MD 24 C Lions of Virginia

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Lions Roaring Pride

Greetings Lions of District 24-C,

I hope you all had a great Holiday season and now are ready to head full steam ahead into 2020. I want to start by thanking all of you for allowing me to serve this year as you District Governor. I have had a great time traveling around our district, visiting clubs, and meeting so many great Lions. I am always amazed by all the great things Lions are doing in communities everywhere.

I am happy to report that we had a successful Fall Conference that was well attended. I hope everybody enjoyed it and learned a little as well. Thanks to all who brought Peanut Butter for Feeding America SWVA. By their count we brought in 2,900 pounds, and it is clear that the Roanoke Valley Breakfast Club is Pea-Nuttiest Club in the District. They brought 1,400 pounds and took home the "Coveted Golden Peanut" trophy.

I am now more than halfway through with my year as Governor. By my count, I have visited over 40 clubs, either at club meetings or at Zone Meetings. I am working on my travel schedule for the next few months and hope to see all 68 clubs before the end of June. We still have a lot of work to do. Our district is down in membership by about a dozen. This is a number that we can certainly overcome and finish the year on the plus side. I have been challenging each club to get to at least +1 by the end of the Lion year. We have been working on several new clubs and will continue to do so. Membership is something that does not end at the end of the Lion year. It must be an ongoing focus.

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John Seaborn
District Governor MD 24-C

We Serve

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District Governor Lion John Seaborn,

Bristol Evening Lions Club

2019-2020 District Governor MD 24 C

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But membership can't be our only focus. Continue to seek out new ways to serve your community. I have also asked all clubs to give, at least something to LCIF. This is our Foundation and it is doing great work all around the globe and we should support it. I've heard some say that whatever money they raise will be spent in their own community, and I respect that. But maybe, you could pass a collection can for few meetings and send that in.

In closing, I remind you of my theme for the year "Something Bigger". Let's continue to make our service Something Bigger for our communities. Let's grow our membership into Something Bigger and let's make our Lions Club experience Something Bigger.

John Seaborn, Governor

District 24-C Lions Clubs

Something Bigger

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2019-2020 International President

Dr. Jung-Yul Choi, President

Lions Clubs International

Dr. Jung-Yul Choi of Busan, Republic of Korea, was elected to serve as international president of Lions Clubs International at the association's 102nd International Convention, held in Milan, Italy, July 5 through July 9, 2019.

A member of the Busan Jae-il Lions Club since 1977, President Choi has held many offices within the association, including club president, cabinet secretary, district governor and international director. He also served numerous times as a DGE Group Leader and served on 11 committees as a member of the International Board of Directors. In addition, he was a chairperson of the 39th OSEAL Forum in 2000 and a host committee chairperson at the 95th Lions International Convention in Busan in 2012, the largest convention ever held in Lions history.

In recognition of his service to the association, President Choi has received numerous awards, including the Humanitarian Partnership; Senior Master Key Award; 100% District Governor Award; multiple International President's Leadership Awards; multiple International President's Awards; and an Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor the association bestows upon its members.

He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow. In addition to his Lion activities, President Choi is chief executive officer of Koala Company, Ltd., an international trading company, and is also a past director of the Busan Sports Association.

President Choi and his wife, Seung-Bok, have one son, four daughters and two granddaughters.

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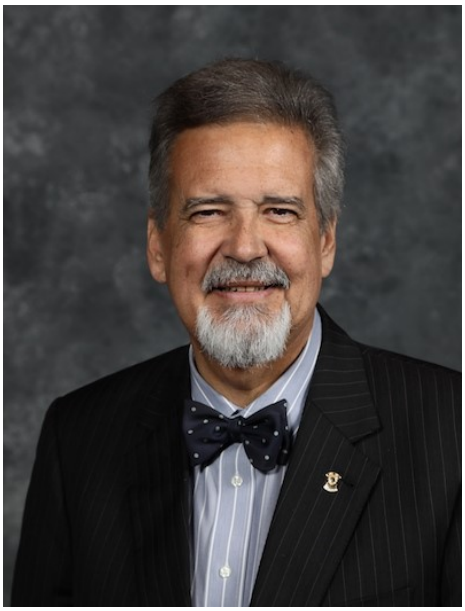
In Memory



First International Vice President Lion Judge Haynes Townsend.

Haynes Henton Townsend, 64, of Dalton Georgia went home to be with his Lord and Savior on Tuesday, December 17, 2019. He was the son of the late Clifford and Evelyn Townsend and was also preceded in death by his uncle, Emmett Henton.

Haynes had a servant heart and a love for community. He started working at Fraker Hardware at age 15 and later served as Chief Magistrate Judge for Whitfield County for 22 years. He was the current vice president of Lions Club International and was to be named president at the international convention in June. He was an outstanding friend, loved photography and loved his family deeply. He loved to read and had an incredible sense of knowledge. Haynes believed kindness matters and was an example of how kindness can change the world.

He is survived by his loving wife of 40 years, Donna Lord Townsend; daughter and her fiancé, Morgan Townsend and Travis Vitali; daughter and son-in-law, Madison and Kenneth Rutledge, Jr.; mother-in-law and father-in-law, Henry and Becky Lord; aunt, Geneva "Nene" Henton; cousins, Brian and Teresa Henton and Debra and Chuck Harris.

A memorial service was held at the Dalton First United Methodist Church with Rev. Terry Flemming and Rev. Chuck Harris officiating.

The family requests that memorials be made to the Lions Club International Foundation, 300 W. 22nd Street, Oak Brook, IL 60523.

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MD 24-C District Cabinet for 2019-2020

District Governor	John Seaborn
1st Vice District Governor	Jean Cook
2nd Vice District Governor	Eric Mills
Cabinet Secretary	PDG Lowell Skelton
Cabinet Treasurer	PDG Jim Newman
Global Leadership Team Chair (GLT)	PCC Marty Alford
Global Membership Team chair (GMT)	PDG Rick Carroll
Global Service Team Chair (GST)	Tammie Brightwell
Region 1 Chairman	Jim Dalton
Zone 1 Chairman	Konrad Crist
Zone II Chairman	Ava Kay Ford Patrick
Region 2 Chairman	Joel Lytton
Zone I Chairman	Joel Lytton
Zone II Chairman	Jonathan Light
Region 3 Chairman	Lisa Dotson
Zone I Chairman	Raymond W Frances
Zone II Chairman	Charlene Shortt
Zone III Chairman	Dollie Compton
Region 4 Chairman	Mary Nichols
Zone I Chairman	Ken Little
Zone II Chairman	Connie Saunders
Awards Committee Chair	Tammie Brightwell
Budget Committee Chair	PDG Jim Newman
Constitution and By-Laws	PDG Eural Clippard
Ethics	PCC Jan Bowling
Information Technology	Jonathan Light
Liaison/ International Relations	PID Richard Chaffin
Long Range Planning 1 yr.	FVDG Jean Cook
Long Range planning 2 yr.	SVDG Eric Mills
News Letter Editor	PCC Martin R. Alford
Parliamentarian	PID Richard Chaffin
Public Relations & Lion Information	Dharamdeo Sawh
Pin Trading	PDG Jim Newman
Directory	PCC Clark Vandergrift

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MD 24 Lions of Virginia

2020 Regional Lions Leadership Institute

To: All Virginia Lions

From: Richard P. Chaffin, PID MD24 GLT

The 2020 Institute will be held March 6 - 8, 2020, at the Holiday Inn – Monticello, at the Fifth Street exit off of I-64, in Charlottesville, Va. Contact them at 434-977-5100 to make your room reservations for the "Lions Leadership Institute". You will be asked for a credit card to hold the room. Payment for the room is included in your registration fee of $150.00, for this year (2020) is being paid by District 24-C. You will need to call and reserve your room with your credit card to guarantee the room, and for any incidental charges.

The Leadership Institute utilizes the talents of skilled, experienced individuals to present information on topics that will be of tremendous benefit to you in both your future service in Lions, as well as your career and personal interactions. The entire program is being organized, and coordinated by PCC Lion Marty Alford, who has overseen just such events in his professional career.

Many of the resource materials have been developed, over several years, by the leadership professionals at Lions Clubs International. You will find contact information for Marty marty.alford1960@gmail.com and please feel free to contact me at lionrpc@gmail.com.

Those staying at the Hotel may enjoy a hot, buffet breakfast. Both dinner meals, and Saturday and Sunday lunches, will be buffet service, at the hotel. Special dietary needs can be accommodated, with notice accompanying registration. If you would like to have guests join you for the graduation luncheon on Sunday, or any other meals, please let us know in advance, as we welcome their visit.

Please take a few moments to review the enclosed information about this tremendous learning opportunity. Class size is limited to thirty (30) participants, ten from each Sub-District. We have set a registration return date of January 20th, so that unused participant spots, for a District, may be reallocated to another District, if necessary. Applications are accepted on a first received basis, by District.

We look forward to your interest, questions and participation. The absolute deadline for the 2020 RLLI is January 31, 2020.

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RLLI Schedule

Date and Time	Event
Friday March 6, 2020	
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Registration
3:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.	Welcome and Opening Remarks
	Lion Richard Chaffin
	Goals, objectives and overview
	Institute Coordinator Lion Marty Alford
3:15 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.	Opening Session: Public Speaking
	PCC Lion Chet Kramer
4:15 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.	Working in Teams
	Lion Richard Chaffin
5:15 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	Break
5:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Reception – Icebreaker
6:00 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.	Dinner
7:30 p.m. - 8:50 p.m.	Leadership
	PDG Jay Moughon, District L GLT
Saturday, March 7, 2020	
8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.	Fundamentals in Lionism and Mission Statement
	PCC Chet Kramer
9:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	Local Issues and Opportunities
	PID Richard Chaffin
10:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Break
11:00 a.m. – noon	Time Management
	PDG Heather Jones-Lancto
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.	Setting and reaching goals
	PCC Marty Alford
2:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Break
3:00 p.m. – 4:20 p.m.	Motivating Club Members
	PDG Heather Jones-Lancto
4:30 p.m. -5:30 p.m.	Conflict resolution
	PDG Jay Moughon
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	RLLI Celebration Banquet
Sunday, March 8, 2020	
8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Public Speaking: Group Presentations
12:00 p.m. – 1:20 p.m.	Graduation Luncheon/Presentation of Certificates PID Lion Richard Chaffin, MD-24 GLT Chairman
1:30 p.m.	Adjournment

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2020 Lions Leadership Institute

Holiday Inn - Monticello; Charlottesville, Va.

March 6 - 8, 2020

APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE

After completing and signing this application to participate in the 2020 Lions Leadership Institute, return it to your District Governor, who will approve your application and forward it to Lion Richard P. Chaffin; 1205 Valley Vista Lane; Forest, Va. 24551-4366; lionrpc@gmail.com; deadline: January 20, 2020*.

Full Name _____

Name for Nametag _____

Address _____

City _____State _____ ZIP _____

E-Mail Address _____

Club _____ District _____

List Club, District, and MD Offices/Positions Held in Last Three Years

By signing and submitting this application to my District Governor, I agree to pay $150.00 (enclosed – payable to Lions of Virginia) toward the cost of my participation in the 2020 RLLI. I understand that I shall be responsible for my transportation expenses, and any incidentals during the Institute. (Your district and LCI are paying the balance of cost of this program, including your lodging and meals. There will be no refund of student or district participation fees for dropouts within two weeks of the start date of RLLI. You will receive detailed program information upon your acceptance into this RLLI.) *Ten slots are allotted for each District, after this date, the unfilled slots will be opened to all Districts.

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Applicant's Signature

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District Governor's Signature

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MD 24 C Cabinet Meeting Announcement and Notice

District Governor John Seaborn would like to remind all the clubs and cabinet members that the 3rd Cabinet meeting will be held on **February 9, 2020 at 2:30 p.m. at the New River Criminal Justice Training Academy.** The **MD-24 C Charity Foundation will meet at 1:30 p.m. at the same location.**

The Dublin Clubhouse is being remodeled and it will not be ready by the date of out meeting. If you are not sure about how to get to the New River Criminal Justice Training Academy go to our directions page at; http://www.nrcjta.org/directions.htm and print off the directions from where ever you are traveling from .

You can use Google Maps and type in 601 Marcy Road, Dublin, VA 24084 into the Google Maps app to get directions.

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MD 24 C Fall Conference Highlights

Lions from across MD 24 C gathered in Bristol, VA for the occasion to celebrate our annual Fall Conference. This year clubs from across the district were greeted at the Bristol Holiday Inn by a mountain of peanut butter brought in by clubs in answer to our District Governors challenge to help Feeding America of Southwest Virginia feed the hungry.

By the count Lions from across the district brought in 2,959 pounds of peanut butter for Feeding America. It was clear that the Roanoke Valley Breakfast Club is Pea-Nuttiest Club in the District. Members of RVBLC brought 1,400 pounds and took home the "Coveted Golden Peanut" trophy. Pictured left to right are: Lion Wanda Dalton, Lion Allison Cordera, Lion Brenda Cooper, Lion Jim Dalton, and District Governor John Seaborn.

RVBLC President Brenda Cooper received the State Achievement Award for the Club at our Saturday Banquet.

Lions Jim and Wanda Dalton were presented the Proud to be a Lion certificates and pins.

International Director Steve Thornton on the right and District Governor John Seaborn in the center presented Lion Tammie Brightwell (left) Certificates of Appreciation for serving as the Fall Conference Chairperson and also the International President's Certificate of Appreciation for all of her hard work.

District Governor John Seaborn (left) and International Director Steve Thornton (center) presented PCC Clark Vandergrift an International President's Certificate of Appreciation for all of his hard work in the district. PCC Clark put together the district directory and served a LCIF ambassador.

District Governor John Seaborn (left) and International Director Steve Thornton (center) presented PCC Marty Alford an International President's Certificate of Appreciation for all of his work in the district. As GLT, PCC Marty taught classes across the district for Zone Chairs and Club Officers. His continued efforts on our district newsletter was also recognized.

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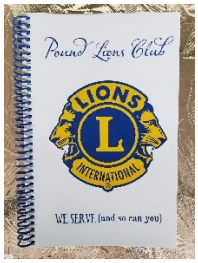
MD 24 C Fall Conference Highlights

International Director Steve Thornton provided a very motivational presentation to challenge Lions. We appreciate ID Steve for all of his work in helping us to build our district.



Members from Pound Lions Club set up a booth to sale their club cookbook.

Their were plenty of opportunities to attend training sessions on Saturday morning. Lions had a wide variety of classes to attend to help learn about Lionism.

Peace Posters were on display on Saturday at the banquet and the winner of Region II, Grace Lafon (Blacksburg Host) and the winner of Region IV, Jessica Bryce (Hillsville) was selected for entry into the state competition.

The two winners Peace Posters were sent on to the State where they were judged.

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Christiansburg Lions Club

CHRISTIANSBURG LIONS CLUB
PRESENTS MELVIN JONES AWARD

On November 22 the Christiansburg Lions Club presented Lion Doug Kanney with the prestigious Melvin Jones Award given by the Lions Club International to a member who goes above and beyond for their service to the club and community. PCC Clark Vandergrift, Past Council Chair and MD 24 C LCIF Co-Chair, made the presentation.

Kanney has dedicated his life to the ministry for over 35 years after attending Emory and Henry College and Union Seminary. Upon retiring from the ministry after 11 years serving St Paul United Methodist Church, he and wife Penny moved to Harriman to help care for her parents. There he was sponsored by his father in law to join the club in 2004. He had also been a member of Lions clubs in Crozet and Middlesex earlier in his career. He returned to Christiansburg and joined the Christiansburg Lions Club in 2009.

Doug was elected to various offices of the club, serving twice as its president. He organized and presided over the 75th anniversary celebration of the club's founding. He has sponsored 9 new members into Lionism in his tenure. Always involved in club projects, he has served in setting up for the Christmas Craft show, assisting with SPOT machine vision screening in Montgomery County schools, volunteering at the Eye Bank in Roanoke and most recently at the Montgomery County Emergency Assistance Program to provide lunch for needy children in the summer feeding program for needy children.

Doug is well known throughout the community for his compassion, kindness and service to others, being named citizen of the year in 1997. His good humor and fellowship with strangers as well as friends truly exemplifies the Lion motto of WE SERVE.

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First Vice District Governor

Jean Cook

Thanks to all the 2019 Peace Poster participants!

Thanks to all participants in the 2019 Peace Poster Contest. The winner of Region II, Grace Lafon (Blacksburg Host) and the winner of Region IV, Jessica Bryce (Hillsville) was selected for entry into the state competition. The winner of the state competition was from District L. The 2020 Peace Poster kit is now available for purchase from LCI.

The National Memorial Day Parade is being held on May 25, 2020, in Washington, D.C. Our Leo Clubs are invited to participate with the Lions from our District for a nominal fee. All information is being sent to the Leo Faculty Advisors and Liaisons. This is a wonderful opportunity for our Leos and for our Lions.

1VDG Jean Cook

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Cave Spring District Lions Club

CAVE SPRING LIONS CLUB NEWS

District Newsletter Report

Ms. Julie Blanchard of Carilion Well Said spoke on "Senior Home Safety" and answered questions at the September 26th meeting. (picture 1)

Our meeting on October 10th was a joint meeting with the Boones Mill Lions Club. District Governor John Seaborn was the guest speaker. Shown in the picture are members of the Boones Mill Club, the Club President ,Lion Roger Flora and Lion DG John Seaborn (picture 2)

A very successful Yard Sale was held on October 25 and 26. The sale was chaired by Lion Sophia Moticha, shown here with Lion Frances Mills. (picture 3)

At the October 28th Zone Meeting, Lion Kay Ford Patrick was awarded the "Proud to be a Lion" award by Lion CC Rick Carroll. The award is given to members who meet the criteria for attending Zone meetings, recruiting new members and attending training classes. (picture 4)

At the Fall Conference in Bristol, Lion Kay accepted the Lions of Virginia State Achievement Award for the Cave Spring Lions Club. The award was based on outstanding participation in club activities during 2018-2019. Lion Kay accepted as the past president (picture 5)

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Cave Spring District Lions Club

Chris Runyon, PR and Communications Specialist for the Better Business Bureau, spoke on "Scams against Seniors" at the November 14th meeting. (picture 6)

On November 20th, Lions Dharam Sawh, Gary Habla and Jim Newman conducted Vision Screening at North Cross School. (picture 7)

"Dr. John McDonigal and his grandson Zachary Baldwin entertained with a "Holiday Surprise" at the November 26th meeting (picture 8) Zachary is the grand nephew of Lion Sophia Moticha.

At the Holiday Social on December 12th, a program of Christmas Carols were presented by the "Edwards Family plus One" (picture 9)

Lion Santa Jim Newman and Lion Elf Ashley Wagner presented Lion Kay Ford Patrick with the Melvin Jones Award. (picture 10)

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Daleville Fincastle Lions Club

On September 9, 2019, Lion Carole Smith presented President Josh Werle the Melvin Jones Fellowship Patch and Chevron. The award was sent by Lions Club International Foundation Chairman of the Board, Dr. Naresh Aggarwal.

The club banner patch is a symbol of the Club's dedication to serving the world community. This Fellowship Award (LCIF) is the highest form of recognition and embodies humanitarian ideas consistent with the nature and purpose of Lionism. Lion Jim Spitz was presented the club's Melvin Jones Award during the 2018-19 fiscal year.

(Pictured President Josh Werle and Lion Carole Smith)

Lion Jeremy Blewett from the Roanoke Valley Breakfast Lions Club spoke at the September 17, 2019, meeting of the Daleville Fincastle Lions which was held at Leonardo's. His topic was "Preventing Identity Theft" and touched on robot phone calls, email tricks of scammers, and protecting your WIFI connections. He also spoke about investing in credible virus protection software and about ways to secure your VPN.

Pictured Vice-President Scott Johnston and Guest Speaker Lion Jeremy Blewett

On September 21, members of the Daleville/Fincastle Lions volunteered at the Fuzzy Logic concert at the Daleville Town Center. They sold tickets, worked at various stations and helped to clean up after the concert. It is one of the two major fund raising activities of the club.

Pictured L-R: Back row – Lion Forest Wagner; Guest, Jerry Canada; Lion Michael Jackson Front row – Lion McKinsey Payne, Lion Teresa Fridley, Lion Karen Sledd, Lion Carole Smith, Lion Lisa King

September 22, 2019, members of the club volunteered at the JDRF walk in Roanoke.

Several members worked the Kids Zone while others manned refreshment stations for the walkers.

The Lions Club donated more than $500 to the JDRF Research Foundation for the year.

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Daleville Fincastle Lions Club (continued)

The Daleville/Fincastle Lions support the Leader dog program financially and was awarded the "Bone" badge for last year's donation. The badge will be displayed on their Club banner.

Photo shows Past President Carole Smith handing over the "Bone" badge to President Josh Werle at the October 15 meeting:

Every year Fincastle, VA holds a 5 and 10K run and this year, Lion Lowell Skelton placed first in his age group for the Bank of Fincastle 10 K. The race was held on Saturday, October 19, 2019. He represented the Lions Club in a community activity that emphasized good sportsmanship and good health. Several lions manned stations throughout the race to help direct the runners or provide refreshments.
Lowell is Treasurer of the club.

Photo 1

Photo 2

Lions from the Daleville/Fincastle Lions Club volunteered to help at the Troutville Fire Department Golf Tournament held at Ashley Plantation on Friday, October 18, 2019. They posted signs, spotted holes, helped with the 50/50 and raffle tickets, and various other set up details. Several Lions are volunteers with the Fire Department. The money raised at the event will be used to award scholarships to a student at Lord Botetourt and a student at James River who is interested in going into Fire, Rescue, and/or Police work.

photo 1 shows Scott Johnston (and son) and Lowell Skelton setting up the 50/50 and raffle ticket area

photo 2 shows Hilde Spitz, Jim Spitz, Michelle Johnston (and her children) taking a break after the game

(not pictured Mike Jackson and Carole Smith)

Lions Lowell Skelton, Karen Sledd and Carole Smith met at Mini World Daycare to screen the 3-4 year old's. In less than a minute per child, the Welch Allyn Spot can detect conditions such as Near-sightedness, Far-sightedness, Hyperopia, Astigmatism, Anisometropia, Strabismus, unequal pupil size, and lid droop. If a condition is found, a printout of the screening is given to an adult to be passed along to the parent/guardian. A recommendation to get a complete exam by an eye care professional is noted. The Lions Club offers financial aid to qualifying parents/guardians for the exam and/or glasses, when needed.

The next few months, Lions will be screening in daycares, preschools, and home school associations. This is a great way to uphold our motto, "We Serve."

(Photo L-R: Carole Smith and Karen Sledd)

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Daleville Fincastle Lions Club (Continued from previous page)

On Saturday, November 9th, the Daleville/Fincastle Lions initiated a new service project by joining the VDOT Adopt-a-Highway Project. The Lions are responsible for trash pickup on a 2.6 mile stretch of Catawba Road. Lion Lowell Skelton worked with VDOT to coordinate the project which aligns with one of the focus areas, "Environmental," that the Lions support.

Pictured here by the Catawba Road sign is one of four (4) participants, Club Treasurer, Mary Sue McCormack. Other Lions participating were Forest Wagner, Mike Jackson and Lowell Skelton.

Now that the word is out, Lions from the Daleville/Fincastle Lions Club have moved steadily throughout the community with their SPOT camera to check the vision of children from 3-6 years of age in our daycare facilities and preschool programs. Lions recently visited Mini World Child Care Center on Read Mountain Road to screen 3 and 4 year old children. They also traveled to the preschool program at Fincastle Baptist (Li'l Scholars).

Shown to the left: Lion Carole Smith and Karen Sledd at Mini World Director of Lil Scholars, Lori Kessler with Lions Karen Sledd, Jim Spitz and Carole Smith. The equipment is non-invasive as it looks like a camera to the children. It takes measurements of the eyes and can quickly detect problems such as astigmatism, near-sightedness, far-sightedness, and "lazy eye." Screening results are given to the instructor in charge and then shared with the parent/guardian of children who might need a complete eye exam.

At the November 12th meeting, the Daleville/Fincastle Lions were introduced to Jackie Grant, Executive Director for the Roanoke chapter of the American Red Cross. Program Chair Teresa Fridley brought Jackie to the meeting so that she could give a comprehensive review of the many areas of service performed by this fine organization. Jackie talked about the ways local individuals and groups have been helped as well as how assistance is provided internationally.

Photo left to right: Lion Teresa Fridley and Executive Director Jackie Grant

Volunteers are always needed at the Red Cross facility to help with blood drives, transport blood to hospitals, set up disaster support areas, and serve those who need help.

At the November meeting, Lion Mary Sue McCormack presented a certificate to Lion Carole Smith. The certificate noted that Carole had the honor of winning the State Achievement Award for Outstanding activities for the year 2018-19.

Photo L-R: Lions Carole Smith and Mary Sue McCormack

The Fall State Lions conference for MD 24 was held in Bristol, VA November 1-3. Lions Lowell Skelton and Mary Sue McCormack represented the Daleville/Fincastle Lions Club.

Photo L-R (1): Lowell Skelton and Mary Sue McCormack

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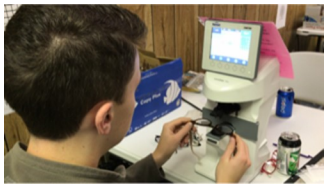
Daleville Fincastle Lions Club (Continued from previous page)

Michael Hijduk, a sophomore at Radford High School and a member of Troop #348 in Riner VA came to the Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center with his Mom, Debbie Combs, on Saturday, November 23, 2019. They met with Kay Patrick, Cave Springs Lions Club, and Mary Sue McCormack, Daleville/ Fincastle Lions Club. Michael was looking for a service project for his 1st Class merit badge (which is the last step to Eagle Scout).

Photo #1 L to R: Debbie (Michael's mom), Michael, Kay Patrick and Mary Sue McCormack



Michael began his day at the Center with a tour of the facility through the receiving area, the sorting tables, washroom, clean room, reading room and storage areas with a bit of Lions history. Then on to the hands-on portion, learning how to sort glasses for recycling; using the Lensometer Optical Eyeglasses Tester used to read lens prescriptions; and packaging glasses for distribution. Michael will return soon and engage in washing and packing the glasses to be read. Photo #2 : Michael reading glasses prescription

Based on an article that was published in the Fincastle Herald, the members of the Daleville/Fincastle Lions Club voted unanimously to support Laini Hawkins, student at Lord Botetourt, in her quest to raise funds for cancer research and education. Laini conducted a volleyball tournament (with the help of her family) on Saturday, November 23rd at Spectrum Sports Center. Lion Carole Smith presented a check to Laini in the amount of $500.00. The check was made out to Children's Miracle Network (note for Spike Sarcoma to help with directing the funds). One of the focus areas for all Lions Clubs is pediatric cancer. It was rewarding to be able to donate the money and support a local student who is a survivor of Sarcoma cancer. Photo#1: Carole Smith and Laini

Photo#2: Photo of teams who played in the tournament

Submitted by

Lion Carole Smith, President

Daleville Fincastle Lions Club

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Dublin Lions Club

The Dublin Lions Club mourns the loss of our infamous Tail Twister

Lion Leonard Clark "Pooch" Yost, Sr., age 84 of Pulaski, formerly of Bluefield, Virginia, died Sunday, November 24, 2019 at his residence. He was born in Bluefield, VA on January 20, 1935, and was the son of the late Pauline Davis Yost and Frederick Leonard Yost. Pooch was a veteran of the United States Army and National Guard, was a retired physical education teacher in the Public School system in the Bluefield area, was a member of First Christian Church (DOC) in Pulaski, was a devoted member of the Dublin Lions Club where he served with enthusiasm as Tail Twister for many years, and was a member of the American Legion Post #58 of Dublin. Lion Pooch will be sadly missed as he was one of the club's most active members. REST IN PEACE LION POOCH.

Dublin Lions Club installed a dropbox for eyeglasses that the public is wanting to turn in for recycling. These eyeglasses are sent to the Eyeglass Recycling Center in Roanoke where they are cleaned, typed, boxed and shipped to people in need. Dublin Lions Club President Judy Alford commented that the dropbox is being filled up weekly.

At the MD 24-C Fall Conference in November, PCC Lion Marty Alford received the International Presidents Certificate of Appreciation for his work in the district. Presenting the award are District Governor John Seaborn and International Director Steve Thornton.

Dublin Lions Club President Lion Judy Alford, Club Secretary Lion Carolyn Hager, Lion Larry Clevenger, and not pictured PCC Lion Marty Alford Club GMT were present at the November Region II Zone II meeting that was held at the Dublin Shoney's. Zone Chair Jonathan Light led the meeting with clubs from Radford, Christiansburg, Dublin, and Narrows attended the meeting.

On the first Weekend in December, members of the Dublin Lions Club braved the wind and cold temperatures to ring the bell for the Salvation Army. This annual event is a win win for the Salvation Army as Dublin Lions primes the red kettle with a check for $500.00.

The top photo left to right Lion Dave Conner, Lion James Cook, Lion Robert Donley, Program Chairperson, Lion Jay Jackson and PCC Lion Marty Alford.

The second tent was seated left to right Lion Dave Conner, Dublin Lions Club President Lion Judy Alford, Lion Warren Morris, standing Lion Carl Lindstrom and others such as Lion David Skewes, Lion Lane Penn, Lion Larry Clevenger, Lion Andy Hullender, Lion Kenny Myers, Lion Harold Ward, Lion Eddie Smith, Lion Eddie Stephens.

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Dublin Lions Club (continued):

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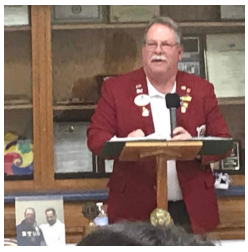
At the December membership meeting, the Dublin Lions Club celebrated Christmas with our annual dinner. For our service activity, Dublin Lions Club adopted a family for Christmas to help make sure that kids got a visit from Santa. The family was selected by the Pulaski County Department of Social Services and this is what Christmas is all about. Pictured to the left is Lion Ted Russell's wife Connie who lead our club in a round of Yuletide tunes for the evening. An enjoyable evening of food and fellowship was had by all.



At our January Membership meeting, District Governor paid our club a visit to present the Club Excellence Award to Immediate Past President James Cook. District Governor John Seaborn in recognition of our crockpot soup dinner brought a picture of himself and the "Soup Nazi" from the Seinfeld Show to the meeting to share. It was a "NO SOUP FOR YOU!!" moment.

Accompanying the Governor was our First Vice District Governor Jean Cook who was on a recruiting trip lining up her Cabinet in preparation for her upcoming year.

Pictured is District Governor John Seaborn presenting the Club Excellence Award to Immediate Past President Jim Cook.

With the focus on hunger for the month of January, Dublin Lions Club presented each of the six Micah's Backpack programs in Pulaski County a check for $1,000.00 each. Representatives from five of the six programs are shown above receiving their checks. Additionally, the club contributes to Daily Bread which feeds the hungry in Pulaski with a check of $1,000.00 and we also cook and serve a meal once a quarter.

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Fairlawn Lions Club

In Memory

PDG Lion Junior Summer Childress

It is with a great sense of sadness that we report that PDG Lion Junior Summer Childress, 88, of Radford, passed away Saturday, January 4, 2020. He was a member of Fairlawn Presbyterian Church, retired owner/operator of Wayside Market and retired from Hercules. He was a lifelong member of Fairlawn Lions Club and past District Governor, District 24-E, Va. He was preceded in death by his parents, William C. and Gracie Graham Childress; 6 brothers and 1 sister.

Survivors include his wife of 67 years, Glenna Carrier Childress; son and daughter-in-law, Stephen D. and Linda Childress of Radford; daughter and son-in-law, Glenda L. Childress and Dale Milton of Pataskala, Ohio; granddaughter, Ashley Nichole Childress and husband Wes Dickens; sister, Nellie C. Roark; and many other relatives and friends.

Ferrum Lions Club

In Memory

Lion Dr. Carolyn Lee Thomas

Dr. Carolyn Lee Thomas, Retired Professor of Environmental Science at Ferrum College and Member of Ferrum Lions Club, passed away on Tuesday, January 14, 2020. She is survived by her husband and soulmate Lion Dr. Bob Pohlad, their son Chris Pohlad-Thomas, and his wife Adrienne Capollupo and their two daughters, and son Tim Pohlad-Thomas and his wife Alexandria Moore and their son and daughter.

Lion Carolyn has been a Lion since 1995. Carolyn began her teaching career as a Physical Science Teacher for Franklin County Middle School in 1978. In 1979, Carolyn became a Professor of Environmental Science and Biology at Ferrum where she would shape 41 years of students before retiring in May of 2019.

During her time at Ferrum, Carolyn was the Director of Science Camp as well as the Director of the Smith Mountain Lake Water Quality Program. She was a recipient of the Eugene P. Odum Award for Excellence in Ecological Education along with husband Bob from the Ecological Society of America. She also received the Melvin Johnston Award from the Smith Mountain Lake Association.

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Giles Breakfast Lions Club

After a busy summer, Giles Breakfast Lions continued their momentum into the fall months. October began the 2019/2020 school year's Animal Yoga at the two Head Start Schools in Giles County. The first class was held at Head Start's brand new facility in Rich Creek. Both the Rich Creek and Pearisburg schools have been participating in Animal Yoga since that time.

The final Music at the Market concert was held in mid-October with a celebration of Oktoberfest featuring the Sauerkraut Band. Giles Breakfast Lions prepared and sold traditional Oktoberfest foods including Beer Brats and German Potato Salad.

Mid-October found the local Cub Scout troop in the Community Garden for a tour of the garden, some gardening lessons and to assist in work that was going on at that time. Ten Cub Scouts and their leaders were on hand.

In November 24 turkeys were made available to Giles Breakfast Lions Club buy the GLEEN TEAM. The GLEEN TEAM is a part of The Brotherhood of St. Andrew. This group "gleens" and distributes surplus food across the United States for distribution to those in need. Giles Breakfast Lions were included in this distribution due to our Community Garden and its efforts to feed and nourish those in need in Giles County. Turkeys were distributed to the Department of Social Services, Christ Episcopal Church, Giles Senior Center and Giles Family & Wellness Center for distribution to their clients making turkeys available to 24 families for their Thanksgiving dinners.

The GLEEN TEAM also held its annual fall potato drop in early November. Giles Breakfast Lions was able to distribute 160 10 pound bags of potatoes along with pumpkins, and squash to families in Giles County. These were distributed through the same local partners who distributed the turkeys.

Eleven of the fourteen members of Giles Breakfast Lions Club attended the annual District 24C Fall Conference in Bristol. This was the first Fall Conference for most the eleven attending. Many new friendships were established and many old friendships were renewed. Contacting the Giles County Schools Nursing Department, club president Lions Sherri was able to determine the types of snacks the diabetic student in Giles County Public Schools needed. Boxes of healthy snacks were delivered to Jessie Glover, Head School Nurse for these students.

Over the past six years Giles Breakfast Lions have assisted the To Our House Ministry program by preparing and serving breakfast to their clients when they are being housed at Pembroke United Methodist Church. Our first time to do this in the 2019/2020 time period came in November when 15 homeless men and women were served breakfast by the club.

Seven years ago Giles Breakfast Lions Club began our annual Fruit Basket Delivery Day on the first Friday of December each year. Santa, aka John Mills, travels around the County delivering fruit baskets and in Rich Creek Several fruit baskets were delivered here along with several hand crocheted stuffed animals. Santa also made visits to the Head Start schools in Rich Creek and Pearisburg where each child had their picture taken with Santa. Several individuals were also visited along with a visit to the residents of Old Orchard Grove, a retirement, apartment facility in Pearisburg. Along the way the group stopped at Christ Episcopal Church for a lunch of pumpkin soup prepared by Lion Charlie for the occasion.

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Giles Breakfast Lions Club (continued from previous page)

Lions Betty Herbert, Sonu Chawla, Misty Carico, Santa, Adrian Johnson and Sherri Nipper-Williams pose for a photo at the Christmas tree in the lobby at Heritage Hall Nursing Home in Rich Creek. Not pictured are Lions Charlie Herbert and Darlene Smith.

Santa with a resident of Heritage Hall;

Members of Giles Breakfast Lions Club, along with Santa and the Head Start students in one of the Pearisburg classes)

Lion Sonu Chawla hosted the club's annual Christmas party at her home this year. A great time was had by members of the club along with their spouses and guests. District Governor John Seaborn was special guest for the evening. Club president Lion Sherri Nipper-Williams reviewed accomplishment the club has met over the past year.

Lions Bekki Hughes, Sherri Nipper-Williams, Charlie Herbert Sonu Chawla. Not pictured Lions Betty Herbert and Darlene Smith)

This quilt being raffled by Giles Breakfast Lions. Raffle tickets for the drawing are available for $5 each of 3 for $10. The quilt, handmade by Lion Edna Malone, measures 72" X 92" which is a bit larger than a queen-sized mattress, is 100% cotton. Those interested in purchasing raffle tickets can do so by contacting Giles Breakfast Lions Club treasurer at jazsngr@hotmail.com)

This club has been very active in our goal to SERVE our neighbors in Giles County. District Governor John Seaborn presented the club with a banner patch recognizing all the hard work being done by Giles Breakfast Lions in Giles County.

Submitted by Lion Betty Herbert, Giles Breakfast Lions Club at jazsngr@hotmail.com

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Moneta Lions Club

Moneta Lions Vision Screening

Members of the Moneta Lions Club's latest Community Project was the Vision Screening of preschool students at Bethlehem United Methodist Church. Lions**:** Grace Clark, Del Bailey, and Vision Chairperson Terry Jones, visited with the staff and students over a two day period using the **Welch Allyn Spot Screener,** to check the vision of 30 plus preschoolers.

The Spot Vision Screener is a handheld vision screening device that helps users quickly and easily detect vision issues of patients from 6 months of age through adult. Spot screens both eyes at once from a nonthreatening 3-foot distance. The touch-screen display allows for a one-touch activation, simple management of patient data entry and easy configuration for both vision screening and auto refraction applications. If no abnormalities are detected all information is immediately deleted. If any abnormality is detected, a print out is made for the parent or guardian to be taken to a specialist for a follow up. Once a print out is complete, the patient info is deleted from the Spot Vision Screener.

Photo: Pictured rear are Moneta Lion Grace Clark and preschool teacher Mrs. Bowels during a recent Vision Screening Project conducted by the Moneta Lions Club, in conjunction with the staff of Bethlehem United Methodist Church and that of the Preschool, with overwhelming permission from the parents and guardians of all students.

Christmas Back Packs

Morgan's Baptist Church, 2086 Morgan's Church Road Moneta, (540-297-4959) has joined hands with over 700 local churches within the Commonwealth of Virginia, supporting the Christmas Back Pack project. The project is being overseen by the Southern Baptist Conservatives of Virginia (SBCV) sbcv.org/backpacks

The Christmas Back Packs will be distributed to Virginia youth up to the age of 15. Morgan's Baptist chose to participate in the pre teen age group. The parishioners purchased 24 back packs and filled them with at least one each**:**

Toy--sidewalk chalk, stuffed animal, yo yo
Personal Item--lip balm, hair brush/comb, water bottle
Snack--pre wrapped nutritional snacks, breakfast bars, mints, no chocolate or nuts
Clothing—hat, gloves, scarves
Spiritual—Children's Bible, prayer card, age related book.

Members of the Moneta Lions Club caught word of this worthy project, and their crafty members made and donated three dozen knit, crocheted, loomed yarn ski caps. Two dozen for the actual church project and a dozen for good luck.

Photo: Cora Arthur, wife of Morgan's Baptist Church Pastor Jason Arthur, recently accepted three dozen homemade children's hats for Morgan's Christmas Back Pack Project, delivered by Moneta Lions Club Youth Chairperson Gloria Guice, and Club Vice President Rob Senoski.

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Moneta Lions Club

Hat Crafters

Moneta Lions Club member Lion Mary Davis, with her Granddaughter Karli Mangold display their colorful array of children's hats that they crafted. Lion Mary has been a club "Hat Crafter" for some time, Karli recently took an interest in her Grandmother's past time. Over the past few months they produced several dozen hats made with warm feelings and love from their hearts, which will be distributed to students at Moneta Elementary School, and the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Roanoke.

Pictured left to right: Lion Mary Davis, Karli Mangold

Moneta Lions Choir

Members of the Moneta Lions Club Choir, with buckets in hand carrying the tunes of various Christmas Carols, recently visited the Central Virginia Alliance for Community Living (CVACL) in Moneta. The CVACL, (www.cvacl.org) headquartered in Lynchburg operate and staff a number of Congregate Dinning Centers throughout the area. Every two months members of the Moneta Lions Club visit the seniors at the Moneta Site.

During their December visit the Club Choir conducted a sing along with the clients at the Moneta Dinning Center, played a few rounds of Christmas Bingo with themed prizes. Also as the center will be closed for a few days over the holiday season, the Moneta Lions presented each of the clients with a Food Lion Gift Card, (purchased with out of pocket donations) so they could buy supplementary grocery items, making up for missed congregate meals.

Photo: seated front table-Herbert Sarver, Dorothy Reese
seated rear table-Flo Robertson, Willie Ray, James Hurt
standing-Lions Del and Pat Bailey, Lilly Johnson, Lions Gloria Guice, Grace Clark, and Mary Davis, Senior Activities Chair.

Ronald McDonald Tabs

Members of the Moneta Lions Club recently made their annual visit to the Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC) of Southwest VA. As in the past several years, they delivered "Pull Top Tabs" near Christmas time, to be recycled and converted into revenue to support the RMHC. In the past it has been noted that over a 12 month period the revenue generated from the "Tab Recycling" equals approximately one half of the annual cost of their electric bill.

This year's tab collection by the club's membership, their families, neighbors and several local churches, assisted living centers, businesses and even a country club totalled a whopping 53 plus pounds.....You do the math:

Approximately one million pull **tabs** = 800 pounds.

Approximately 1,430 pull **tabs** = one pound.

Approximately 63,360 pull **tabs** = 1 mile.

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Moneta Lions Club (continued)

In addition to this year's tab donation, the Moneta Lions were joined by the Crafters of the Cave Spring District Lions donating nearly four dozen homemade Watch/Ski Caps. It is the clubs intent that the parents currently residing at the RMHC would select a special hat, to help spread warmth and love, for their child receiving treatment at the nearby Carilion Children's Hospital, also any visiting siblings.

For additional information about, to make a donation, or inquire about volunteering at the Ronald McDonald House Charities of southwest Virginia which is located at 2224 South Jefferson St. in Roanoke VA, 24014, visit there web site at rmhc@rmhouse.net, or call them 9AM-8PM, 7days a week at 540 857 0770

Photo 22...Moneta Lions, Bart Matthies, Mary Davis, Gloria Guice and Rob Senoski display nearly 4 dozen winter hats, along with 53 plus pounds of Pull Top Taps donated to the Ronald McDonald House Charities, Roanoke.

Photo 23...Ronald McDonald models one of many winter hats donated to his "House", by Lin Rob Senoski on behalf of Moneta and Cave Spring District Lions Clubs

Bombas Socks

The Moneta Lions Club recently presented 400 pair of Bombas Knit Socks to the Moneta Elementary School. Bombas Socks has started to make an impact on communities by donating a pair of socks for every pair they sold. The donated sock program was made possible by an anonymous local party through the Smith Mountain Lake Good Neighbors, Inc., Lisa Leitz, Executive Director.

Photo 24: Moneta Lions assist in keeping children's feet warm this winter...Pictured are, left to right are Lion Gloria Guice, Youth Services, Deena Mustard, School Counselor, Donna Garrett, School Nurse, and Lion Delmer Bailey, Club Treasurer.

Photo: 25 Moneta Lions assist in keeping children's feet warm this winter. Pictured left to right are Lion Gloria Guice, Youth Services Chair, Traci Oakes, Huddleston School Principal and Lion Delmer Bailey, Club Treasurer.

Photo: 26 Moneta Lions assist in keeping children's feet warm this winter. Pictured left to right are Lion Gloria Guice, Youth Services Chair, Octavia Davis, Goodview School Counselor and Lion Delmer Bailey, Club Treasurer.

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Moneta Lions Club (continued)

English Meadows

Members of the Moneta Lions Club ventured out on a recent snowy morning to add to the festive holiday decor growing at English Meadows (Elks Home), 931 Ashland Avenue, in Bedford.

Members of the staff were busy with outdoor decorations all along the drive and front of the building. All the while the Lions and several other civic groups, area clubs, also private individuals, enjoyed the indoor warmth while decorating Christmas Trees, the entire length of the building's enclosed walkway, hopefully adding to the enjoyment of residents, staff and visitors during the upcoming holiday season

The Moneta Lions Club meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month at Resurrection Catholic Church, lower level, in the Morrow Hall. For additional information about the club or to join us at one of our dinner meetings contact Lion Bart Matthies, at 540-297-4549, or send an email to monetalionsclub@gmail.com

Photo 27: Moneta Lions: Pat and Del Bailey, Gloria Guice and Rob Senoski, express their delight after meeting several staff members and many residents while "Decking" one of the halls at English Meadows, a Senior Living Community, in Bedford.

School Donations

Members of the Moneta Lions Club have been on a roll recently, supporting the youth within Bedford County and beyond. Early on in December the crafters within the club distributed more than 200 hand crafted ski caps to area elementary schools also The Ronald McDonald House Inc, Roanoke.

A couple weeks ago through a joint effort of Bamba's Socks, a generous local anonymous donor and the Smith Mountain Lake Good Neighbors, the Moneta Lions distributed 1,200 pair of brand new youth size socks.

Most recently two area elementary schools shyly made mention that they were in need of the rarely mentioned… underwear. Rather than wait for the next Board of Directors Meeting to discuss reallocating funds within the club's Activities Fund, members dug into their pockets, wallets, and purses gathering enough funds to purchase nearly 75 packages of assorted brief and panties.

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Photo 28: Barb Ratcliff R.N. at Stewartsville Elementary School, beams with gratitude after receiving a much appreciated donation from Moneta Lions Gloria Guice, Mary Davis and Rob Senoski.

Photo 29: Octavia Davis, School Counselor for Goodview Elementary School, graciously accepts a recent donation presented by Moneta Lions Mary Davis, Gloria Guice and Rob Senoski.

Submitted by: Lion Rob Senoski Moneta Lions Club

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MOUNT PLEASANT LIONS CLUB

The Mount Pleasant Lions Club reported a very busy December with a variety of activities to the club.

The club sponsored two areas school students on their annual Christmas shopping tour and as always the club hosted its annual “Breakfast with Santa”

Pictured on the right are Santa’s helpers/cooks

Special Guest and Transportation providers for the guest of honor were members of Roanoke County Fire Rescue

After all of the holiday activities, members of the Mt. Pleasant Lions Club enjoyed a catered Christmas dinner.

During the Christmas Dinner , members joined in some carols of the season.

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COMING EVENTS

DISTRICT 24-C SCHEDULE 2019-2020

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Sunday, February 9, 2020	1:30 p.m.	MD 24 C Charity Corporation Meeting	New River Criminal Justice Training Academy in Dublin
Sunday, February 9, 2020	2:30 p.m.	Cabinet Meeting #3	New River Criminal Justice Training Academy in Dublin
March 6-8, 2020*	3:00 p.m. Start time	Regional Lions Leadership Institute	Charlottesville
Sunday, April 19, 2020	02:30	Cabinet Meeting #4	Eyeglass Recycling Center in Roanoke
May 13-17, 2020		State Convention	Delta by Marriott in Chesa-peake

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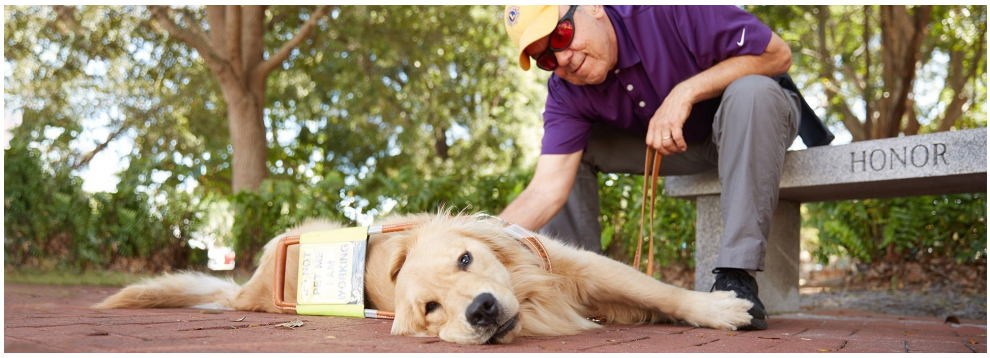

LIONS AND LEADER DOG

Members of the international humanitarian organization, Lions Clubs International, founded Leader Dogs for the Blind in 1939 and Lions have been dedicated ambassadors and loyal supporters of the mission since that time. Over 4,900 Lions Clubs both nationally and internationally contribute financially to Leader Dog. Lions identify people in their community who could benefit from Leader Dog's services, offer assistance to our clients and widely communicate information about our programs throughout their hometowns and districts.

Lions step forward to support the people we serve in significant ways, acting as Leader Dog Chairs in their districts, as puppy raisers and hosts for our breeding stock dogs and as advocates for the community of people who are blind or visually impaired.

Lions Clubs International is the world's largest service organization, a global leader in serving people who are blind or visually impaired, and a valued partner to the Leader Dog mission. We are deeply grateful for our longstanding relationship with Lions and proud of our collective impact.

History of Lions and Leader Dog

It all began in 1938, when Charles A. Nutting, Donald P. Schurr and S.A. Dodge led the Uptown Lions Club of Detroit in establishing a school to train guide dogs for people who are blind. Their motivation was Dr. Glenn Wheeler, a fellow Uptown Lion whose attempts to be accepted by another guide dog organization proved unsuccessful. The first clients were housed at the Park Avenue Hotel in Detroit and graduated in the fall of 1938.

On April 4, 1939, Lions Leader Dog Foundation was incorporated as a Michigan nonprofit. In May 1939, the Foundation leased a small farm in Rochester Hills, Michigan to house their new venture. Fifty dollars per month rented a farmhouse for the clients and staff, a barn for the dogs and a garage.

On October 8, 1939, the first class of the official Lions Leader Dog Foundation graduated. The cost to graduate a client/dog team was $600.

Soon after incorporation, on June 15, 1940, the new name "Leader Dog League for the Blind" became official.

Leader Dog received a new Executive Director in 1951, Harold "Pock" Pocklington. Pock had been on the Board of Trustees since 1948 after he first visited Leader Dog while a District Governor-Elect. Leader Dog's global ties to the Lions began strengthening in 1953 when S.A. Dodge served as president of Lions International, bringing Leader Dog to the Lions at the highest possible level. Melvin Jones, founder of Lionism, gave Leader Dog his personal endorsement in 1958.

In 1963, Lions International President Jorge Bird of Puerto Rico became involved with Leader Dog when he brought a Spanish soldier, Francisco A. Garcia, who had been blinded by a shell explosion, to get a dog. Until this time, the Lions were unable to establish themselves in Spain because its leader General Franco opposed having international associations in the country. However, when Garcia returned to Spain he received much press and Franco became aware of him. When President Bird was finally able to get an audience with Franco, he provided approval for Lions to establish themselves in Spain. At this meeting, Franco recognized the Lions as the group that "gave the dog to someone in Barcelona." The association of Lions of Spain and Leader Dog continues to this day. On May 10, 1968, Leader Dog received permission to use the Lions emblem by Lions International, formalizing the deep connection between the two organizations.

The Lions' sustained support of Leader Dog was celebrated in 1972 with the addition of a life-size Lion to the Downtown Rochester training facility. The 2,200 pound statue was installed by the Shelby Township Lions and was designed and constructed by Gan Jacobsen (who became a long-time Trustee of Leader Dog). During this decade, Pock, who was still serving as Executive Director of Leader Dog, was twice elected to the Lions International Board (1974–75, 1978–79).

In April of 2013, LION Magazine listed Leader Dogs for the Blind as one of the "10 Brilliant Breakthroughs in Service." In November of 2013, Leader Dog, Lions Clubs International, and partners Purina Pro Plan and the Iowa Department of Corrections jointly received the Community Partnership Award from the Mutual of America Foundation for Leader Dog's Prison Puppy Raising Program. The program places Leader Dog puppies with inmates for their first year of life.

Lions Clubs throughout the world have continued to support Leader Dog and its clients financially, brought thousands of people who needed assistance through Leader Dog's doors and have continued to serve on the Board of Trustees. They are puppy raisers, volunteers, breeding hosts and so much more. Many recipients of Leader Dog services have become Lions after experiencing their support and mission firsthand.

To this day, the mission of the Lions, "We serve," perfectly complements the Leader Dog mission of empowering people who are blind or visually impaired with lifelong skills for independent travel.

Source: https://www.leaderdog.org/lions-club/lions-and-leader-dog/

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CAMPAIGN | 100
LCIF • EMPOWERING SERVICE℠

To: All MD 24 C Lions Clubs

Lions Clubs International Foundation is proud to announce CAMPAIGN 100: LCIF Empowering Service. We're celebrating a century of service while working to support Lions' efforts for the next 100 years and beyond. With financial support from Lions, other donors and partners, the foundation is committed to raising $300 million by June 2021. It's an unprecedented goal but one LCIF is confident we'll reach together.

What's the power of your gift to LCIF ? A safer and healthier world in which Lions have even greater opportunity to:

Increase service impact in the areas of vision ,youth, disaster relief and humanitarian work.

Fight diabetes to reduce it's prevalence and improve quality of life for those diagnosed.

Expand our global causes to include:

1. Hunger
2. Childhood Cancer
3. Environmental Issues

You know the impact your services make on communities. Now expand your contribution to bettering the world though a personal financial contribution to Lions Clubs International Foundation, (Your foundation !)

Every Lion in every club worldwide has the power to create a better future. We need 100% participation from the clubs in District C, no matter how big or how small, give what you can ! Thank you for your financial gift and for joining the CAMPAIGN 100: LCIF Empowering Service movement.

Donate today to change the world.

Visit LCIF.org/donate to make a secure recurring or one-time contribution.

Contact LCIF Donor Services at 630-203-3836 or donorassistamce@lionsclubs.org

CC Rick Carroll, Region 1&2 LCIF Coordinator

PCC Clark Vandergrift, Region 3&4 LCIF Coordinator

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POUND LIONS CLUB

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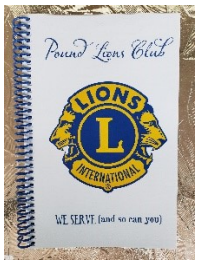
Zone Meeting

Several members of the Pound Lions Club attended the Zone Meeting at Prime Sirloin in Norton on Monday, September 30th. Please join us in welcoming returning member Partha Stidham Fleming who was inducted during this meeting.

Fundraisers



Cookbook Earlier this year, Lion Fayetta Boggs suggested that our Club publish a cookbook with all our favorite recipes. The idea was a success and all the cookbooks we ordered quickly sold. We have ordered 200 additional cookbooks, so if anyone is interested in purchasing one, please let us know. The cookbooks are $10 (plus postage) and we will be happy to mail a cookbook to you.

Yard Sale October was an especially busy month for us, with several events happening throughout the month. On Friday and Saturday, October 4th and 5th, the Pound Lions Club had a yard sale fundraiser at the Bolling Building in Pound. Club members worked all week getting all the items sorted and priced and the building was packed full of treasures and bargains. We actually had customers lined up, waiting to get in the door early on Friday morning. But the outcome was well worth the effort and we made over $2400.

We extend a special thanks to Nancy, who just happened to be visiting Lion Liz Neimeier at the time. Nancy volunteered and worked all week helping to make this event a success.

Pictured on the left are Club members Anna Mullins, Darlene Smith and Partha Fleming. The picture on the right is Liz Neimeier and Fayetta Boggs.

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POUND LIONS CLUB (continued)

Fall Decorations and Activities

Our Club participates in many events in Pound, including helping to decorate for each season and/or holiday. Charlene Shortt and Partha Stidham decorated for fall at the entrance to the Lions Den. Thanks Charlene and Partha! It looks great.

On Friday night, October 25th Johnny Tompkins and Fayetta Boggs sold football programs at Central High School and Charlene Shortt took photos of the game and players.

On Saturday night, October 26th, Lavonne Baker, Liz Neimeier, Sharon Hubbard and Phyllis Tompkins sold popcorn and soft drinks at the Red Fox Storytelling Festival held at the newly remodeled Historical Society of the Pound and to finish up the month, on October 31, Linda Dotson and Charlene Shortt handed out treat bags for Halloween.

Fall Conference

Club President Charlene Shortt, Liz Neimeier and Phyllis Tompkins attended the Fall Conference which was held in Bristol, Virginia, this year. They also took the eyeglasses that our Club has collected throughout the year. Members of our Club would thoroughly enjoy visiting the recycling center to volunteer in any way that we can and we sincerely hope these glasses will be of use to others. Perhaps that is something that we can plan for next year.

Thanks to everyone at the Fall Conference who purchased cookbooks. Also, our congratulations to the Roanoke Club for winning the Golden Peanut Award.

Pictured below are Pound Lions Club President Charlene Shortt and Liz Neimeier with District Governor John Seaborn.

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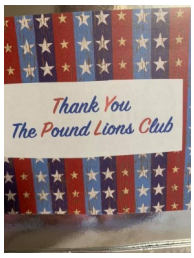
POUND LIONS CLUB (continued)

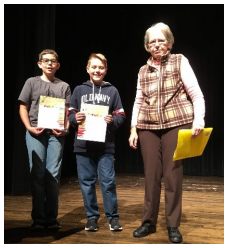
Veterans

For the past several years, our Club has discussed doing something to show our support and appreciation for our Veterans. We would toss ideas back and forth and try to find a date and time that would work for the veterans and for us. But, for one reason or another, it just never seemed to happen. But, finally, this year, everything fell into place. Club Member Darlene Smith is a member of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary in Pound, and her husband Darrell is a Vietnam War veteran. When Darlene told us that the Auxiliary planned to host a dinner for our local veterans, we asked if there was anything we could do to help. Darlene advised that they had the dinner under control and had plenty of volunteers but that they would welcome anything we wanted to do to assist.



After a brief discussion, one of our members suggested that we make gift boxes of homemade candy for each of the veterans. So, we made 15 gift boxes containing a variety of homemade candy and delivered them to the VFW where they were presented to all the veterans at the dinner. This was only a small token, but we wanted them to know that we appreciate everything they do for us and for our Country.

Peace Poster Contest



Each year our Club participates in the Peace Poster Contest. This year, with the assistance of Ms. Fisher, the recently hired Art Teacher at JW Adams Combined School, the response we received was wonderful. We received a total of 17 entries and we appreciate all the students who participated. The winner of the 2019 Peace Poster Contest for the Pound Lions Club is Layne Short and the runner up is Daniel Sexton. Pictured below is Pound Lions Club President Charlene Shortt presenting Layne and Daniel with their awards and Certificates.

Donations

While we enjoy actively participating and doing things for individuals and for our community, sometimes the best way for us to help is to make a monetary donation. Our Club recently made a donation to the Lions Club International Foundation.

Recently, local residents, Bill Gilliam, Finley Jackson, and Margaret Sturgill worked diligently to upgrade and revamp the Jackie Gilliam Memorial Park, which is located near Town Hall in Pound. And, when they put information in our local newspaper, the Coalfield Progress, requesting tricycles and riding toys for younger children, we briefly discussed that this was an activity that our Club could assist with. But, the response to the request in the Coalfield was so enthusiastic that they received all the toys that were needed, so Club member Janice Bolling asked Bill what the Lions Club could do to help with this project. Bill advised that they needed a storage building for the toys during the winter months, so our Club made a donation to assist with this.

Vince Lombardi made the statement that, “Individual commitment to a group effort—that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work.” And this quote is definitely true for the Pound Lions Club. We work with other individuals and civic groups on many of our activities. And by working together, we are able to accomplish things that neither of us would have been able to do alone. We look forward to many more years of working together to meet the needs of our community.

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Christmas

In late November, members of the Pound Lions Club began getting ready for Christmas by meeting at the Lions Den to make Christmas decorations.

Pictured below are the completed decorations and the picture on the right shows Charlene Shortt and Phyllis Tompkins helping to install them in the Town of Pound.

In preparation for the Christmas parade, Club members helped prepare treat bags.

The theme for the Christmas Parade this year was "The Twelve Days of Christmas," and our Club decorated a float (pictured below). Roger Bolling pulled our float and his grandsons, Nathan and Isaac Wallin road on it.

Thanks to Club member Don Sturgill for providing the garage for us to work on the float. We won 2nd place in the Christmas Parade!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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Pound Lions Club (continued)

On Monday, December 23, members of the Pound Lions Club met at the Lions Den to assemble boxes of food for 3 local families. In addition, we purchased clothing and toys for all the children in the families. After everything was assembled, Liz Neimeier, Sharon Hubbard and Randy Carter made the deliveries.

Our last activity for the year is something that we are seriously considering as an ongoing activity. At one of our regular meetings, Club member Fayetta Boggs advised that the band at JW Adams Combined School was in need of musical instruments. Pound Lions Club liaison with JW Adams, Janice Bolling, who is a retired teacher, spoke to Mr. Wharton, the Band Director, to see which instruments were needed. As a result of this conversation, on December 17th, our Club presented Mr. Wharton with a new saxophone as well as a clarinet and a flute. Pictured below is Fayetta Boggs presenting Mr. Wharton with the instruments. Thanks Fayetta for a great idea.

We met on December 23 for our annual Christmas dinner. Thanks to everyone who prepared all the delicious food. Our next meeting will be held on Monday, January 6th at Pizza Plus in Pound. We look forward to seeing everyone then! Happy New Year!

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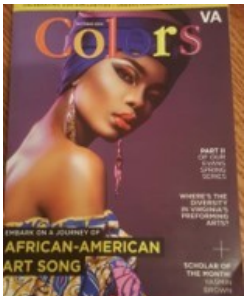
Roanoke Valley Breakfast Lions Club

OCTOBER 2019:

At our RVBLC regular meeting of October 2, 2019, we welcomed guest speakers, Lion Robert Jeffries, publisher and Betty Jean Wolfe, writer, both from Colors Magazine. We were all given the latest edition of their beautiful magazine and they spoke about one of the articles, Evans Spring Area Development: Quandary or Quagmire. The article was thoroughly and thoughtfully written to help readers understand the process as it is going on right now.



NOVEMBER 2019:

We are at the Lions Fall Conference in Bristol, VA and the RVBL did a fantastic job of gathering peanut butter donations for SWVA Food Pantry. Our club donated 1,407+ pounds of peanut butter and won the coveted Peanut Trophy.

Overall our district 24C donated 2559+ pounds to the pantry. Thanks to all who donated. Many families in SWVA will have peanut butter in their home to feed their family! Way to go RVBLC and District 24C!!!

At our District 24-C Conference, RVBLC Lions Jim and Wanda Dalton received "Proud to be a Lion" Awards.

Congratulations to both of you!

Lion Brenda Cooper, RVBLC Immediate Past President, was presented Lions of Virginia State Achievement Award at the recent Lions District 24-C Conference in Bristol. . Congratulations Lion Brenda for all you do for all of us!

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We have several gifted artists in RVBLC. Pictured below are two who recently won awards for their work. From L-R are Lion Pat Carr and Lion Carlos Dowling. Lion Pat won First Place Watercolor at Smith Mountain Arts Council Art Exhibit for her painting: "Basillica of Ste. Anne de Beaupre" which is also pictured below. Lion Carlos Dowling won Most Original Pottery at the Blue Ridge Pottery Guild. We congratulate you both!

At our regular RVBLC meeting on Wednesday, November 6, 2019, we had a guest speaker, Cathalene Turi, from Center in the Square who shared with us the upcoming new and expanded Illuminights at Explore Park. This will be an interactive winter trail walk with some 500,000 lights and fun activities for all ages.

Event dates and hours are November 29th, 2019, through January 1st, 2020. They will be closed on Christmas Day. Hours will be from 5:00 - 10:00 p.m. rain or shine. They are looking for some 800+ volunteers to make this event possible. She asked our RVBLC if we would be interested in volunteering as an organization. Thank you 'Cat' and we wish you well with this exciting project for the Roanoke area. Pictured on the left from L-R: RVBLC Lion and Program Chair, Jean Broyles and guest speaker, Cathalene Turi.

At our regular RVBLC meeting of 11/20/2019, we welcomed guest speaker Dr. Ken Jones with the Hope to Walk foundation. He told us about the prosthetic legs that are made at a shop at Smith Mountain Lake and shipped all around the world for those in need. The cost is a fraction of what is charged in the U.S. For more information, go to hopetowalk.org.

DECEMBER 2019

At our RVBLC regular meeting of Wednesday, December 4th, we welcomed out Peace Poster winner, her family, and her teacher. Our winner was the same talented young woman we honored last year, Jada Schifflett and her parents, Kristen and Marty Hall. Jada was given a gift card. Her teacher Tom Moore, was awarded a gift certificate from Lion Barbara Richmond, Chair of the Peace Poster Contest. Below are photos of Jada and her family and Mr. Moore and Lion Barbara Richmond. Well done Jada. We see a bright future for you!!! P.S. Jada has grown in height from last year.

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JANUARY 2020

At our regular meeting of Roanoke Valley Breakfast Lions Club held January 15, 2020, we welcomed District 24-C dignitaries, District Governor, Lion John Seaborn, and 2nd Vice District Governor, Lion Eric Mills. They discussed the Campaign 100 Drive, the State Convention to be held May 15-17, 2020 in Chesapeake, VA. new Leo clubs, as well as presenting Proud to be a Lion pins and certificates to the following RVBLC members: Lions Alan Guyes, Andre Peery, Barbara Richmond, Brenda Cooper, Cliff and Mary Ann Demars, Diann Aultice, George Ferguson, J.J. Johnson, and Jean Broyles.

Submitted by:

Alison Cordero

Roanoke Valley Breakfast Lions Club

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SALTVILLE RICH VALLEY LIONS CLUB NEWS

Saltville Rich Valley Lions entered into a project to help the Town of Saltville fund a playground for the community. The Club got top billing on the Playground Sign. The Town of Saltville, Virginia started the project to build a new playground. The Town of Saltville received a $15,000 grant from KaBOOM! and the Dr. Pepper Snapple Group in July 2013 with the stipulation that we had to raise the remaining funds needed and use their "COMMUNITY BUILD" process to plan, develop and implement the project THEY DID IT!

The community has really come together and showed their support for the playground. In fact, we had over 200 people show up on "BUILD DAY" and have conducted fundraisers, solicited donations, and applied for several other grants to raise the funds needed to install three (3) playstations.

To date, we have secured a $5,000 grant from United Way Virginia Highlands, $12,000 grant from the Saltville-Rich Valley Lions Club, and raised nearly $10,000 in donations and fundraisers—all towards the costs of Phase I.

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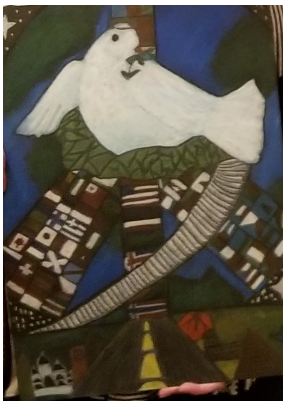
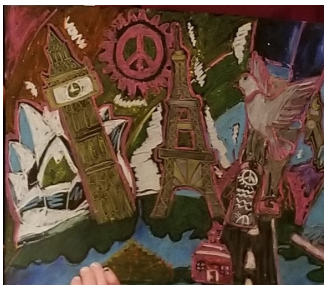
Smith Mountain Lake Lions Club News

The SML Lions 2019 Peace Poster Winners! This years' theme, Our Journey to World Peace. Winners presented by their teacher, Freda Nichols (left), Caydie Womack, Taryn Owen, and Nicholas Messenger.



Caydie's 1st-Place Winning artistic expression, held here by Freda, shows a single road paved by all the nations of the world leading to the peace dove building a nest of olive branches for all mankind to share.



Taryn's 2nd-Place Winning poster represents monuments treasured across many nations being seen by the peace dove as it flies around the world, unifying mankind as one.

Nicholas' creative poster shows his family's heritage of bringing local families together through the sport of auto-racing evolving to bring the people of the world together in celebration of world peace. Notice Nicholas in the drivers seat giving us all the peace sign as he races to the finish line goal; unity and world peace!

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Vinton Breakfast Lions Club

In Memory

Lion Irvin “Doug” Adams

Vinton Breakfast Lions and MD–24C mourns the loss of Lion Irvin “Doug” Adams Jr., 70, of Vinton, Va., went to be with the Lord and his beloved wife, Brenda, on Wednesday, January 22, 2020. Doug spent his professional career with Dayco Products. He served his beloved community of Vinton through his work on the Vinton Town Council, Vinton First Aid Crew and Vinton Breakfast Lions Club. Lion Doug was best known for his work in our district in promoting the Lions Quest Program in all of the old district MD 24 E.

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Reminder: Please submit news as text file and photographs in jpg format. Do not embed them in the article.

Greetings Fellow Lions,

Your newsletter is out and we are looking forward to our district cabinet meeting in Dublin, VA at the New River Criminal Justice Training Academy. The newsletter will be forwarded to the cabinet officers and region chairs who will forward to the zone chairs and club presidents and secretaries. Use the link provided to view the newsletter online.

Please pay attention to our publication schedules as I will endeavor to get them out to the clubs during this periods. Good news is I have retired after 40 years of policing and now have time to focus on Lionism. I am currently working on our district website and this will be the new home of the newsletter.

Yours in Service

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