Andrew and Tammy Eastridge from Abingdon. By purchasing an arm band ticket permitting all night rides, one enters the drawing with each purchase. The carnival is the club's major fund raiser of the year with proceeds helping to assist Saltville area individuals in obtaining vision care, as well as monies designated for vision and hearing preservation, scholarships, disaster relief and additional community projects. Pictured Left - Club President, Lion Linda Larmer; parents - Tammy and Andrew Eastridge; front - Tristan Eastridge winner of the hike.



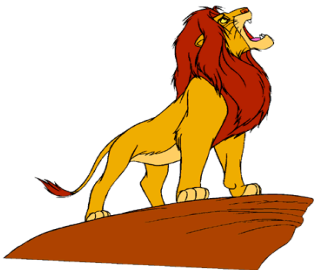
Members of the Rural Retreat and Wytheville Lions Clubs perform vision and hearing screenings in the Wythe and Bland County Schools.



One of the best ways to promote club membership growth is to shine a spotlight on Lions service by hosting a public event. Here are a few ideas you can share with your club leaders:

- **Invite the community to a Lions open house.** Have an informational table for each service project your club offers. Celebrate a ribbon cutting on your new building, park or playground. Attract local families with a barbecue or game night.
- **Open your service projects to non-Lion participants.** Sorting eyeglasses? Planting trees? Feeding the hungry? Show your neighbors what it means to be a Lion by inviting them to serve alongside your club.
- **Host or sponsor a major community event.** Develop a fun and exciting event or sponsor an existing one. Lions clubs all over the world are known for their unique festivals, carnivals, parades, concerts and more.
- **Invite one-time volunteers from colleges.** Episodic volunteerism has been identified as a major emerging trend. For your next big project, invite college students to participate. Many colleges will be on break soon, and the young adults will be happy to do something productive.
- **Donate a public item.** Donate a bench to a public park, or trash cans to a street, or footballs to kids, or any item that will be seen by the public. Make sure the Lions logo and slogan, "We Serve," are clearly visible. For example, in Mumbai, Lions are giving away free umbrellas to the poor with Lions branding.

For any event to succeed, Lions need a marketing plan. Encourage your club leaders to publicize their events in the local newspaper, radio, TV news, websites and social media. Post flyers or go door to door to spread the word.



**Reach
Out
And
Roar**

**Let's Reach Out and Respond Together –
Make sure your website and Facebook pages
are up to date with meeting place and time.
Pictures say a thousand words – show Lions
volunteering in your community.**



The Global Action Team consists of the GLT, GMT and the newly created GST. By working together as one team, the Global Action Team, along with LCIF, will enable us to expand on our motto, "We Serve," as it takes on a new and unified approach to service, membership and leadership development at all levels of the association.

Commitment to Service

Individual Lions and Leo clubs volunteer to address local humanitarian needs by mobilizing people and resources to deliver hands-on service and improve the overall wellbeing of their communities. The Global Action Team was developed to unify the three key areas of Lions – leadership, membership and service – to strengthen our clubs. Let's do everything in our power to make the Global Action Team a success.

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.

Peace Poster Contest



2016-17 Peace Poster Grand Prize Winner

Lakkana Meepara, 13 years old, Thailand

Lions International encourages every Lions club to engage with the youth in their community to sponsor a Peace Poster Contest entry. The theme of the 2017-18 Peace Poster Contest is "The Future of Peace". Students, ages 11, 12 or 13 as of November 15, are eligible to participate.

One international grand prize winner will receive US\$5,000 and a trip to a special award ceremony. Each of the 23 merit award winners will receive a cash award of US\$500 and a certificate of achievement. To learn more about the Lions International Peace Poster Contest, please contact your District Chair, 2nd VDG Jean Cook.

July 21-23, 2017, RAM treated close to 2,500 people who camped out and huddled in their vehicles 48 hours in advance, so a medical practitioner could help alleviate their pain and suffering. After 18 years operating RAM's free mobile medical clinics in Wise, VA, one thing remains constant: the current state of healthcare in America is not enough. We must continue to do more to bring free, high-quality medical care to those who need it most. Thanks to all those Lions who volunteered to make this annual event successful.



Remote Area Medical

What's Next?

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

How to Contact Your District Officers



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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

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