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Governor's Message

Dear Fellow Lions,

It has been a busy two months. We (the Region & Zone Chairs, Cabinet Secretary Bobbie, VDG Dick and myself) have finished all of our official visits and now the Charter Nights. We have gone to six (Portsmouth Host at the new Portsmouth Sports Museum, Wards Corner, Virginia

Beach Central, James City at the new Great Wolf Lodge, Northampton at the Officers Club and Hampton Mercury at the Holiday Inn) absolutely marvelous Charter Nights so far and they are just beginning.

The Virginia Beach Central Lions Club had its Charter Night on February 21st at the Heritage United Methodist Church with about 100 in attendance. Lion Dick inducted the members into Lionism and I installed the officers. I also presented their Charter, which was dated by Lions International on November 28, 2005 with 42 members. They received many gifts from the following clubs - Oceana-Lynnhaven Golden, Thalia, Kempsville, Southside, James City, Little Creek, Churchland and Western Branch.

I have had the pleasure of inducting eight members plus those in the VB Central Lions Club into Lionism in the last 30 days and hope there will be many more to come.

We had an absolutely fantastic Mardi Gras Governor's Ball. There were twenty District 24-D Past District Governor's, two guests Past District Governors and two Past International Directors in attendance in all their regalia. The program was a "little miss leading". There was a slide show of some very young men and two young ladies that had little resemblance to the Lions I recognize today as Past District Governors. Lions Fred and Mary Jo Farthing and the York Lions did themselves proud. They had one of the best Balls that we have had in a long time. Many enthusiastic dancers stayed on the dance floor until the music closed down. Aren't the Duke's a great show?!! Lion Barbara took some great pictures, too.

I want to thank Lion Pat Morrell for guiding the Special Olympics day at Virginia Wesleyan College and the Lions that manned the lunch detail and the Sight & Hearing Unit.

As I am writing this - we have finished one region meeting with close to 250 Lions present. We have two more in the month of March. The Warwick Variety Show is the end of March and first of April.

One of our important projects is coming up on the 8th of April. We would like to see as many as possible at the Eastern Shore Health Fair at Northampton High School in Eastville.

Clubs, please send your new officers and new members to the Annual Leadership Training and New Member Orientation on April 22nd at Sarah Bonwell Hudgins Center.

Then on Sunday, the 23rd is the annual District Bland Contest at Aldersgate United Methodist Church. Let's have a great showing to hear our youth and their talent.

Looking into May - We have Journey for Sight on the 6th; the Michelob Ultra Golf Tournament the 8th through the 14th; and State Convention starts the 18th through the 21st.

Happy Easter

*We shall meet in service,
Lion Barbara*



"Cross Bridges to Light Lights"

Lions Medical Eye Bank to Hold Semi-Annual Donor/Recipient Luncheon

The Lions Medical Eye and the Interfaith Advisory Council on Donation will hold the seventh semi-annual donor and recipient luncheon in April 2006. Titled "The View From Here" the event recognizes eye and cornea donors and their families. Patients who have received implants or transplants of ocular tissue are also invited. Attendees hear the personal stories from donor family members and patients who have had their sight restored. The eye bank holds the event each April and November to help reduce the size of the event so attendees have a chance to talk and get to know one another; the average attendance is around 150-200 people. Occasionally we have been pleasantly surprised to have a donor family and a recipient "find" each other at this event. It is truly a special moment when the family of a donor looks into the eyes of a cornea recipient and sees their loved one's Gift of Sight looking back.



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District Governor's Schedule

April

- 1 Warwick Varsity show
- 3-8 White Cane Days
- 8 Eastern Shore Health Fair (LAMP)
Northampton High School, Eastville
- 8 Norfolk Host Charter Night
- 22 Leadership Training
- 23 District Bland Contest,
Aldersgate Methodist Church

May

- 1-6 Blind Made Products Sale
- 6 Journey for Sight
- 8-14 Michelob Ultra Golf
Tournament
- 18-21 State Convention Hampton
Roads Convention Center
- 25 Denbigh Charter Night

June

- 10 Little Creek 50th Charter Night
- 12 Churchland Charter Night
- 13 Western Branch Charter Night
- 14 District Meeting
- 20 Tappahannock Installation
- 30-July 4 International Convention, Boston, MA



Leadership 2006

April 22, 2006

Sarah Bonwell Hudgins Center
Hampton, VA

No Refunds
after
April 19, 2006

Registration
Deadline is
April 18, 2006

Mark your calendars NOW!!!!

Theme of this year's seminar is:

“WE SERVE”

Agenda

- 8:15 am-- 9:00 am
- 9:00 am-- 9:45 am
- 9:45 am--10:15 am
- 10:15 am--12:30 pm

- Social/Continental Breakfast
- Welcome and District Orientation
- Break
- Schools
- Presidents/Vice Presidents
- Secretaries/Treasurers
- New Member Orientation
- World Wide Induction Ceremony
for New Members
- Closing

12:30 pm--12:50 pm

12:50 pm-- 1:00 pm

Continental Breakfast and Snacks will be served

NOTE: First V.P.'s -- It is extremely important to attend

This is highly recommended for all new members, incoming officers, or Lions interested in becoming officers to attend. Encourage the club to pay the \$5.00 fee out of the administrative account. A new member orientation will also be conducted.

Send a Club list of all attending showing name of club, name of member and office held with your remittance to Lion Jim Oglesby, PDG, Three Pines Lane, Virginia Beach, VA 233457 Phone 757-426-0562, Fax 757--721-2405. Make check payable to Princess Anne Lions Club.

District 24-D Cabinet Meeting, February 25, 2006



The Governors' Mardi Gras Ball



Membership Report for February 2006

-Submitted by Lion Bobbie Carroll, Cabinet Secretary

NEW MEMBERS

REGION	ZONE	CLUB	MEMBER	SPONSOR
I	A	Lancaster	Valerie Robinson	Pamela Kidwell
I	A	Tappahannock	David Fols	Tony Adams
I	B	Hampton Mercury	William Schmidt	Ted Parr
I	B	New Kent County	Brendan Matthews	Hal Waffof
II	C	Cradock	Otelia Hewlett	Robert Mills
II	C	Deep Creek	Monica Zimmerman	Renee Rapier
II	C	Deep Creek	M. Ann McCoy	Cindy Rapier
II	C	Portsmouth Host	David Todd	Tom Hoddinott
II	D	Little Creek	Ronald Freitas	Jerry Phelps
II	D	Little Creek	Anne Freitas	Jerry Phelps
II	D	Norview	Jesse James	Kevin Floyd
II	D	Norview	Chris Mason	Kevin Floyd
II	G	Smithfield	Walter Grubbs	Linda Sherfey
II	G	Smithfield	Cyndee Waters	Douglas Mueller
III	E	Aragona Pembrok	Donald Ward	John Subasavage
III	E	Aragona Pembrok	Mary Ward	John Subasavage
III	E	Bayside	Oliver Danz	Forest Nester
III	E	Virginia Beach Central	Tracy Brandt	District 24-D
III	E	Virginia Beach Central	Sidney Rader	District 24-D
III	E	Virginia Beach Central	Carlton Reeves	District 24-D



DROPS

I	B	Poquoson	Roger Petot
I	B	Williamsburg	James Tillman
I	B	York	Barbara Goff
I	B	Warwick	Tyson P. Tolbert



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	From	To
III	E Thalia	Lisa Hann Virginia Beach Central

DEATHS

I	B	Hampton Phoebus	Donald Cockburn
I	B	Northumberland County	Paul Pollock
I	B	Williamsburg	William Anderson



Heart felt sympathy to the families, friends, and fellow club members on the passing of these brother Lions. Their service will long be remembered. May they rest in peace.



Fellow Lions,

In February, I mailed out 1750 mailers asking for your financial support for your Lions Charity Foundation of District 24-D.

The response has been somewhat overwhelming. After only two weeks, we have received 29 donations from the following Lions: Mildred Aldrich, Karen Arcuri, James R. Beddard, Jr., Misty L. Beninato, Hector E. Carpov, Chuck Morefield, Robert O. Ferrell, Brian N. Friedman, Charles L. Glanville, Ernest F. Hardee,

Herbert W. Harlow, R. E. Inman, John Willis Kellam, Ruth T. Kellam, Martin N. Kemp, William E. Knoble, Richard F. Knox, Virginia H. Manning, Mary B. Mathena, Rachel C. Morgan, Robert C. Phillips, Thomas Pinelli, Thomas A. Rogers, James N. Schenck, William James Smith, George Trombley, Hal Wallof, Nancy Wilson, Marlin & Sylvia Stockdill.

This year, we have distributed over \$40,000.00 to individual clubs for medical assistance and community projects.

Lion Jerry H. Phelps

President, Lions Charity Foundation District 24-D

District Achievement Program – March 2006

by Lion Bill Pope, Chairman

	Membership			2/06	Cum. 2/06
	6-05	2/06	+/-		
Region I Zone A					
Gloucester	41	34	-7	1187	6524
Lancaster County	43	49	+6	1305	9252
Mathews	51	51	0	645	9568
Middlesex	61	61	0	300	6969
Northumberland Co.	68	62	-6	282	5742
King William Co.	3	0	0	0	0
Tappahannock	28	31	+3	1009	6582
Richmond County	24	17	-7	NR	-2175
Total Zone A	319	303	-16		
Zone B					
Denbigh	52	49	-3	2370	17372
Hampton Host	15	15	0	50	200
Hampton Mercury	29	29	0	1503	6704
Hampton Phoebus	37	34	-3	3550	36750
Hampton Roads	13	11	-2	NR	2833
James City	25	29	+4	907	9602
Oyster Pt. Mariner	21	21	0	799	1963
New Kent County	28	35	+7	700	2990
Newport News Host	21	19	-2	215	4405
Northampton	20	20	0	25	6243
Poquoson	55	54	-1	275	4614
Warwick	51	48	-3	590	6757
Williamsburg	85	81	-4	940	8058
York	51	51	0	690	8040
Total Zone B	503	497	-7		
Total Region I	822	799	-23		
Region II Zone C					
Chesapeake Host	8	8	0	240	2103
Churchland	56	52	-4	220	3231
Craddock	18	19	+1	470	3455
Deep Creek	11	14	+3	1290	4550
Great Bridge	17	16	-1	1400	6195
Portsmouth Host	25	27	+2	1650	6447
Southside	50	50	0	1538	11977
Western Branch	41	43	+2	1923	9928
Total Zone C	226	229	+3		
Zone D					
Crossroads	20	22	+2	861	6036
Little Creek	29	33	+4	1675	7380
Norfolk Host	52	50	-2	1000	7802
Norview	24	24	0	1325	2700
Oceanview	22	26	+4	2050	6311
Wards Corner	33	33	0	150	1700
Total Zone D	180	188	+8		
Zone G					
Boykins	23	28	+5	NR	1550
Franklin	31	28	-3	25	200
Smithfield	26	30	+4	950	6028
Suffolk	25	27	+2	75	2245
Surry County	19	19	0	NR	25
Windsor	23	19	-4	385	1870
Total Zone G	147	151	+4		
Total Region II	553	568	+15		

	Membership			2/06	Cum. 2/06
	6-05	2/06	+/-		
Region III Zone E					
Aragona-Pembroke	13	12	-1	1100	1850
Bayside	52	52	0	1075	9465
Kempsville	56	58	+2	1880	13195
Oceana/Lynn/Gold	44	42	-2	690	6852
Oceanside	14	16	+2	2295	10048
Princess Anne	15	15	0	1155	4019
Thalia	38	32	-6	2842	19134
VA Beach Center	27	28	+1	2797	11470
VA Beach Host	20	20	0	350	5878
Woodstock	15	17	+2	1205	9442
VA Beach Central	21*	42	+21	1575	9650
Total Zone E	294	334	+40		
Zone F					
Cape Charles	27	26	-1	25	1725
Central Shores	20	19	-1	400	3753
Exmore-Bell Haven	12	11	-1	50	175
N. Accomack	6	8	+2	25	800
Onancock	19	19	0	NR	1965
Total Zone F	84	83	-1		
Total Region III	378	417	+39		
Total District	1753	1784	+31		

* Chartered 11-05

Eastern Shore Health Fair

April 8, 2006
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Northampton High School
Eastville, Virginia

***Come out and learn about Healthy
Lifestyles with Education and
Screening for:***
*Heart & Lung Disease, Skin Cancer, Diabetes,
Cholesterol, Circulation Assessment, High Blood
Pressure, Stress and weight Management.*

Vision Screening and Recycled Sight Program
Provided by the Lions of District 24-D
Free Admission

Volunteers are Needed to Help !!
For Information and Directions Call:
Lion Ben Kidd at 757-787-4820
Lion Marty Kemp at 757-787-7992

REGION II REPORT

-Lion Gerri Quinn, Region II Chairperson

The clubs in Region II have had a very successful year with many accomplishments. Good News! Our membership is up and the clubs are making an effort to reach Lion Governor Barbara's goal of a 10% increase in membership of. Keep up the good work! The clubs have attended and participated in the various district and region meetings. They have not only provided eye exams, glasses and hearing aids and recycled these items, they have been very active in a variety of projects that serve our communities. Here are some of the accomplishments of the clubs in Zone C reported on the District Achievement Reports that I have received.

Chesapeake Host Lions Club hosted a Youth Exchange Student. They held a flower sale fundraiser in November and participated in Home Town Days in December. They work an Adopt-A- Highway project. **Churchland Lions Club** held a World Service Day Project in September. They have worked the Sight & Hearing Unit doing screenings and work with the blind on a Blind Arts and Crafts project. They are co- sponsors of a Bland Music Contest. They held a White Cane fundraiser. They made a \$2,000.00 donation for Hurricane Katrina Relief. **Cradock Lions Club** hosted a Youth Exchange Student. Their fundraiser has been selling funnel cakes at several community affairs. **Deep Creek Lions Club** hosted a Youth Exchange Student. They are very active in their community helping senior citizens with home improvements, chores and homecare. They baby sit for an indigent mother and participate on the Juvenile Conference Committee working with at risk youths and mentoring youths for drug abuse. Lion Chase does the yard maintenance for the Sight & Hearing Unit building. They work on community beautification and provide food for a church food bank. They have provided the Sight and Hearing Unit for a screening at a church. They held a White Cane Fundraiser. **Great Bridge Lions Club** members volunteer at the Chesapeake Free Care Clinic. They donated \$3,000.00 to the new Chesapeake General Hospital cancer wing and made a donation to an Eagle Scout project. They provided a lunch for the Youth Exchange students. **Portsmouth Host Lions Club** honored a citizen in Tennessee with a District 24-D Charity Foundation Good Samaritan Award and contributed \$1,000.00 to LCIF for Hurricane Katrina relief. They are co-sponsors of a Bland Music Contest. **Southside Lions Club** hosted a Youth Exchange student and a Youth Exchange event. Members work at the eyeglass recycling center and purchased a dishwasher used at the recycling center to wash used eyeglasses. They made a donation to the Sight & Hearing Unit for transportation to the RAM project and 2 members worked at RAM. They provided eye surgery for a needy person. They contributed \$5,000.00 to Hurricane Katrina relief. They work FestEvents projects for a fundraiser, held a White Cane project and sold LOVF raffle tickets. They have an Adopt-A-Highway community service project. They participated in the Pay for Peace Youth Exchange Student fundraiser. **Western Branch Lions Club** members have been very active with photo screening pre-school children at all of the pre-school and Head Start programs in Portsmouth. They are co-sponsors of a Bland Music contest. They have had a White Cane project and are getting ready for the spring project, along with their blind made products project. They are selling the LOVF raffle tickets, as well.

Region II held their Bland Scholarship Music Contest on March 26th, sponsored by Churchland Lions Club, Portsmouth Host Lions Club and Western Branch Lions Club. Our clubs are working hard we can be proud of how "We Serve" in Region II. Next month I will tell you about the clubs in Zone D and Zone G.



PID Al Brandel Endorsed Candidate for 2nd VP of International

-Lion Roy Wilson, PID, MD 24 Campaign Coordinator

At the International Convention in Boston, the Lions of the world will elect our next International Second Vice President. Both the 2004-2005 and 2005-2006 Virginia Councils of Governors have unanimously endorsed Past International Director Al Brandel of New York and encourage all Virginia Lions to support our endorsed candidate. If you plan to attend the convention in Boston, please register as your club delegate and vote for PID Al. There will be competition for the office of Second Vice President this year; therefore, it is extremely important for ALL Virginia Lions to cast a 100% vote for PID Al Brandel.

The officers and Board of Directors of Lions Clubs International have endorsed Lion Al. Additionally, he has secured the endorsement and support of most districts in every LCI constitutional area

Lion Al and his wife, Lion Maureen, are dedicated to the principles of Lionism and make an outstanding Lions team. He has the experience and qualifications needed to lead our association and will make a great International Second Vice President.

As Lion Al moves through the chairs to become our International President for the Lions year 2008-2009, we will all be proud of Virginia's effort in helping elect this tremendous humanitarian and Lion leader. I encourage you to go to PID Al's web site (www.brandel2008.com) to learn more about him.

Some Virginia Lions have asked if they might assist PID Al Brandel's campaign committee at the Boston Convention. Lion All will appreciate the help of all who can volunteer and asks that you send his campaign coordinator, PDG Peg Dilorio (LIONSPT@aol.com) the following information: Name, Home Address, Cell Phone Number (available in Boston), and Hotel Assignment. Please also send the same information to our Virginia hotel coordinator, PDG Pete del Cano (balily4@aol.com) and me (roywilson@comcast.net).

It is always important for every Virginia Lion delegate, as a representative of your club, to vote at the international convention. As in past years, our Council of Governors has approved a \$50 voter prize, as an additional incentive, to one Lion in each of our six districts. Again, please register as your club's delegate and vote for PID Al Brandel.

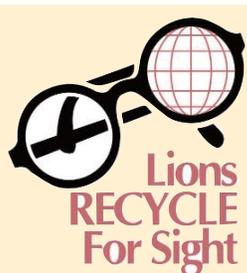
Williamsburg & James City Donate \$10,000 to Eye Bank

The Lions Medical Eye Bank & Research Center of Eastern Virginia ordered a new specular microscope and took delivery of the device in early February 2006. Specular microscopes are used to evaluate the viability of a cornea for transplant by examining the size, shape, and number of endothelial cells on the back of the cornea. These cells are the “live” part of the cornea and are essential to hydrating and nourishing the cornea, as well as maintaining the clarity of the tissue. Our eye bank has been performing this test since 1989; it became a requirement in 2000. The eye bank reviewed a number of available models, and contacted other eye banks to learn which one instrument had the best technical support, durability, and ease of use. An instrument made by the Konan™ corporation was selected. This model provides features such as an XYZ stage with rocking swivel making cornea alignment much simpler, variable width specular slit beams for wide field and high resolution imaging, a built in pachymeter for measuring cornea thickness, a multi-chamber adapter which allows for both glass vials and plastic viewing chambers, and a closed-circuit digital camera with built-in cell analyzer.

The microscope and associated computer hardware and software will cost \$20,000. The Williamsburg Lions Club and the James City Lions Club donated \$5,000 each to help defray the cost of the new equipment. The clubs raised the money from their annual Greater Williamsburg Charity Golf Tournament. Lion “Moon” Kosjer, PID has already laid the groundwork for an application to LCIF for funds to assist with the balance of this purchase.

This new equipment will help the eye bank meet validation guidelines set forth by the FDA as well as replace a piece of equipment that served us well, but cannot meet future needs and current regulatory requirements. It is expected that this equipment will be used to evaluate more than 5,000 donated corneas over its lifetime.

Eye Bank Executive Director Lion David Korroch said “Your Lions Medical Eye Bank continues to upgrade its equipment and procedures to meet the challenges of today’s regulatory environment. The generosity from Lions Clubs like Williamsburg and James City, and from many individuals, is making all the difference in our ability to safely and efficiently continue restoring sight through corneal transplantation.”



The Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center of Eastern Virginia has relocated to 4205 W. Mercury Blvd., Hampton, in the Buy Rite Furniture Store.

Look for an article and photographs in the May issue of this newsletter on the new location.



Traveling Leo Report March 2006



Lion Carman Freeburn, District Traveling Leo Chairperson

Club	# of Visits	Points	Qualified for Award
Aragona-Pembroke	1	50	
Bayside	5	164	
Churchland	8	215	Yes
Deep Creek	1	50	
Denbigh	2	54	
Hampton Mercury	3	110.05	
Hampton Phoebus	2	85	
Hampton Roads	1	50	
Kempsville	9	234.5	Yes
Little Creek	5	187	Yes
Mathews	7	230	Yes
Middlesex	2	55	
Northumberland	1	45	
Oceana-Lynnhaven-Golden	1	28	
Oceanside	23	1,180	Yes
Princess Anne	2	100	
Smithfield	2	68	
Southside	8	253.5	Yes
Thalia	17	647.5	Yes
Virginia Beach Center	3	119	
Western Branch	2	63	
Williamsburg	7	164	
Windsor	3	117	
Woodstock	2	100	
York	9	240	Yes

DIRECTORY CHANGES

Please make the following changes to your District Directory:

Page 28: Change Lion Jim Ivey’s address to 119 South Thalia Rd., Virginia Beach, VA 23452

Page 33: Change Lancaster County President Lion Edward Kidwel’s phone # to 804 436-1905

Page 34: Delete Northumberland County President’s e-mail address.

Page 40: Change President of Portsmouth Host Lion Randy Shannon’s address to: 1973 Estates Court, Portsmouth, VA 23703

Page 52: Change Lion Richard P. Chaffin’s home phone # to 434 384-2148

Page 65: The Virginia Lions Hearing Foundation and Research Center POC is PDG Don Colley, Home phone 434 973-5000, e-mail address doncolley@earthlink.net

PDG Lion Don Burson has a new e-mail address: donaldburson@cox.net

Be sure to notify Cabinet Secretary, Lion Bobbie Carroll, of any changes that should be made to the directory. THANK YOU!

Official Minutes of the Cabinet Meeting of District 24-D held on 25 February 2006 at Point Plaza, Newport News, VA

The meeting was called to order at 2:00pm by District Governor Barbara Senecal. The patriotic song, Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation was given. The Governor welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming.

Roll call was taken with 54 cabinet members present and 16 Past District Governor's present. (On file with the minutes.)

Business:

A motion was made and seconded to dispense with the reading of the minutes from 14 October 2005 and approve them as distributed in the Governor's District Newsletter. Motion passed unanimously.

Copies of the Treasurers report were available for anyone to take and the individual committee reports were available for those who wanted them. Approved to accept as submitted.

Lion Moon Kosjer, PID came before the Cabinet to ratify and endorse a grant to purchase, at the cost of \$20,000, a specular microscope for the Lions Medical Eye Bank. Williamsburg and James City Lions Clubs have already paid \$5,000 each toward this purchase and the other \$10,000 has been requested from LCIF. A motion was made by PID Moon and seconded by Lion Dick Knox to endorse this purchase. It was accepted by all.

Lion Moon also gave us background information on starting an Eye Bank in the Philippines and asked for district support of a grant to sponsor an eye bank in the Philippines. They need \$100,000 which Lions International has been asked to donate \$75,000 and if they do our Lions Medical Eye Bank will donate \$25,000. The technicians will be trained here at our Eye Bank. There is no money coming from the District and all they ask for is to ratify and endorse this endeavor. A motion was made by Lion Joe Brown, PDG and seconded by Lion Clay Senecal, PDG. It was accepted by all present. Lion Ernie Hardee, PDG also asked to speak on the background of what made up the decision to endorse a new Eye Bank

District Committee Reports:

Governor's Ball Update - Lion Fred Farthing reported 157 people signed up to attend the ball. 20 Past District Governor's are attending.

SightFirst – Lion Dallas Divelbiss recommends reading the information in the Lion Magazine regarding SightFirst. He would be glad to give a program to your club regarding SightFirst. (report on file)

State Convention – (18 – 21 May 2006) Lion Jerry Phelps reported it may appear that the rooms are a little high but for the price you receive a full breakfast and also cocktails at night and the rooms are very nice. Have a limited supply of crab T-shirts. Prices are about the same as last years prices.

Michelob Ultra Golf Tournament – 8-14 May. The deadline for signing up to volunteer was last week and they are short 20 people in the afternoon shifts. This is our largest money maker in 24D and less then 100 Lions have signed up to work We need volunteers!!

Traveling Leo – District Governor Barbara read Lion Carman Freeburn's report. He will be accepting Traveling Leo Reports until 30 April. (report on file)

USA/Canada Forum – Lion Brock Robertson reported this year's USA/Canada Forum will be held 14-16 September in Columbus, Ohio. (report on file)

Information Technology – Lion Brock recommended that every Club have a committee for information technology to help those Presidents and Secretaries that don't have a computer or the computer knowledge.

Women Membership – Lion Chris Stauffer reported that there are many women who hold high positions in our District. As of December we have 44 new women this year. (report on file)

White Cane – Lion Charles Wood reported 18 Clubs participated in the fall White Cane and we have an up-coming White Cane this spring. (report on file)

Youth Exchange – Lion Jeff Jacobs reported this year's camp has been set for July 23 – August 4th. (report on file)

Bland Contest – Lion Ellen Bovee reported the Region I Contest will be held March 12, Region II March 26, and Region III March 6. Clubs can still reserve a scholarship for the State Contest. (report on file)

Blind Made Products: Lion James Adams has placed orders for 25 clubs. Products will be delivered to clubs in early April and sales will be conducted the first week of May. (report on file)

Constitution & Bylaws – Lion Ray Duke reported to make sure your delegates have enough service time before being elected as a delegate for the State Convention.

Diabetes Camp – Lion Chet Kramer reported the Lions Diabetes Family Camp 2006 will be held 28-30 April. Camp Brochures and Registration forms have been distributed throughout Lions District 24D. (Report on file)

District Pin – Lion Al Spruill reported that there are about 400 New Orleans pins left. The council agreed to have a special pin made for Boston. Please let Lion Al know who is going to Boston as soon as possible so he can make a determination as to how many each will be able to buy. (report on file)

Eastern Shore Health Fair – Lion Ben Kidd reported the Health Fair will be held 8 April from 9-3 at the Northampton High School in Eastville, Virginia. They need more volunteers. (report on file)

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Club Extension - PDG Clay reported that we celebrated the Charter Night on February 21, 2006 for the new Virginia Beach Central Lions Club with 42 members.

LCIF – Lion Debbie Ivey, IPDG reminded everyone you can send money to LCIF and recognize someone in your club. Please contact her to see how much money your club has contributed. (report on file)

LOVF – Lion Bobbie read the report for Lion Doug Mueller. Please send in money and tickets as early as possible and if possible remove staple. Lion Doug is available to give a program to your club. (report on file)

Long Range Planning – Lion Sherry Atwood, PDG reported the committee is working on a few items of interest such as updating boundaries. Marty Fisher is working on updating the Policy & Procedures Manual. (report on file)

Membership – Lion Charlie Cunningham, PDG stated we are still down in membership and asked all of us to be an ambassador for our clubs.

MERLW – Lion Dick Knox reported that the team members are available to help any Club, Zone Chairperson, or Region Chairperson where they are having problems in their organization. (report on file)

Nominating – Lion Joe Brown, PDG reported only eight days left for submission of a new candidate. As of right now we only have one candidate for District Governor, Lion Dick Knox and one candidate for Vice District Governor Lion Chet Kramer. We still need all our delegates at the State Convention. (report on file)

Hearing Conservation – Lion Jim Reid is available to give programs for the clubs in our district. District 24 D is behind what we have done in the past and behind what the foundation needs to continue it's research.

HOBY – Lion Jay Arnold, PDG asked for someone from every club to go to the high schools in your area to see if they have identified an ambassador to go to the HOBY Seminar in May. The cost of the seminar is \$325. Contact Lion Jay for more information.

International Convention – Lion Don Burson reported the International Convention will be held 30 June – 4 July 2006. The Virginia Delegates hotel is the Boston Park Plaza for \$168.55 (including taxes) per night. Contact Lion Don for complete information if you are interested in going to Boston. (report on file)

Journey for Sight – Lion Bobbie read the report for Lion Dan Hurley. Journey for Sight Race will be held on Saturday 6 May 2006 at Fort Story. 5k at 8:30 am and 9:00 am. (report on file)

Leader Dog – Lion Bobbie read report for Lion Roy Stockdill. Lion Roy is available to give programs and has the latest video that is reviewed as very moving and to the point. (report on file)

Leadership Development – Lion Jim Oglesby, PDG reported the Leadership Development Training will be held Saturday, April 22, 2006 at the Sarah Bonwell Hudgins Center from 8:15am to 1:00 pm. All new members and incoming officers are encouraged to attend. (report on file)

Peace Poster – Lion Ruth Robertson thanked everyone who participated in the Peace Poster Contest and had some posters to give back to the clubs.

Region I – Lion Jim Thurmond gave a report on the progress of Region I. (report on file)

Region II – Lion Gerri Quinn plans on doing a write-up for the April newsletter on the Clubs in that region. (report on file)

Region III – Lion Minnie Nery reported a plus 23 new members in the Region due to the new Club Virginia Beach Central. Aragona-Pembroke, Virginia Beach Center, Kempsville, and Thalia have all started using the PhotoScreener in the Early Discoveries Programs and Head Start Programs.

Presentations:

District Governor Barbara Senecal presented IPDG Debbie Ivey with the Governor's Appreciation Award.

District Governor Barbara presented her Lion's pin to Lion Jim Thurmond, Lion Gerri Quinn, Lion Minnie Nery, Lion Bobbie Carroll, Lion Dick Knox, Lion Don Burson, PDG, and Lion Moon Kosjer, PID.

Questions:

Lion Ernie Hardee, PDG questioned a line on the treasurer's report regarding Sight Conservation. Lion Hauser Weiler, PDG answered his question.

Lion Moon Kosjer, PID announced that Lion Jim Ross, Incoming President of Lions International will be our guest speaker at the State Convention.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45pm.

Submitted,
Lion Bobbie Carroll
Cabinet Secretary, District 24D

Woodstock Lions Club

On Saturday, March 4th, the Woodstock Lions Club prepared over 625 lunches for participants in the annual Special Olympics held at the Virginia Wesleyan College. This is an annual event for the Club. Here are a few photographs taken by Lion Allen Hoover. As you can see, members of the Club were wearing their new caps and received help from Lions Debbie Ivey, Dave Harris and Mike Flanagan.

--Lion Allen F. Hoover, Sr., Club Secretary



Virginia Beach Central Lions Club

Charter Night Program
February 21, 2006

Lions Clubs International
District 24-D
Region III Zone E

Heritage United Methodist Church
815 Baker Road
Virginia Beach, VA 23455

Virginia Beach Central Lions Club Charter Members

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Lion Cyrano Battiste	Lion Michael Berns
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Lion Deborah Springer	Lion Sandra Tatom
Lion Sandra Wasko	Lion Thom Wells
Lion Don Williams	Lion Nancy Wilson
Lion Tom Womack	Lion John Workman

Program

Call to Order	PDG Clayton Senecal
Patronic Song	Sandra Glasson
Pledge of Alliance	Darl Anderson
Invocation	PDG Don Sharon
Welcome and Introduction	PDG Clayton Senecal
Dinner	
Introduction of District Governor	VDG Richard Knox
Governor's Remarks	DG Barbara Senecal
Induction of Members	VDG Richard Knox
Installation of Officers	DG Barbara Senecal
Presentation of the Charter	PDG Barbara Senecal
Acceptance of the Charter	President: Alton Miller
Presentation of Gifts	PDG Clayton Senecal
	50:50 Raffle
Benediction	PDG Sherry Atwood
Adjournment	

Virginia Beach Central Lions Club Charter Officers

President	Lion Alton Miller
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One Year Director	Lion James Mace
Two Year Director	Lion Anthony Imperoli
Two Year Director	Lion Stanley Seyler

Virginia Beach Central

Presented above is a copy of Virginia Beach Central Lions Charter Night Program. An induction of new Lions that were not at the Charter Night was held on March 14th at the Happy Buffet.

The Club sight screened 24 children, ages 4-5 years old, at the JCOC Pre-School, 1900 Baltic Avenue, Virginia Beach, following training by District 24-D Governor Lion Barbara Senecal and her team.

Virginia Beach Central Lions Club Chairpersons have been named for Sight and Hearing. They are: Sight Chairperson, Lion Joel Cooley, OD, Tel: 757-490-9014; and Hearing Chairperson, Lion Nancy Wilson, Tel: 757-420-2767

--Lion Alton Miller, President

Poquoson Lions Celebrate Charter



The Poquoson Lions Club held their 58th Annual Charter Night at the Holiday Inn in Hampton on the 18th of February, the exact date of their Charter in 1948. There was a great turn-out as the picture above testifies. They continued their tradition of taking a group photo for their scrapbook. Only two of the remaining 3 original Charter Members were able to attend, Lions G.S. Forrest and Ray Baker. Special guests were Zone B Chairman Lion Fred Farthing, his wife Lion Mary Jo, Lion Ted Parr and his wife Hampton Mercury Lions Club President Lion Susie Parr. As you can see everyone enjoyed dancing to the DJ, but few were as enthusiastic as Lion Fred and Lion Mary Jo (she danced right out of her shoes!).



Hampton Mercury Lions Give Spinoza Bear

The Hampton Mercury Lions Club provided a Spinoza Bear for a seriously ill child on Langley Air Force Base. These bears provide comfort to children through a series of tapes played through the bear itself. Each bear has a tape recorder inside, so the child can cuddle the bear and hear comforting, soothing, and reassuring words at the same time. The ability for recording tapes is also helpful in allowing feelings to be expressed. This latter feature can be very important to parents of a terminally ill child.

News from Oceanside

Lion Dallas Divelbiss gave an excellent program on Campaign Sight First II. He inspired the Oceanside Lions Club members to do their best to become a model club. In the following photograph, Club President Lion Jim Palacio thanks Lion Dallas and gives him a Certificate of Appreciation.



Immediate Past District Governor Lion Debbie Ivey made a special presentation to Lion Rebecca Reyes, Immediate Past President of Oceanside. Lion Rebecca

received the MD-24 100% Presidents Award and a Membership Excellence Award for year around growth. Way to go Lion Rebecca! Below is a photograph of Lion Debbie and Lion Rebecca with her awards.



On Valentine's Day Oceanside Lions took pictures at The Old Country Buffet Greenbrier Restaurant for their Sweetheart Day. Patrons who were married for 50 years or more were given a free lunch on that day. Lion President Jim Palacio brought his camera and took photo's from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. He took a total of 135 photos and

received assistance from Lions Roy, Marlin and Sylvia Stockdill and Lions Ronnie and Mary Saunders. They had a GREAT time.

Lion Minnie Nery gave a refresher course on Photo Screening. She had her trusty assistant Lion Bob with her. Oceanside is planning on a screening at White Oaks and Twin Canals, there are 100 children between the two schools. Pictured below are Lions Bob Nery, Jim Palacio, and Minnie with her Certificate of Appreciation.



*Reporting live and from the scene,
Lion Nancy Cranford, PR Chair Oceanside*



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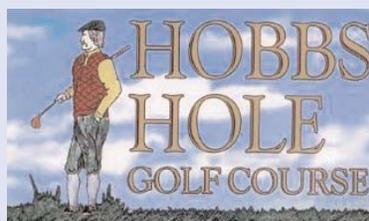
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Lions' PhotoScreeners look at preschool eyes

BY SANDRA JILL PENNECKE
CORRESPONDENT

KEMPSVILLE — Local Lions Club members hope their technology will improve youths' eyesight one child at a time.

"We'd like to test every preschooler. Less than 20 percent of American children are screened or see their eye doctor," said Minnie Nery, a Kempsville Lions Club member who chairs Lions Services for Children/Preschool Eye Screening for the organizations Region III.

The Lions' Southeastern Virginia district has three PhotoScreeners to do free screenings across Hampton Roads, including the Peninsula and Eastern Shore. Each machine cost the Lions \$4,000.

The high-tech, portable, hand-held cameras detect amblyopia (lazy eye) and other vision disorders that can lead to it: myopia (nearsightedness); hyperopia (farsightedness); astigmatism (defect in the curvature of



Christian Mapp-Ellebusch, left, takes a closer look at the PhotoScreener machine before Don Burson takes a photo of his eyes to screen for abnormalities.

SANDRA JILL PENNECKE

the cornea or lens of the eye); anisometropia (a difference in the refractive error between the eyes); strabismus (misaligned eyes); and media opacities (including cataracts).

Trained Lions Club volunteers travel to area preschools,

day care centers, Head Start programs, and private and public schools to conduct the screenings, said Portsmouth resident Barbara Senecal, the Lions' district governor.

Amblyopia develops most rapidly in the first three years

of life and is easiest to treat then, but most children get their first vision test between ages 5 and 6, when they can read an eye chart.

"We need to find it at 3,4 or 5 years. The earlier we find it, the easier it is to be corrected by an ophthalmologist or optometrist," said Senecal, who has conducted Lions eye screenings for 18 years.

"By the time they are 6 or 7, the muscles are strengthened and it's difficult to correct," she added.

The screenings are one of Senecal's top priorities during her one-year term leading the district.

Lions Club International estimates 1.2 million American children ages 6 months to 5 years will develop a serious eye problem.

Recently, the Lions visited Early Discoveries programs at Point O'View and Salem Elementary schools to do PhotoScreener testing on

youngsters.

Point O'View 4-year-olds Judus Herron and Christian Mapp-Ellebusch sat comfortably in a chair in a darkened room while volunteers held up the PhotoScreener to take Polaroid pictures of the youths' eyes.

Just a few minutes later, Judus and Christian walked out carrying coloring sheets and wearing stickers proclaiming "I had my eyes checked today."

Sherri Thompson with Early Discoveries watched as the little ones took their turns.

"It's such a great service," said Thompson. "Our (Early Discoveries) services are for at-risk children, and the majority of the children are uninsured."

Thompson was pleased by the simplicity and quickness of the screening, which does not require head restraints or pupil dilation.

PhotoScreener photographs are sent to Virginia Prevent Blindness in Richmond, which determines if a child needs to follow up with an eye doctor. Out of fifty children, Senecal said typically two or three will have a problem.

"It's one of those things that we can do to help our children. The Lions are famous for their sight conservation, and the best place to start is with our young," said Senecal.

■ For more information on bringing the PhotoScreener to a school or preschool, contact nery@cox.net. For more information about the Kempsville Lions Club, visit www.kempsvillelions.org.

■ Reach Beacon correspondent Sandra Jill Pennecké at Penneck@cox.net.

Kempsville Lions Club Conducts PhotoScreening

The Kempsville Lions Club got great press coverage of their PhotoScreening event held recently. The above article appeared in the *Virginia Beacon*, and, yes, that's PDG Lion Don Burson screening a youngster at the event.



Middlesex Lion Hank Norton Elected to Virginia Sports Hall of Fame

A recent article in the *Southside Sentinel* newspaper reported that Lion Hank Norton, a member of the Middlesex Lions Club, has been named to the Virginia Sports Hall of Fame. Lion Frank is the former head football coach at Ferrum College in Franklin County, where he served for 33 years and amassed 277 wins. He lives in Deltaville. The article contained the following quote from Deltaville resident and fellow Lion Norton Hurd, himself a former star athlete: "Since he retired, Hank has brought a lot to our community, he's a dedicated member of the Middlesex County Lions Club and was President in 1998-99. You can always count on him. Whether we are selling fritters at the Oyster Festival or working to sell our brooms, Hank is right in there working."

The Virginia Sports Hall of Fame and Museum was established in 1972 in Portsmouth and is the Commonwealth's official sports hall and museum. It honors men and women who have made a lasting contribution to sports in Virginia, the nation and the world through outstanding achievement.

Lion Hank Norton will be honored at the awards banquet on April 22nd in Portsmouth. Congratulations, Lion Hank as your hard work, dedication, and achievements are recognized. You are truly a great Lion!

—Submitted by Lion Alice Oxendine





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