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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

It's always nice to welcome new faces and friends into the Lions Organization. Please join me in welcoming these 12 new members into the District and make it a point to say hello when you meet them.

Kevin Gettier, VB Woodstock, 1 December Brenton Bohannon, New Kent County, 3 December Samantha Lar Bohannon, New Kent County, 3 December James Broaddus, Tappahannock, 7 December Sheila Daniels, Tappahannock, 7 December Ben Owen, Tappahannock, 7 December Mary Shipman, Tappahannock, 7 December Wilbert Talley, Tappahannock, 7 December Armen P Melikian, James City, 8 December Rita Johnson, Northumberland, 10 December Eve Jordan, Northumberland, 10 December Jon May, Smithfield, 14 December

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GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

Fellow Lions,

The New Year is upon us and our Lions year is half over. I find it amazing that every PDG told me that time will fly and it has. Moving ahead on the reverse slope and picking up steam. I have visited 51 clubs at least once and it has been amazing to hear and see all that you have accomplished. At the current pace we will have outdone ourselves and provided those in our community a little better life than the way it started.

WORLDWIDE WEEK OF SERVICE. Our next Worldwide Week of Service (WWS) is January 10-16 and is the Worldwide Week of Service in **Hunger**. Many of our food banks get flooded with food over the holidays, but in the weeks that follow the pantry can be quite barren. Please plan an activity to help your local or area food banks and shelters. Remember to report it as part of the WWS and Centennial Service Activity.

ENVIRONMENTAL PHOTO CONTEST. Clubs must submit their photo to be received by the District Governor NLT 14 January. The wining District Photo will be hand-carried to the Council of Governors meeting on 15 January. This year's theme is "Dignity, harmony, humanity. Celebrating the peaceful coexistence of species." For contest rules go to:

http://www.lionsclubs.org/resources/EN/pdfs/contest_official_rules.pdf

STATE DUES. Many thanks to those clubs that were able to get the check in the mail before the due date of December 31, 2015. We still have a five clubs that have been unable to get the check in the mail, but hopefully soon.

LCI DUES. Speaking of money, LCI is looking for the 2nd half dues for the year. All clubs should have received their statements by now, so make it a point to get the check into the mail before the end of January. Two clubs have overdue notices from July 2015, so please make sure you get these caught up to date.

IRS FILINGS. These were due by November 15th and according to the IRS web site we still have 14 clubs that have not filed. Granted, the web site is not updated very often, but I encourage every club to check their status with the IRS and ensure they have filed their 2014 e-post card or other IRS forms.

MEMBERSHIP. December was a rough month has clubs cleaned house to avoid LCI dues on December 31st. Our losses included Lions Jim & Linda Gregory who have officially transferred to a club in Florida, so we wish them well in retirement. Over all we were a net loss of -1 for the month, but are still at a net gain of +20 in membership from the beginning of the Lions Year. A remarkable accomplishment that I can only hope we can maintain for the rest of the Lions year and beyond. Thank you for your efforts. **REDISTIRICING.** This topic has been a struggle for the last two years, but I see a light at the end of the tunnel. Hopefully, that light is not a speeding locomotive. Please take a moment to review the presentation on the MD24 Web Site at:

http://e-district.org/userfiles/374/file/Redistricting%20presentation%20for%20clubs%2019Dec15.pdf and provide me some feedback on what you think. One thing I need to make clear is that we do **NOT** have to redistrict at this time. The Council of Governors just felt that it would be best to try to do it now.

GOVERNORS SOCIAL. Everyone is cordially invited to join us and the Past District Governors at our annual Governors Social to be held February 27th at the Point Plaza Hotel. This will be a Mardi Gras themed event. A flyer can be found in this edition of the Knights Vision.

DG Ray Yannello Your "Raging Bull"



LETTER FROM A MOTHER

Dear Lions Club District 24D,

I am writing to express my deepest gratitude for the vision screening you (sic Smithfield & Windsor Lions Clubs) provided to my kindergartener at Carrollton Elementary on November 5, 2015. You detected that she has a rather sever astigmatism in both eyes and that she is far-sighted. Neither her teacher nor her family had noticed any signs that she might have impaired vision. It was quite shocking to look through her lenses, observing the strength of her prescription. She may have gone several more years with her poor vision had you not generously provided her with your exam.

Thank you for giving my child the opportunity to see this beautiful world.

Warmest regards,

A kindergartener's mother

Lions of Virginia, District 24-D



Tucker Casanova 1st Vice District Governor

Well for the most part the holidays are over. I hope that everyone reading this got to spend lots of time with their loved ones and had time to reflect on the year past. If there was more good times than bad consider yourself lucky. There are a lot of people who can't say the same. It's for them the LIONS exist, but they have to know we're here for them. We are a dynamic network of do-gooders, go-getters and volunteers. When we get a call we need to move on it, reaching out to our resources, notifying and updating not just the people we're helping, but the people who brought us that referral. There is something else though, and maybe the hardest part... We need to learn to ask for *help*. If your club cannot assist someone in your *service area* REACH OUT. Whether it's to neighboring clubs, your Zone or the Lions Charity Foundation, use the network the LIONS have spent 100 years building.

That's why we are here, that's what we are for. Not just to help others but each other.

So here we are, ready to serve when needed, prepared to answer the call when it comes. But what if they don't know how to call us? I can't tell you how many people have accidentally stumbled on a coworker's number at the LMEB. Or worked their way through false leads, dead ends and hopeless phone trees only to end up in my voice mail almost by coincidence. I had a woman call me last month; she had been given NINE wrong numbers before we spoke... NINE.

There are a couple of solutions for that first is weed out all the bad contact information and wipe it out. The other thing we need to do can be a lot more fun.

We need to be more visible. When we are visible we are approachable. We are able to help more people and attract more members. That is why I was so excited when the guest at 24-B's Fall Conference, ID Robert Littlefield from Fargo, North Dakota, started telling us about the Centennial Community Legacy Project. It's all about building our Legacy as LIONS though increasing our visibility, giving a gift to our community, and making an impact. There is no shortage of ideas. From something as simple to cleaning or replacing faded LIONS signs or installing a park bench or bike rack... To considerably more ambitious efforts like building a clinic or expanding a library. Now I don't see myself opening a homeless shelter any time soon... but the beauty is just about every idea you've ever had for a LIONS project falls somewhere between these examples. You can find out more in this month's LION Magazine, (I've asked Lion Sharene, our Knight's Vision Editor to reproduce the info somewhere in this issue) or even check it out online at Lions100.org. Also, there is a perfect example as done by the Mason Neck Lions Club on Facebook. I recently shared their Park Bench Program, but if you missed it you can see it here at:

Facebook.com/Mason.Neck.Lions/timeline

I'm looking forward to hearing about all the new community programs we're going to see in 2016! Hope you all have a safe and Happy New Year!

Yours in Lionism, Lion Tucker C





Let's give 'em something to talk about

Our District is going to "give Lions something to talk about" during an LCI membership webinar on Thursday, January 28, at 11:00 A.M. EST. Our successful service projects during the Lions – Anthem Volunteer Days put us on the radar at Lions Clubs International. When LCI staff reached out to me about participating, of course I highlighted other successful clubs and projects around District 24D. What are we going to talk about? We're still in the planning stages, but the webinar will focus on service-based recruiting strategies. There are several simple steps your club can take to create large-scale projects by engaging community partners, initiate ways to involve youth in a project, employ stewardship practices for both community partners and prospective members and promote your club through service. Tony Robbins, motivational speaker, says, "Success leaves clues." We'll highlight examples of successful clubs and projects that Lions can model. We'll include our Lions - Anthem Volunteer Days projects featuring how we included children to create a fun, family atmosphere. The Zone E recruitment effort at the Norfolk Technical School led by Tim Marinelli, Region II Chair; Cecil Smithson, Zone E Chair; and Gary Coldren, Zone E Spot Coordinator. In January Ocean View Lions Club and Little Creek Lions Club will jointly host two dinners for the optician students to learn more about the Lions. The events are planned for the Lions Medical Eye Bank and the Southside Eyeglass Recycling Center featuring tours and program details. I'm confident we'll have something to talk about as a result. Outstanding clubs using service based recruiting techniques will be highlighted. One of the greatest assets of Lions is our ability and willingness to share ideas and help one another. Please join us for the webinar to learn more. Go to the membership webinar page at the Member Center on Lions Clubs International website to register today. http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/resources/webinars/membership-webinars.php

Lions of Virginia, District 24-D Governor's Achievement Contest

2015



DECEMBER 2015

2016

June 2015

Members

DECEMBER 2015	June 2015 Members	Nov Members	Dec Gains	Dec Losses	Dec Members	Dec Points	TOTAL POINTS			
REGION I										
	Region I - ZONE A									
Gloucester " @	19	14	0	0	14	0	13185			
Lancaster County	37	37	0	0	37	3075	27473			
Mathews @	59	58	0	0	58	250	10815			
Middlesex County	39	40	0	0	40	3277	17135			
Northumberland County @	23	28	2	0	30	950	3650			
Tappahannock	50	51	5	0	56	5404	50821			
TOTAL ZONE A	227	228	7	0	235					

Region I - ZONE B									
James City	51	59	1	-1	59	2787	31012		
New Kent County	26	29	2	0	31	2525	10825		
Poquoson	51	50	0	0	50	2673	18407		
Williamsburg Host	71	71	0	0	71	2070	28072		
York @	34	34	0	0	34	500	16869		
TOTAL ZONE B	233	243	3	-1	245				

Region I - ZONE C										
Hampton Mercury	14	15	0	-1	14	780	18076			
Hampton Northampton	20	19	0	0	19	2225	22314			
Hampton Phoebus " @	25	24	0	0	24	250	7997			
Newport News Denbigh	28	32	0	0	32	3420	21951			
Newport News Host	17	18	0	-2	16	1615	9277			
NN Oyster Point Mariner " @	20	19	0	0	19	250	7045			
Newport News Warwick	22	22	0	0	22	1675	18618			
TOTAL ZONE C	146	149	0	-3	146					
TOTAL REGION I	606	620	10	-4	626					

	REGION II										
Region I - ZONE D											
Deep Creek " @	13	14	0	0	14	125	28979				
Great Bridge	21	20	0	0	20	1250	21495				
Chesapeake Host	16	16	0	0	16	6400	33908				
Southside	38	41	0	-1	40	10325	35971				
Western Branch	19	19	0	0	19	2285	35313				
Churchland	40	38	0	0	38	1295	29319				
Cradock * @	17	18	0	0	18	375	15902				
Portsmouth C F * @	14	14	0	-3	11	-500	350				
Portsmouth Host	24	21	0	0	21	910	17084				
TOTAL ZONE D	202	201	0	4	197						

NOVEMBER 2015	June 2015 Members	Nov Members	Dec Gains		Dec Members	YTD Net
DISTRICT 24-D	1438	1459	12	-13	1458	20

*	No	MMR	for	Decem	ber
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EVMS	10	10	0	0	10	300	7800			
Norfolk Host " @	36	35	0	0	35	250	3875			
Norfolk Little Creek	19	17	0	0	17	3060	13290			
Norfolk Middle Town * @	11	11	0	0	11	0	1095			
Norfolk Norview	14	13	0	-1	12	2875	14237			
Norfolk Ocean View	24	25	0	0	25	4148	29871			
Norfolk State University * @	3	3	0	0	3	0	350			
Norfolk Wards Corner * @	22	20	0	0	20	0	4500			
TOTAL ZONE E	139	134	0	-1	133					
	Region III - ZONE F									
Boykins @	30	31	0	0	31	250	450			

Nov

Members Region III - ZONE E

Dec

Gains

Dec

Losses

Dec

Members

Dec

Points

TOTAL

POINTS

Region III - ZONE F										
Boykins @	30	31	0	0	31	250	450			
Franklin " @	16	16	0	0	16	0	2050			
Smithfield	27	26	1	0	27	2725	23964			
Suffolk " @	22	22	0	0	22	250	900			
Surry County	18	18	0	0	18	800	2795			
Windsor	19	22	0	0	22	3120	26270			
TOTAL ZONE F	132	135	1	0	136					
TOTAL REGION II	473	470	1	-5	466					

REGION III										
	Region III - ZONE G									
Oceana Lynn Golden @	17	16	0	0	16	500	2125			
VB Central @	27	25	0	0	25	250	2395			
VB Host	15	15	0	0	15	650	11058			
VB Oceanside	18	19	0	0	19	5696	32218			
VB Princess Anne	17	18	0	-1	17	5408	26249			
VB Thalia	38	38	0	0	38	7206	44939			
TOTAL ZONE G	132	131	0	-1	130					

Region III - ZONE H										
VB Aragona-Pembroke *@	15	18	0	0	18	125	8280			
VB Bayside	37	35	0	0	35	1450	15125			
VB Kempsville	39	41	0	0	41	1200	10452			
VB Town Center Blind	70	72	0	-2	70	1750	21905			
VB Woodstock	18	19	1	0	20	3975	12191			
TOTAL ZONE H	179	185	1	-2	184					

Region III - ZONE I										
Cape Charles	15	18	0	0	18	1774	24890			
Central Shores @	19	19	0	-1	18	500	450			
North Accomack CF * @	6	8	0	0	8	0	10380			
Onancock " @	8	8	0	0	8	250	300			
TOTAL ZONE I	48	53	0	-1	52					
TOTAL REGION III	359	369	1	-4	366					

@ No Achievment Report for December



Official Visits Other Lions Events Other events Conflict



MD24 Events Family Events Work Updates from previous version

JANUARY

- 24D Guiding Lion Training, 8am noon 9
- VoTech Lions Event #1, 6:30 pm 11
- Princess Anne OV, 7pm #52 12
- Lion Melvin Jones' Birthday 13
- 15-16 COG Meeting, Roanoke
- 15-18 Family function, Northampton, MA -Conflict
- VoTech Lions Event #2, 11:00 am Conflict 16
- **Charity Foundation Quarterly Meeting** 18
- EGRC Quarterly Meeting 20
- 21 Nester Farewell
- Audible Easter Egg Hunt Meeting, 6pm at 22 Panera Bread, Hampton
- 23-29 Work Out-of-Town, Potomac, MD
- Zone A Meeting Lancaster Conflict 26
- Homeless Connect, Norfolk Scope Conflict 26
- 27 Zone D Meeting – Lillian's - Conflict

FEBRUARY

- James City 18th Charter Celebration 8
- Norfolk Middle Town/NSU OV #55/56 9
- 12-13 24-C Mid-winter/GMT-MD Staunton
- Suffolk OV #55 16
- 18 Zone C Meeting - (Tentative)
- 22-26 Work Out-of-Town, NOVA-VA
- 27 24D Cabinet Meeting, Point Plaza, 2pm
- 24D Governor's Social, Point Plaza, 6pm 27

MARCH

- 4-6 COG Meeting, Roanoke
- 8 **Region I Meeting – Mathews**
- **Region I Bland Williamsburg** 10
- 10 Region III Bland - Conflict
- Northampton 55th Charter Night 14
- Suffolk OV #55 (Alternate) 15
- 19-21 Emerging Lions Leadership Inst Denver, CO
- 20-25 Work Out-of-Town, NOVA, VA
- 22 Onancock OV #56 - Conflict

APRIL

- 2 Journey for Sight
- 3-8 Work Out-of-Town, Carlisle, PA
- Zone C Meeting (Tentative) 14
- 24D Leadership Training 16
- 22-24 Diabetes Camp
- Onancock OV #56 (Alternate) 26

MAY

- 4-13 Work-Out-Of-Town, Carlisle, PA
- 19-22 State Convention, Roanoke, VA

JUNE

- 8 Final District Meeting, Smithfield (tentative)
- Family Function, San Antonia, TX 4-6
- 24-28 LCI International Convention Japan
- Lion Tucker is DG 28



Please keep the following Lion and his family in your prayers. He will be missed in his own special way as he departed in December for the Lions Pride beyond the sunset:

Donald Forbes, Central Shore, 6 years

We also lost long time former-Lion Denwood Insley of Tappahannock & Gloucester Lions Club who passed away December 31st. Please keep his wife, former-Lion Margaret, and their family in your prayers.

Also keep the family of Dr. Lisa Ann Auanger who passed away in December in your prayers. She was the Kecoughtan High School Leo Club Advisor (Phoebus) for a very long time and will also be missed.



DG Ray



Centennial of Service 2015 to 2016

TOTAL	CLUBS
All 4	26
3	9
2	4
1	10
0	7

AREA	CLUBS
Vision	45
Youth	36
Hunger	35
Environment	33

LEGACY	CLUBS
I	0
II	0
III	0



Build your Lion legacy and make a lasting impact in your local community through a Centennial Community Legacy Project. Your club's Centennial Community Legacy Project will serve as a reminder of just how vital your club is to your community. From a new sign at your city's entrance to an eye clinic, there's an opportunity for every club to be involved.



CHOOSE YOUR PROJECT AND START BUILDING YOUR LION LEGACY TODAY! Visit Lions100.org to learn more.





CAPE CHARLES LIONS



L-R: Kristen Dennis, Sally Dickinson, Laura Vaughan, Charlene Huh, Monika Bridgnorth, Lion Don Fuller

Lions Charity Foundation Supports the Barrier Island Center's "My First Field Trip"

On Wednesday, December 16, the Lions Charity Foundation of 24D visited the Barrier Island Center to deliver a check for \$10,000 to support the Center's early childhood education initiative, My First Field Trip. This is the third year that the Charity Foundation has assisted in this effort to improve the lives of our youngest learners on the Eastern Shore. It may be hard for many of you to imagine a child who reaches the age of 3 or 4 who has never been read to or made "music" with anything that comes to hand or applied lots of color to a surface to make "art." But that is the life that many of our children have had. There are now pre-school programs in both counties' schools that work very hard to bring our disadvantaged kids to the point of school readiness. That means providing firm expectations, nutrition, social and emotional support, and knowledge of the basics like names of colors, numbers, and the alphabet. The Barrier Island Center adds enrichment in the form of music and rhythm, art, and manners. Imagine: someone is teaching manners!



Eastern Shore Lions at the Barrier Island Presentation: Lions Ed Robbins, Ben Kidd (Central), Ruth Kellan (Central), Terry Kolet, Karen Kolet, Jerry Phelps (LCF), John Willis Kellam (Central) and Don Fuller (LCF).



LIONS CLUBS OF ZONE D MEETING

Wednesday, JANUARY 27, 2016 LILLIAN'S SEAFOOD RESTAURANT 1312 GEORGE WASHINGTON HWY, CHESAPEAKE, VA. 23323

DINNER: 6:00 - 6:30 PM / BUFFET OR OFF THE MEMU *MEAL COST IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EACH ATTENDEE MEETING: 6:45 - 8:00 PM

Please call, mail or email your reservation prior to January 25th to:

Lion Jeff Robbins 3040 Brittany Way Chesapeake, Va. 23321

JEFFROBBINS3040@GMAIL.COM (757) 484-2991 or (757) 375-3715

Club Name: _____ Number Attending: _____





District 24-D Governors Social 2016



PLAZA confiliter there

Date:	February 27, 2016	
Location:	Point Plaza Suites,	
	950 J. Clyde Morris Blvd (Route 17)	4
	Newport News, VA	BOTHT PI
	757-599-4460	POLNT
Time:	Cocktails 6:00 pm	
	Dinner: 7:00 pm	Mart
Cost:	\$40.00 per person	
Dress:	Coat & tie, cocktail, or Mardi Gras costume	

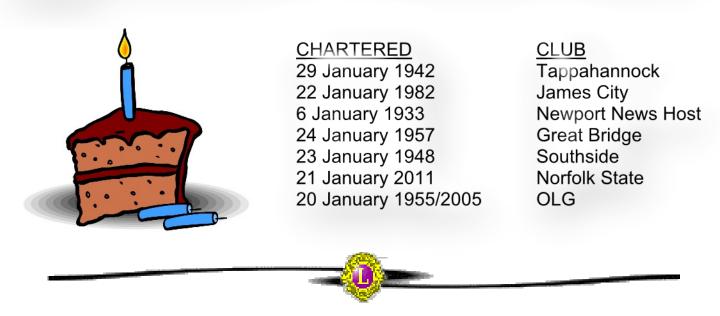
Buffet Meal with Mardi Gras fare: Shrimp creole, Jambalaya, Red beans & rice, Hurricanes, Spicy Salad, King cake, Garlic bread

Blocked Room Rate available until February 19, 2016. Call hotel at 757-599-4460 for reservations. Ask for "Lions Meeting Group" Rate

RSVP by February 19, 2016					
District 24-D Governors Social	Saturday, February 27, 2016	Cocktails at 6:00 pm Dinner at 7:00 pm			
CLUB:	DISTRICT:				
	TITLE				
Names of those attending	(PDG, PID, Pres)				
Number attending x \$40.00	Amount En	closed \$00			
Make checks payable to Lions District 24-D	Send payment to:				
memo on check: "Gov Social"		Poquoson Lions Club, 10 Willis Ct, Poquoson, VA 23662			

CHARTER DAYS

Thanks to the following clubs for their continued service to their communities and to the District.



2nd & 3rd Quarter Zone & Region Meetings

REGION 1:

10 March 2016, 6:30 pm Piankatank, 7138 Buckley Hall Road, Hudgins Cost: tbd POC: <u>mpanit@gmail.com</u>

Zone A:

26 January 2016, 6:00 pm Anna's Italian Restaurant, 150 Old Fair Grounds Way, Kilmarnock Cost: \$17.00 POC: <u>michael.fagan@va.metrocast.net</u>

Zone D:

27 January 2016, 6:00 pm

Lillian's Seafood Restaurant, 1312 George Washington Hwy, Chesapeake Meal cost is the responsibility of each individual, buffet or off the menu POC: Lion Jeff Robbins, JEFFROBBINS3040@GMAIL.COM (757) 484-2991 or (757) 375-3715

DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS

-Page 27 – Cradock change of President

President – Bob Mills (Irene) 213 BELLHAVEN RD Portsmouth,VA 23702 Res: 757-397-8302 bobmills213@yahoo.com

-Page 32 – Princess Anne location change

Virginia Steak at 620 First Colonial Road, Virginia Beach

-Page 33 - Virginia Beach Central location change

Gus & George's Spagetti House, 4312 VA Beach Blvd. Virginia Beach



Volunteers Needed NORFOLK HOMELESS CONNECT PROGRAM

The Lions Charity Foundation & Little Creek Lions Club are sponsoring the LMS&HU at Scope on January 27, 2016. TIME: 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM.

Volunteers needed:

Three shifts: 8:00 AM - 12:00 Noon 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM ALL DAY

We will be doing hearing and sight screening and distributing reading glasses. Clients that fail eye screening will be given vouchers for free eye exam and glasses.

Sign-up NOW. E-mail Lion Jerry Phelps <u>cypt4@cox.net</u> or Lion Ken Kubilins <u>kkubilins@verizon.net</u> with the times you are available. Must be registered to enter Scope.

Thanks for volunteering, Lion Jerry

Many thanks our latest Platinum Sponsor!



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Silver – \$50 Donation Platinum – \$100 Donation

(Tiers Silver through Diamond come with a Subscription) To become a KV Patron, please send your contribution to Cabinet Treasurer Lion Keith Feigh, with a brief explanation of how you would want it reflected. For example: \$75 Donation - Business Card/Bronze Patron

or

\$75 Donation - Gold Patron

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