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Febryary Governor's Message

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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 8 new members into the District and make it a point to say hello when you meet them.

Rose Mary Jones, VB Town Center – Blind

Donald Brandon, James City, 5 January

Carolyn Thomas, Tappahannock, 5 January

Vickey Urso, Chesapeake Host, 12 January

John Mattingly, James City, 12 January

Joyce Wilson, James City, 12 January

James McBriarty, James City, 28 January

Courtney Sterling, Mathews, 29 January

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Ray Yannello
District Governor

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

Fellow Lions,

I hope this finds you all well and in good spirits. The year is winding down and there is so much to do before June. February is a busy month as we watch for our shadows. Trim our rose bushes, and tell those we care for Happy Valentine's Day. For Lions we start with Club-level **BLAND** in February and a complete list can be found in this edition of Knight's Vision.

A NEW LIONS CLUB. The good news is we are about to sign the paperwork adding a new club, King William Children First, to the district. Due to the great work of Branch Club President Doug Riley, PDG Donna Weiler, PCC Gary Rapier, and the members of the Tappahannock Lions Club, the KWCF club now has 22 members and is ready to Charter as the 57th club of District 24-D. This future Lions Club is already making a tremendous impact on the community of King William County and only good things came come from this endeavor.

WORLDWIDE WEEK OF SERVICE. Our Worldwide Week of Service (WWS) for Hunger was January 10-16 and I saw lots of clubs doing food drives and helping others in their community. It was a great effort and I'm sure that those who received the aid were appreciative. This is followed in **April** with "**Protecting our Environment**" month culminating in Earth Day on April 24th. Please plan an Environmental Project for April, and/or an Earth Day Project on April 24th.

DUES. Many thanks to those clubs that were able to get their **State Dues** paid. We still have a four clubs that have been unable to get the check in the mail, but hopefully soon. Speaking of dues, **LCI** is still looking for the 2nd half dues for the year. There were 35 clubs that failed to pay dues by the end of January. I'm sure many have already sent in the payment, but please check to ensure the payment is in the mail. Two clubs

have overdue notices from July 2015, so please make sure you get these caught up to date.

MEMBERSHIP. January was another light month, but we still had a net gain of +1 and stand at +21 for 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. Many clubs report they are having difficulties ordering the new **Centennial Membership Packets**. LCI has put restrictions on ordering the new membership packets with the centennial pins. Packets can only be ordered “**after**” the member is inducted. As the DG, I have a limited number of packets, so contact me and I can provide you with a packet. When you order packets from LCI, you need to mention the name & member number in the comments section of the order.

REDISTIRICING. The idea of redistricting 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>
Provide feedback to your Zone Chairman for consolidation and follow-on feedback to me by February 19th. 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.

CABINET MEETING & GOVERNORS SOCIAL. We will hold a Cabinet Meeting at 2pm on Saturday February 27th at the Point Plaza Hotel. This is followed at 6pm with our honors to the Past District Governors at our annual Governors Social. This will be a Mardi Gras themed event. All are invited to attend. A flyer can be found in this edition of the Knights Vision.

DG Ray Yannello
Your “Raging Bull”





Tucker Casanova

1st Vice District Governor

Hello Lions,

I spent the first part of January finalizing my trip with Lion Tanya to the [99th Lions Clubs International Convention](#) and have been wrapping up some paper work here and there. I've been very excited about traveling back to Japan (some of you may know I lived there for a year). As much as I would love to see as many of you as possible in Fukuoka, asking Lions to fly to Japan would be a bit much.

That said, If you are going I would love to meet up! The best way to experience new things is with old friends. Don't feel bad for me though I'm sure Tanya and I will have plenty to share when we get back. And as far as company goes... the VDGs of Multiple District 24 plan on getting together in the days before some of the more hectic events. Not to mention there will be thousands of Lions from all around the world... That's a *lot* of friends I haven't met yet!

If you're looking to meet Lions from around the world you can always go to Omaha. This September is the 40th annual USA/Canada Forum, in Omaha, Nebraska. It runs from the 15th to the 17th. I had a great time at last year's USA/Canada in Grand Rapids, and got to meet Lions from all over the continent, and the world, including International President Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada. I had a great time, bumped into friends from around MD-24, and even a few from my time in Advanced Lions Leadership Training.

So with travel on my mind today it was a neat bit of happenstance that I received a bunch of brochures in the mail detailing this year's forum, speakers, events and it's Chair people. That's both Dr. Gary Anderson, PID and the Honorary Chairperson, Lion Bob Corlew the International VP. There's a bunch of great reasons to attend... and I haven't even got to those Omaha Steaks I've heard so much about.

If you want to know more about the next USA/ Canada Forum let me know and I'll send you one of these pamphlets. Or... for more details and registration visit lionsforum.org

Yours in Lionism,
Lion Tucker Casanova, VDG District 24-D



Beth Stevens
2nd Vice District Governor

Your Club, Your Way!

Recently, I had the opportunity to speak with Club Presidents or membership Chairs of the six Lions Clubs in our District who are leading the way in membership programming. Together, these clubs have recruited 46 new Lions; representing 50% of the total new members in the District. All of these clubs have several things in common, but there is one factor above all that I'd like to share with you. They have all taken the first step in the membership process by preparing their club. "For what," you may ask. Well, it's different for each club based on the needs of the club, membership and community. The clubs created a fun, inviting atmosphere that meets their identified needs. But, in general two factors appear in common. First, there is a commitment to membership growth. There are at least two Lions dedicated to managing a well-rounded membership plan. When I talk about membership, it's not just recruitment. A well rounded membership plan considers membership satisfaction, leadership development opportunities, recognition programs, orientation and activation of new members. If your members aren't coming out to meetings, supporting service projects or paying dues on time, there's probably a reason. It's our responsibility to find out why. A good LCI resource to help in this process is [Your Club Your Way!](#) This workbook outlines different types of meeting formats, suggestions to improve meeting management styles and includes a membership survey. This survey is short and has open-ended questions which can provide you with valuable membership feedback. It's important to continuously evaluate our Lions Club to stay current and relevant to the community. Once you've conducted the survey, it's important to share the results with your club. Then let the membership decide which suggestions your club will implement. Second, these clubs run an average of four to six service projects a month. People join the Lions to serve the community so let's give them opportunities to serve. Not all projects need to be large, try recycling programs, collect Box Tops for Education or participate in a food drive.

If Lions are going to remain the largest service organization in the world, we must keep up with the times. There may be some apprehension about making changes initially, but positive results usually create positive attitudes. Don't be afraid to try something new. I'd like to thank the following Lions Clubs for leading the way and sharing their successes with me: James City, New Kent County, Northumberland County, Southside, Tappahannock and Virginia Beach Town Center – Blind.

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



2015

2016

JANUARY 2015	June 2015 Members	Dec Members	Jan Gains	Jan Losses	Jan Members	Jan Points	TOTAL POINTS
REGION I							
Region I - ZONE A							
Gloucester @	19	14	0	0	14	300	13485
Lancaster County	37	37	0	0	37	1822	29295
Mathews @ ^	39	38	1	-1	38	50	11215
Middlesex County	39	40	0	0	40	2628	19763
Northumberland County * @	23	30	0	0	30	450	4100
Tappahannock	50	56	1	0	57	1658	52479
TOTAL ZONE A	227	235	2	-1	236		

Region I - ZONE B							
James City	51	59	4	0	63	2900	33912
New Kent County	26	31	0	0	31	1250	12075
Poquoson	51	50	0	-2	48	1567	19974
Williamsburg Host	71	71	0	0	71	3962	32034
York @	34	34	0	0	34	300	17169
TOTAL ZONE B	233	245	4	-2	247		

Region I - ZONE C							
Hampton Mercury	14	14	0	0	14	1105	19181
Hampton Northampton	20	19	0	0	19	2629	24943
Hampton Phoebus @	25	24	0	0	24	800	8797
Newport News Denbigh	28	32	0	0	32	4639	26590
Newport News Host	17	16	0	0	16	950	10252
NN Oyster Point Mariner	20	19	0	0	19	1019	8064
Newport News Warwick	22	22	0	0	22	2195	20813
TOTAL ZONE C	146	146	0	0	146		
TOTAL REGION I	606	626	6	-3	629		

REGION II							
Region I - ZONE D							
Deep Creek @	14	15	0	0	15	550	29529
Great Bridge	21	20	0	0	20	2900	24395
Chesapeake Host	16	16	1	0	17	5250	39158
Southside	38	40	0	0	40	2009	37980
Western Branch	19	19	0	0	19	7135	42448
Churchland	40	38	0	-1	37	2075	31394
Cradock	17	18	0	0	18	2720	18622
Portsmouth C F * @	14	11	0	0	11	0	350
Portsmouth Host	24	21	0	0	21	700	17784
TOTAL ZONE D	203	198	1	-1	198		

JANUARY 2016	June 2015 Members	Dec Members	Jan Gains	Jan Losses	Jan Members	YTD Net
DISTRICT 24-D	1439	1459	8	-7	1460	21

* No MMR for January

@ No Achievement Report for January

JANUARY 2015	June 2015 Members	Dec Members	Jan Gains	Jan Losses	Jan Members	Jan Points	TOTAL POINTS
Region III - ZONE E							
EVMS @	10	10	0	0	10	50	7850
Norfolk Host @	36	35	0	0	35	800	4675
Norfolk Little Creek	19	17	0	0	17	1355	14645
Norfolk Middle Town * @	11	11	0	0	11	0	1095
Norfolk Norview	14	12	0	0	12	1922	16159
Norfolk Ocean View	24	25	0	0	25	6130	36001
Norfolk State University * @	3	3	0	0	3	0	350
Norfolk Wards Corner	22	20	0	0	20	2250	6750
TOTAL ZONE E	139	133	0	0	133		

Region III - ZONE F							
Boykins * @	30	31	0	0	31	250	700
Franklin * @	16	16	0	0	16	0	2050
Smithfield	27	27	0	0	27	760	24724
Suffolk @	22	22	0	0	22	50	950
Surry County	18	18	0	0	18	150	2945
Windsor	19	22	0	0	22	1745	28015
TOTAL ZONE F	132	136	0	0	136		
TOTAL REGION II	474	467	1	-1	467		

REGION III							
Region III - ZONE G							
Oceana Lynn Golden @	17	16	0	0	16	300	2425
VB Central * @	27	25	0	0	25	0	2395
VB Host	15	15	0	0	15	1210	12268
VB Oceanside	18	19	0	0	19	3433	35651
VB Princess Anne	17	17	0	0	17	2754	29003
VB Thalia	38	38	0	-1	37	2608	47547
TOTAL ZONE G	132	130	0	-1	129		

Region III - ZONE H							
VB Aragona-Pembroke @	15	18	0	0	18	300	8580
VB Bayside @	37	35	0	0	35	300	15425
VB Kempville	39	41	0	0	41	1014	11466
VB Town Center Blind	70	70	1	0	71	1450	23355
VB Woodstock	18	20	0	0	20	1742	13933
TOTAL ZONE H	179	184	1	0	185		

Region III - ZONE I							
Cape Charles @	15	18	0	0	18	300	24890
Central Shores * @	19	18	0	0	18	0	450
North Accomack CF * @	6	8	0	0	8	1000	10380
Onancock @	8	8	0	-2	6	300	300
TOTAL ZONE I	48	52	0	-2	50		
TOTAL REGION III	359	366	1	-3	364		

^ Achievement Report for December added

Governor's Calendar

Official Visits

Other Lions Events

Other events

- Conflict

MD24 Events

Family Events

Work

Updates from previous version

FEBRUARY

12-13 24-C Mid-winter/GMT-MD - Staunton
 16 Family function
 16 Suffolk OV #54 - Conflict
 18 LMSHU Quarterly Meeting
 19 VB Central 10th Charter Celebration
 27 24D Cabinet Meeting, Point Plaza, 2pm
 27 24D Governor's Social, Point Plaza, 6pm

MARCH

4-6 COG Meeting/DGE Training, Roanoke
 6-12 Work Out-of-Town, NOVA, VA
 8 Region I Meeting – Mathews - Conflict
 10 Region III Bland - Conflict
 11 Region I Bland - Williamsburg - Conflict
 12 Region II Bland - Smithfield - Conflict
 12 H-Mercury 51st Charter Celebration
 14 Northampton 55th Charter Celebration
 17 Poquoso 68th Charter Night Celebration
 22 Onancock OV #55
 27-31 Work Out-of-Town, NOVA, VA
 30 Zone C Meeting - Northampton - Conflict
 30 Region III Meeting - Conflict

JUNE

4-6 Family function, San Antonio, TX
 8 Final District Meeting, Smithfield (tentative)
 13 Churchland 50th Charter Celebration
 14 Little Creek 60th Charter Celebration
 24-28 LCI International Convention - Japan
 28 *Lion Tucker is DG*

APRIL

1-2 Work Out-of-Town, NOVA, VA
 2 Journey for Sight Rodeo - Conflict
 9 Thalia 50th Charter Celebration
 10-15 Work Out-of-Town, Carlisle, PA
 16 24D Leadership Training (8am - 1pm)
 18 Region II Meeting
 18 Charity Foundation Quarterly Meeting
 19 King William OV#2, 7pm - #53
 20 EGRC Quarterly Meeting
 22-24 Diabetes Camp
 24 Vision Walk
 26 Norfolk Middle Town/NSU OV #56/57

MAY

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



Please keep the following Lion and his family in your prayers. They will be missed in their own special way as they depart for the Lions Pride beyond the sunset:

George Hunt, Poquoson, 69 years (Charter Member)

Dave Booz, VB Kempsville, 15 Years

Mildred Aldrich, Mathews, 13 years

DG Ray



Centennial of Service 2015 to 2016

January 2016 Update

49 Clubs of District 24D have reported completing the following number of categories:

AREAS	CLUBS
All 4	28
3	9
2	4
1	8
0	7

AREA	CLUBS
Vision	46
Youth	37
Hunger	36
Environment	36

LEGACY	CLUBS
I	0
II	0
III	0

information as of 3 February 2016



Social Hour music by the
TRADOC Jazz Band

After Dinner music by local
Mardi Gras Band

District 24-D *Governors Social 2016*

Date: February 27, 2016
Location: Point Plaza Suites,
 950 J. Clyde Morris Blvd (Route 17)
 Newport News, VA
 757-599-4460
Time: Cocktails 6:00 pm
 Dinner: 7:00 pm
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: _____

Names of those attending _____ TITLE
 (PDG, PID, Pres)

Number attending ____ x \$40.00

Amount Enclosed \$ ____ .00

Make checks payable to Lions District 24-D
 memo on check: "Gov Social"

Send payment to:
 Poquoson Lions Club, 10 Willis Ct, Poquoson, VA 23662

3rd Quarter Meetings

Zone A: 9 February 2016, 6:00pm

Anna's Italian Restaurant, 150 Old Fair Grounds Way, Kilmarnock

Cost: \$17.00

POC: michael.fagan@va.metrocast.net

Zone B: tbd

Zone C: 30 March 2016, 6:30pm

The Arbors at Port Warwick, 1100 William Stryon Square, Newport News

Cost: tbd

POC: pittsmail@cox.net

Zone D: Completed 27 January 2016

Zone E: Completed 3 February 2016

Zone F: Completed 4 February 2016

Zone G: tbd

Zone H: 25 February 2016

Independence Center, 6300 E. Virginia Beach Blvd, Norfolk

POC: lionbambi.martin@gmail



DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS

-Page 27 – **Cradock** change of President

President –

Bob Mills FROM LAST MONTH - CORRECT SPOUSE TO READ "**MARIE**"

213 BELLHAVEN RD

Portsmouth, VA 23702

Res: 757-397-8302

bobmills213@yahoo.com

DISTRICT 24-D

Bland Competitions



Club Level Competitions

1 February, **Poquoson** 14 February, **York**
18 February, **Warwick**
18 February, **New Kent**
18 February, **Thalia**
19 February, **Williamsburg Host**
20 February, **Zones E & F** (hosted by Smithfield)
21 February, **Bayside**
28 February, **Zone A** (hosted by Lancaster)
28 February, **Zone D** (hosted by Churchland)



Region Level Competitions

10 March, **Region 3** (hosted by Thalia)
11 March, **Region 1** (hosted by Williamsburg)
12 March, **Region 2** (hosted by Smithfield)



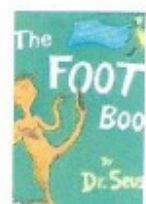
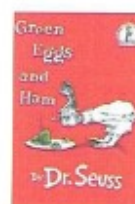
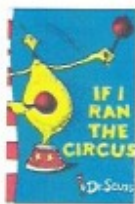
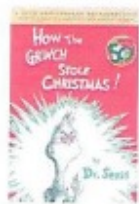
District Competition

29 April, Chandler Hall, ODU Campus, 7:00 pm



READ ACROSS AMERICA DAY

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 2016
FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS



CELEBRATE DR. SEUSS' BIRTHDAY

**SPEND A MORNING AT YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD
SCHOOL, READING TO CHILDREN AND TEACHING
THEM THE IMPORTANCE OF BOOKS AND LEARNING**

**CONTACT LION EVONNE GREEN FOR DETAILS
(1420 Ski Lodge Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23453, 757 343-3309)**



Mathews Lions Club



Gloucester Lions Club

Hosts the

Lions of Virginia District 24-D Region 1 Meeting

Tuesday, March 08, 2016

**Piankatank Ruritan Building
7138 Buckley Hall Road (Route 198)
Hudgins, Virginia 23076**

6:00 P.M. Social / Cash Bar
7:00 P.M. Dinner / Meeting

Menu: Fried Oysters, Ham, Chicken, Shrimp Salad, Green Beans & Potatoes, Hot Apple Rings, Dinner Rolls, Various Desserts

Meal Cost: \$20.00

Please make all checks payable to: Mathews Lions Club
P.O. Box 281
Mathews, VA 23109

R.S.V.P. by Friday, February 28, 2016 to :

P.O.C.: Lion Gerald Jones
home: (804) 725-3278
cell: (804) 694-7567

Region II Audible Easter Egg Hunt



March 26th, 9:00 – 11:00 AM
Smithfield Baptist Church
100 Mainwright Dr., Smithfield, VA



Open to Vision Impaired of All Ages (Family & Siblings)
Rain or Shine (Indoor option available for inclement weather)

Refreshments Provided

Puppet Show, Prizes & Gifts for Participants following the Hunt
Puppet Master is bringing puppets vision-impaired may play with

Contact: Lion Tim Marinelli
Cell: 1.757.371.6061





**KEMPSVILLE LIONS CLUB
TWENTY- SIXTH ANNUAL CHARITY
GOLF TOURNAMENT**



HERON RIDGE GOLF COURSE



**VIRGINIA BEACH, VA
Friday, APRIL 22, 2016
11:00 AM Registration / 11:30 BBQ Lunch
12:30 PM SHOTGUN START**

FOUR-PERSON BEST BALL, CAPTAIN'S CHOICE
\$95.00 Per Golfer - \$380.00 Per Team
Business Sponsorships for Advertising are Available
(See Insert for Details)

Individual and Team Prizes for the Following:

- Two Flights, three team winners in each flight
 - Prize for closest to the pin
 - Prize for longest and most accurate drive
- Door prizes will be drawn and winners posted during play

MULLIGANS WILL BE FOR SALE & FOR USE EXCEPT FOR PRIZE HOLES

50/50 SPLIT and PRIZES will be by Ticket Drawings

REFRESHMENT CARTS will be provided

DELICIOUS BBQ Lunch before Tournament Play

Please help the Kempsville Lions Club assist needy individuals through Sight & Hearing restoration by advertising your business and/or participating in the Tournament.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

**ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS
DETAILS ON INSERTS**

Call Lion Donald Burson @ 757-495-5536 for information & application

Email: donaldburson@cox.net

*** Tournament will be rescheduled in case of inclement weather**



40th USA-Canada Lions Leadership Forum
Omaha, Nebraska
Sept. 15-17, 2016

Leadership ? Service ? It's what Lions do !

"Leadership for Service", the theme for the 2016 Forum, reflects our goal of equipping our Lions to meet the Centennial Service challenge in performing 100 million acts of service.

Saturday afternoon will have three large service projects that every attendee will be able to participate in. Corresponding seminars have been added, teaching the skills and organization needed to better prepare service projects at the Club and District level.

Opening night, Thursday brings master illusionist and motivational entertainer, Billy Riggs. On Friday, Lion Jay Blake brings his drag race car "Follow a Dream" to the Forum, along with his amazing story of overcoming a blinding accident to follow his racing dream.

Saturday we look forward to the inspiring words of our then International President, Cahnccellor Bob Corlew. We finish the evening with Retired General Dick Abel, who after a long career of military, private sector and public leadership will be talking about the leader within each of us.

CHARTER DAYS

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



CHARTERED

6 February 1947
6 February 1959
7 February 1977
9 February 1922
9 February 1970
10 February 1998
14 February 1947
14 February 1947
15 February 1979
18 February 1948
26 February 1947
27 February 1962

CLUB

Norview
Central Shore
Smithfield
Norfolk Host
Deep Creek
James City
Wards Corner
Boykins
Windsor
Poquoson
Hampton Phoebus
Middlesex County



Gloucester Lions Article

The Gloucester Lions would like to thank YOU!

Your generous donations throughout 2015 have allowed us to serve our Community. With your help, this past year we provided the following to your Gloucester friends and neighbors who had a need for them: 72 pairs of glasses, 42 eye exams, 5 hearing aids, and provided free vision checks for the students of Head Start.

Thank you so much for what you have helped us accomplish last year, and we look forward to continued service in 2016.



Norge Elementary School
Clinic

Karen Byrd R.N.

Date 1/6/16

Dear Margene and Lions Club Volunteers,

I received a phone call from one of my parents this morning praising Norge School for their vision screening process. As a direct result of the vision screen their child was taken to a local ophthalmologist. A significant visual problem was detected and is now being treated. The physician praised Norge for their accuracy in screening. The mother repeated over and over how grateful and thankful she was for the care her child received through this screening.

I thanked the mother for her phone call and explained that the real thanks belonged to the wonderful people that volunteered through The Lions Club. It was through their generous giving and services to our community that such accurate vision screening results were achieved. I explained that it was not just the volunteers that created such a successful screen but they also brought their best screening equipment with them.

I wanted to share with you all her gratefulness as well as my own. On behalf of my parent and myself I wanted to say "Thank you" for giving of your time and energy to help care for the student's here at Norge Elementary. We really appreciate your efforts in helping us to help our students be at their best in the classroom.

Fondly,

Karen Byrd R.N.

Norge Elementary School Clinic

Why Join Lions?

20 Reasons to Become a Lion

- 1. Friendship.** In an increasingly complex world, Lions provides one of the most basic human needs - the need for friends and friendship.
- 2. The opportunity to make a difference.** As an individual you can have a limited impact, but as part of a group, you can achieve so much more - in your community, your country, your world.
- 3. Personal growth and development.** Membership in Lions aids your growth and education in human relations and personal development.
- 4. Leadership development.** Every Lions member is encouraged, and has the opportunity to build their leadership skills and to serve in a variety of positions, both at club level and beyond.
- 5. Citizenship in the community.** Membership in a lions club brings you more awareness of your community. The average Lions Club has at its heart the intention to make the community it serves a better place to live in, and does this with a variety of programs tailored to the community's needs.
- 6. Continuing education.** Interesting guest speakers bring a range of views and information for club members. Opportunities for personal and leadership development are offered.
- 7. Fun.** Lions is a lot of fun. Each meeting is fun. The club projects are fun. Social activities are fun. And the service is fun.
- 8. Public speaking skills.** Many an individual who joined Lions was afraid to speak in public. Lions develops confidence and skill in public communication, and the opportunity to practice these skills in a friendly setting.
- 9. Citizenship in the world.** Every Lion wears a pin that reads "Lions International". Every Lion is welcome to attend the 41,000+ clubs in more than 190 nations and geographical areas of the world. Some 1.4 million men and women are Lions. Instant friends both in one's own community and the world community.
- 10. Assistance when travelling.** Because there are Lions clubs everywhere, help is only a 'phone call away should you need it. Using the International Directory, you can easily contact the local Lions Club, wherever you are.
- 11. Entertainment.** Lions Clubs organize many different activities that provide entertainment as well as education.
- 12. The development of social skills.** Lions is for people who like people. Twice a month at meetings, and at various events and functions, Lions helps to develop social and people skills in its members.
- 13. Lions "Make Things Happen".** Wherever there is a need, you'll find Lions there, actively involved in getting the job done and Making Things happen. Always ready to roll up the sleeves and find a solution. No job is too big or too small.
- 14. Family programs.** Lions has a range of programs for our youth - Leo clubs, Youth exchange and hosting, the Youth of the Year Quest, the Lions-Quest Skills programs and other programs that involve the family.
- 15. The development of ethics.** All Lions Clubs embrace the same set of ethics. Lions are expected to be ethical in business and personal relationships.
- 16. Cultural awareness.** Around the world, practically every religion, country, culture, race, creed, political persuasion, language, color and ethnic identity is found in Lions. It is a cross section of citizens from every background. Lions become aware of other cultures and learn to love and work with people everywhere. It is truly an International organization.
- 17. A wide range of programs providing help for the disadvantaged both locally in internationally.** *SightFirst* - a worldwide program to eradicate preventable blindness, Hearing dogs for the deaf, provision of mobility aids for children, to name but a few.
- 18. Nice people.** Lions above all are nice people, who genuinely want to give of their time, labor and means to assist others, and have a lot of fun while they are doing it.
- 19. The absence of "official creed".** Lions has no secret policy, no official creed, no secret meetings or rituals. It is open society - of men and women who simply believe in helping others.
- 20. The opportunity "To Serve".** Lions is a service club. This is the best reason for becoming a Lion: the chance to do as a group what we cannot hope to achieve on our own, to serve our fellow man, and to make the world a better place. Our motto is simple, but it says it all. "We Serve".

Message from Int'l President

Dear Lions,

We have a nearly century-long tradition of strengthening communities through service. Over the past year, I've seen Lions from all over the globe reaffirm their commitment by leading through service in the Centennial Service Challenge. I've seen Lions increase their service by inviting for impact through the Centennial Membership Awards.

You heard the call to serve and you answered as only Lions can.

Now it's time to take our motto "We Serve" to the next level by planning a Centennial Community Legacy Project. Legacy Projects are gifts to your community that commemorate our Centennial and create a lasting legacy of your club's service contributions.

Your Legacy Project will stand as a reminder of the impact of your club on your community and as a symbol of Lions commitment to a better future. I hope all clubs will take the opportunity to learn more about this exciting program and plan a Legacy Project of their own.

I can't wait to see the incredible impact clubs like yours continue to make as we celebrate the Centennial and prepare for our second century of service.

Sincerely,
Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada
Your International President

Visit the [Centennial Community Legacy Projects page](#) and start planning your project today!



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