



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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It's always nice to welcome new faces and friends into the Lions Organization. Please join me in welcoming these 3 new members into the District and make it a point to say hello when you meet them.

- Paula Glover, Cradock, 2 March
- David Rand, James City. 10 March
- Louise McCarthy, Smithfield, 14 March

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GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

Fellow Lions,

Its official, District 24-D has chartered its first new club in five years. Thanks to the work of PDG Donna Weiler and PCC Gary Rapier, the **King William County Children First Lions Club** was chartered on March 11, 2016. The initial Charter Night will be held May 18th, 2016. This club has been hard at work in its community for two years and have already established themselves as the new kid on the block, willing to help with food backpacks; children's vision screening; children's books; and much, much more.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING and WORLDWIDE INDUCTION DAY: Saturday April 16th is our Worldwide Induction Day and I encourage all our new members to attend New Member Orientation and attend the Induction Ceremony following the training. There will also be the standard Leadership Training for Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers, and District Officers. I understand there is an excellent team of instructors, so this should be a great training opportunity.

WORLDWIDE WEEK OF SERVICE: April is "Protecting our Environment" month culminating on April 24th with Earth Day. Please plan an Environmental Project for April, and/or an Earth Day Project on April 24th. Try something like a park or road clean-up, planting trees, recycling, or refreshing the paint on a public facility of some type. Don't forget to report it as one of your Centennial of Service projects.

DUES. All of our clubs have paid their State dues and we are waiting on only two clubs to pay LCI 2nd half dues. Thank you for your efforts to get these debts paid in a timely manner.

CLUB EXCELLENCE AWARD: Get recognized for achieving excellence in your club by applying for the LCI Club Excellence Award. Just complete the "7 Elements of Excellence" and submit your award application anytime during the 2015-16 fiscal year and you will be on your way to building a stronger club and a stronger community. Qualifying clubs will receive a Club Excellence Award pin for the club President and a banner patch for your club. To qualify:

1. Complete three (3) service projects.
2. Donate to LCIF
3. End the year with a +1 in membership
4. Public Relations/Communicates with e-clubhouse, local media, brochures, etc.
5. Leadership development with officer training, zone meetings, and other resources.
6. Club Activity: Meet regularly, submit Membership, LCI Activity, & Incoming Officer Report
7. Maintain club's good standing with LCI.

For more information on the award and requirements visit the Club Excellence Awards Website at <http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/lions/awards/excellence-awards/club-excellence.php>

Fill out a 2015-16 application at: <http://www.lionsclubs.org/resources/EN/pdfs/da1-2015-16.pdf>

MEMBERSHIP: March was a slow month with only three new members. This combined with the loss of seven members gave us a negative growth of -4 for the month, but remain at a **+32** for the Lions Year. They say that April showers brings May flowers, but for Lions we say April brings us new members for our future service to the community. April is one of our two “growth” months. Membership growth is a continual process that you can’t do on a whim. It takes prior planning and work. The next step is asking and follow-up with potential members. It’s unrealistic to hope that a cold start in April will bring in new members. It starts by asking potential members. Let’s not forget to keep the members we have.

REDISTRICTING: Well by now you’ve heard that the Council of Governors, by a 4 to 2 vote ignored the recommendation to redistrict into four balanced districts and instead merge the existing six districts into three districts. This is not good for District 24-D and I’m afraid it will create a massive district too large for adequate coverage by the District Leadership Team. Please understand, no one is forcing us to redistrict and we do not need this option. I urge the District 24-D membership to think hard about what this means and vote accordingly.

DG Ray Yannello
Your “Raging Bull”





Tucker Casanova

1st Vice District Governor

"If you don't vote you have no right to complain"- While that little nugget may not be entirely true it does, at its root, speak to those who engage the system and participate it... Democracy is the best way to get your voice heard and take positive control of your future. We all have some hard decisions to make come November, but the vote I'm talking about now comes at the State Convention. The issue of redistricting is a complex one and worthy of discussion, but the decision

of the Council of Governors to reduce the number of districts from 6 to 3 is clearly not in the best of 24-D or any of our fellow Virginia Lions.

Here are the facts as I've seen firsthand:

A three way split was NOT the recommended course of action by the committee in charge of researching possible solutions

Every club in Virginia was asked for what they wanted ... Almost no one voted for a three way split.

Three evenly split districts are far too large. We would become District 24-I and stretch from the East Coast all the way to Danville. That's 230 miles from Virginia Beach.

LCI is **NOT** forcing us to redistrict. This was a Council of Governor's decision.

How do you govern a district a third the size of Virginia? Who do you visit and who do you leave out? What does a Lion President in Lynchburg think about the DG's strategy on Leadership, Membership or Recruiting? What does a DG 200 miles away know about your club's needs? What if your GMT lives in Amherst and you live in Suffolk? Or Vice-versa?

The logistical reasons of why this is a bad idea goes on and on... I'm going to repeat myself but the most important, and confusing reason we need to look at this decision with a critical eye; this is not the will of the Lions of this State. Period. If it was I would feel better about it but it wasn't, the COG voted 5-1 against their own advisers and Clubs.

So can we stop it? I don't know, but we can try. The decision to either become a 3 district multiple or shelve this for another time is to be decided by delegate vote at the next State Convention in Roanoke. The process is simple; vote YES for the redistricting or NO for no change. Again, a NO vote means nothing would happen and if the new COG wants to look at redistricting again they can. But a YES vote means that come 2018 or so Districts B&D will become 24-I and will take up the entire bottom right third of the state of Virginia. So please, go to your clubs, talk about this plan, send your delegates up on Saturday May 21 REGISTER YOUR DELEGATES and vote on Sunday. You do NOT have to stay at the Hotel Roanoke, I just did a search on Trip Adviser and there are plenty of other hotels with very reasonable rates nearby.

This will be one of the most important decisions our District, Multiple, and State has ever made about the future of how we operate as Lions. If you ever wanted to be a part of the process when it mattered, if you've ever wanted your voice to be heard?

VOTE

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Tucker Casanova
VDG District 24-D



Beth Stevens
2nd Vice District Governor

PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT TODAY!

April is time to focus on an environmental project as part of the Centennial Service Challenge. Lions Clubs International classifies environmental projects in four categories: planting trees, recycling, environmental education and community clean-up. There are a myriad of resource materials available online through the LCI website. I highly recommend downloading the [Lions Green Team Kit](#). The kit includes everything you'll need to conduct a project in your community. This is a great opportunity to involve a new member to chair the project. The chair can review the Green Team Guide for project ideas. There is a Recycling Tip Sheet your members can distribute to fulfill the "reduce, reuse, recycle" environmental message. Voila, your club just conducted an educational project. The Kit also includes stickers that can be printed out or ordered through the Lions Store. Be sure to take advantage of the Sample press releases and event flyers to publicize Lions in action. After the event, personalize the Certificates of Appreciation to thank everyone involved. By the way, does your club collect used eyeglasses or hearing aids and turn them over to the Eye Glass Recycling Center? Presto, your club just conducted another recycling project. Another resource available on the LCI website is the [Lions Tree Planting Kit](#). Planting trees is crucial to maintaining a healthy environment. One project idea is to order trees through [4th Grade Forrester's](#). This program's goal is to revitalize the celebration of Arbor Day in elementary schools. The website has lesson plans available for teachers to educate children about the important role trees play in our ecological system. If you already have a relationship with your local school, talk to administrators about providing trees for 4th grade students. Trees come prepackaged with planting and care instructions. Your club can even place a message on the package for parents to learn more about the service of Lions. The cost per tree is only \$1.70 including shipping. Please consider adding this project to your calendar next year. Trees must be ordered by March in order to arrive in time for National Arbor Day in April. Club secretaries should be sure to report all these service activities in MyLCI. Just check the environmental project box to complete this part of the Centennial Service Challenge. Congratulations, you've just gone green.

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



2015

2016

March 2016	June 2015 Members	Feb Members	Mar Gains	Mar Losses	Mar Members	Mar Points	TOTAL POINTS
REGION I							
Region I - ZONE A							
Gloucester @	19	15	0	0	15	50	15003
King William County Children First @	0	0	22	0	22	1150	1150
Lancaster County	37	35	0	0	35	3164	36641
Mathews	59	58	0	0	58	2623	26740
Middlesex County	39	39	0	-2	37	3876	23789
Northumberland County * @	23	32	0	0	32	0	4850
Tappahannock	50	61	0	-22	39	14550	67679
TOTAL ZONE A	227	240	22	-24	238		

Region I - ZONE B							
James City	51	63	2	0	65	3825	39288
New Kent County	26	31	0	0	31	675	12900
Poquoson	51	48	0	-1	47	1289	27671
Williamsburg Host	71	71	0	-2	69	4060	41682
York	34	34	0	0	34	1176	22996
TOTAL ZONE B	233	247	2	-3	246		

Region I - ZONE C							
Hampton Mercury	14	14	0	0	14	1425	20881
Hampton Northampton	20	19	0	0	19	3843	29386
Hampton Phoebus * @	25	24	0	0	24	0	9047
Newport News Denbigh	28	32	0	0	32	4358	32998
Newport News Host * @	17	19	0	0	19	0	10552
NN Oyster Point Mariner	20	19	0	0	19	1986	11386
Newport News Warwick	22	22	0	0	22	2225	24238
TOTAL ZONE C	146	149	0	0	149		
TOTAL REGION I	606	636	24	-27	633		

REGION II							
Region I - ZONE D							
Deep Creek @	15	15	0	0	15	50	32220
Great Bridge	21	21	0	0	21	7549	34234
Chesapeake Host	16	17	0	0	17	1027	42630
Southside @	38	41	0	0	41	50	39655
Western Branch	19	19	0	0	19	3040	49478
Churchland	40	37	0	0	37	940	36674
Cradock @	17	19	1	0	20	400	24243
Portsmouth C F * @	14	11	0	0	11	0	400
Portsmouth Host	24	21	0	0	21	250	22973
TOTAL ZONE D	204	201	1	0	202		

March 2016	June 2015 Members	Feb Members	Mar Gains	Mar Losses	Mar Members	YTD Net
DISTRICT 24-D	1440	1476	26	-30	1472	32

* No MMR for February

@ No Achievement Report for March

March 2016	June 2015 Members	Feb Members	Mar Gains	Mar Losses	Mar Members	Mar Points	TOTAL POINTS
Region III - ZONE E							
EVMS * @	10	10	0	0	10	0	7850
Norfolk Host @	36	37	0	0	37	50	5475
Norfolk Little Creek	19	17	0	0	17	675	17195
Norfolk Middle Town * @	11	11	0	0	11	0	1095
Norfolk Norview	14	12	0	0	12	500	18059
Norfolk Ocean View	24	23	0	0	23	10903	51694
Norfolk State University @	3	3	0	-1	2	100	450
Norfolk Wards Corner	22	20	0	0	20	650	8575
TOTAL ZONE E	139	133	0	-1	132		

Region III - ZONE F							
Boykins @	30	31	0	0	31	50	800
Franklin * @	16	20	0	0	20	0	3500
Smithfield	27	27	1	0	28	2626	29050
Suffolk @	22	22	0	0	22	50	1050
Surry County	18	18	0	0	18	300	3870
Windsor	19	23	0	0	23	3225	32660
TOTAL ZONE F	132	141	1	0	142		
TOTAL REGION II	475	475	2	-1	476		

REGION III							
Region III - ZONE G							
Oceana Lynn Golden @	17	16	0	-1	15	50	2525
VB Central * @	27	25	0	0	25	0	2445
VB Host	15	15	0	0	15	527	13217
VB Oceanside	18	19	0	0	19	10612	48716
VB Princess Anne	17	17	0	0	17	8495	43944
VB Thalia	38	37	0	0	37	3707	37069
TOTAL ZONE G	132	129	0	-1	128		

Region III - ZONE H							
VB Aragona-Pembroke	15	19	0	0	19	2575	11455
VB Bayside	37	35	0	0	35	1050	25915
VB Kempsville	39	40	0	0	40	843	13179
VB Town Center Blind	70	71	0	-1	70	2175	30793
VB Woodstock	18	20	0	0	20	1225	17598
TOTAL ZONE H	179	185	0	-1	184		

Region III - ZONE I							
Cape Charles	15	19	0	0	19	2425	24890
Central Shores @	19	18	0	0	18	50	450
North Accomack CF * @	6	8	0	0	8	0	10380
Onancock * @	8	6	0	0	6	0	300
TOTAL ZONE I	48	51	0	0	51		
TOTAL REGION III	359	365	0	-2	363		

Governor's Calendar

Official Visits

Other Lions Events

Other events

- Conflict

MD24 Events

Family Events

Work

Updates from previous version

APRIL

- 2 Journey for Sight Rodeo
- 7 Phoebus 69th Charter Celebration
- 9 Thalia 50th Charter Celebration
- 10-15 Work Out-of-Town, Carlisle, PA
- 11 Dining in the Dark - (Conflict)
- 16 24D Leadership Training (8am - 1pm)
- 18 Region II Meeting
- 18 Charity Foundation Quarterly Meeting
- 19 Tappahannock 74th Charter Celebration
- 19 King William OV#2
- 20 EGRC Quarterly Meeting - (Conflict)
- 21-30 *Family function, John Hopkins*
- 22-24 Diabetes Camp - (Conflict)
- 24 Vision Walk - (Conflict)
- 26 Norfolk Middle Town/NSU OV #56/57 (Possible Conflict)
- 29 District Bland, ODU Chandler Hall, 7 pm - (Possible Conflict)

MAY

- 4-13 Work-Out-Of-Town, Carlisle, PA
- 11 Denbigh 57th Charter Celebration - (Conflict)
- 18 King William Charter Night, 7 pm
- 19-22 State Convention, Roanoke, VA
- Tbd LMSHU Quarterly Meeting

JUNE

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



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

W T Alexander, Williamsburg Host, 45 years

Alan Blackburn, Oceana Lynnhaven Golden, 36 years

Paul Grubb, VB Town Center Blind, 3 Years

DG Ray



**Centennial of Service
2015 to 2016**

March 2016 Update

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

AREAS	CLUBS
All 4	35
3	5
2	3
1	7
0	7

AREA	CLUBS
Vision	47
Youth	40
Hunger	40
Environment	41

LEGACY	CLUBS
I	0
II	2
III	0

75% of our clubs have completed at least two (2) categories.

information as of 31 March 2016

4th Quarter Meetings

Zone A: tbd

Zone B: tbd

Zone C: tbd

Zone D: tbd

Zone E: tbd

Zone F: tbd

Zone G: tbd

Zone H: tbd

Zone I: tbd

REGION 1: Completed 8 March 2016

REGION 2: 18 April 2016

South Norfolk Moose Lodge, 2000 Campostella Rd, Chesapeake

POC: kcdarling@cox.net

REGION 3: Completed 30 March 2016

4th Quarter Foundation Meetings

Lions Charity Foundation of District 24-D (LCF):

18 April 2016, Monday, 7:00pm Meeting

Angelo's, 755 J. Clyde Morris Blvd, Newport News

Dinner: Buffet at 6:00pm

POC: lionpatk@cox.net

Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center of Eastern Virginia (EGRC):

20 April 2016, Wednesday, 6:30pm Meeting

Angelo's, 755 J. Clyde Morris Blvd, Newport News

Dinner: Order off menu before meeting

POC: lionpatk@cox.net



As you all know, Wednesday, February 24, 2016 tornadoes touched down in Waverly, Tappahannock and surrounding communities as well as Appomattox leaving a path of death, injuries and total destruction. By Saturday, February 27 DG Ray had two checks for \$10,000.00 to help the people in these communities. The Windsor and Tappahannock Lions Clubs worked diligently to help everyone they could. They are still helping people!!

You ask where did DG Ray get money that quickly...where indeed...from your Lions of Virginia Foundation!!! Where did they get \$30,000.00??? From YOU!!! Mainly from the sale of the LOVF tickets and club donations.

As you know, each year at the Virginia State Lions Convention, LOVF holds a raffle. Every club is encouraged to sell tickets to support LOVF. The 1st prize is \$10,000! Second and third prizes are both \$500.00. Plus the Lion who sells the winning ticket(s) gets \$100.00 just for selling it.

Besides supporting LOVF, it is also a great fund raising project for your Club, large or small. Each book contains thirty (30) tickets which sell for \$1.00 each, a total of \$30.00 per book. The participating club keeps \$20.00 and returns \$10.00 to LOVF for each book sold.

To be included in the drawing, the ticket stubs and monies must be turned in prior to the drawing which will be held on Sunday morning May 22, 2016 during General Session following the District meetings. If no one from your club will be attending the State Convention please contact me and I will be happy to take your ticket stubs and check for you. Remember, the ticket stubs will not be included in the drawing without payment. Checks need to be made payable to LOVF.

Great, easy fundraiser!!!! Win-win situation...especially for the winners😊

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Are you a Leader or a Manager?
Mack Stevens
Global Membership Team Coach

In Honor of April being membership growth month and April 16th being Leadership Training day - world-wide induction day at Oak Grove United Methodist Church, I thought I would write an article about the difference between Groups and Teams and how this concept impacts membership. Both are necessary styles of club management and important at different times during club projects.

These are excerpts by *Justin Irving* from his web blog "Purpose in Leadership".

<http://purposeinleadership.com/>

First, Groups organize around individuals bringing together independent work in light of individual goals.

- Groups are best when the stakes are lower and speed is the key. Imagine mobilizing a group for a barn raising.

Groups are generally more helpful for quickly and efficiently getting things done in the context of a temporary working relationship. When individual and independent work can be brought together to advance the individual goals of multiple parties, then a group is an efficient way to work together.

On the other hand Teams organize around individuals bringing together coordinated work in light of collective goals. Imagine the Aircraft Carrier Crew guiding in the F-15's from the night sky onto a rolling deck of the ship.

- Teams are best when the stakes are high and quality is more important than speed.

Teams are generally more helpful for taking on bigger projects over a longer period of time. When the outcome requires coordinated work being brought together to advance collective goals that will be collectively evaluated, then a team is the most effective way to work together. Although teaming done well tends to take more time than working as a group, this extra time investment pays off in the quality of the team's performance.

So let's summarize the differences

Groups

- Do Independent Work

- Have Individual Goals

- Have Individual Accountability

- Individual Evaluation

- Often duplicate efforts – less organization

Teams

- Do Coordinated Work

- Have Collective Goals

- Have Mutual Accountability

- Collective Evaluation

- Seldom duplicate efforts – more organized

So now let's look at this as a Managerial style versus a Leadership style. Managers tend to sit in the back and oversee workers whereas Leaders tend to get out in front and inspire others to work together. Managers say tonight we are going to clean the break room call me when it's done. Leaders say to-

night we are going to clean the break room and make a plan to keep it clean so we won't need to do it again. I will clean out the fridge.

Groups - More managerial style

- Problem-Driven
- Focused on Stability
- Focused on Past Performance
- They rely on Tactics
- Focused on Short-Term Results
- Reactive

Teams – More Leadership style

- Opportunity-Driven
- Focused on Change
- Progressing towards Goals
- They rely on Strategies
- Focused on Long-Term Results
- Proactive

Knowing all of this, As a Lions Club, we need to as a group have a desire to grow our membership. April is membership growth month so as Club Teams we need to proactively work on a strategy. What will your strategy include? Here are some questions you should ask the club.

What characteristics of new members do we really need?

business leaders, hard working, ages 35 – 50, Females, Educated – for example

How can we attract these target groups?

Service Projects that provide opportunities to these groups

Work on a cause that is something they want to solve

Personal Invitations / asks for help

to be visible in places these people frequent

When do we want all this to happen?

In the next three months

What are the specific next steps to make this a reality?

1. Make a list of potential new members
2. Have a focus group to solve community problems
3. Set up a get together
4. Call and ask for help
5. Give as many people a task as possible

Membership has to become a priority with your group and needs to be a strategy for your team. Ask your team, they will come up with great ideas - MOTIVATE THEM, give them tasks and follow through! A few new people can really energize your club and may be the leaders of tomorrow.

Lions Charity Foundation 24-D

Wherever the need: “We Serve”

By Vania O’Keefe

The Lions Club is best known for its fight against blindness, but its motto “We Serve” goes far beyond helping solve vision problems. The Lions also work to provide disaster relief, humanitarian aid,

and help to local individuals with hearing problems and disabilities. Local Lions Clubs are supported in their goals by the Lions Charity Foundation of District 24-D, which serves Southeastern Virginia.

“The Foundation helps local Lions Clubs do things beyond their financial resources,” Beth Stevens, a Lions Charity Foundation board member, explains. “Without the Charity Foundation, local clubs wouldn’t be able to serve as well as they do.”

One of the Lions Club’s biggest programs is the children’s eye screening program. The portable Spot Screener unit goes to schools in nearly every city in Southeastern Virginia and 90 Head Start school programs. There are 12 Spot Screening machines in the district, used mostly for children.

“The Spot Screener is the size of a Polaroid camera,” Jerry Phelps, the Grant Chairman for the Foundation, explains. “It does a vision screening in seconds, and is definitely the way to go for anyone with communication issues and for young children because of its speed and accuracy.”

According to Stanley Furman, incoming President of the Lions Charity Foundation 24-D, the Spot Screener prints out an accurate report of the eye’s health. “Eye doctors who see these reports are always impressed with the accuracy, and it knocks their socks off,” Stanley says. “The screenings detect vision problems, but can also detect eye diseases and disorders, helping to prevent blindness.”

One in five children who are screened in school are referred for treatment. The Spot Screener printout goes home to parents who can then take it to a physician if treatment is recommended. “If the child’s family can’t afford to get the treatment, they can ask the local Lions Club for help,” Beth explains.

Jerry interjects: “If the local club can’t afford to help, the Charity Foundation steps in,” he says. “Other than the E-chart with the school nurse, which doesn’t show many eye disorders, for many of these young children the Spot Screener is the only vision assessment they will ever get.”

Vision screening by the Lions Club is not limited to schools. There are also free, open public screenings several times a year throughout Southeastern Virginia that target adults. These screenings are made possible because of the Lions Mobile Sight and Hearing Unit, a 42-foot Winnebago equipped with screening equipment. If participants who are screened need glasses or hearing aids and can’t afford them, the Lions Club provides them at no cost.

One such screening program takes place through Homeless Connect, at the Norfolk Scope, twice a year. Four hundred homeless people are screened for sight and hearing issues. Those who fail the screening will receive free exams, glasses, and hearing aids. The Foundation provides the participants with toiletries and also provides about one hundred reading glasses per session. The Mobile Sight and Hearing Unit makes approximately 30 stops per year.

The Lions Charity Foundation supports the local community in other ways as well. Through a grant to Access Virginia, the Foundation helped to provide audio description at live theatrical performances like “The Wizard of Oz” for the vision impaired. The Foundation has also funded higher-level eye surgeries, such as prosthetic eye(s), as well as retina and cataract surgeries for those who cannot afford them. The

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Foundation continues to support the Lions Medical Eye Bank at Sentara Norfolk General Hospital. The Eye Bank collects corneas and prepares them for transplant.

"It is one of the top 10 eye banks in the world, and was created by local Lions Clubs," Stanley explains. "The Foundation recently purchased equipment for Olde Towne Medical Center and a retinal camera for Williamsburg Community Hospital. It also provided grants totaling \$30,000 to the Barrier Island Center on the Eastern Shore to fund the 'My First Field Trip' program for first graders."



The Lions' Spot Vision Screener is highly accurate at detecting vision problems

*Foundation President
Don Fuller*

When a natural disaster hits the area, the Foundation steps in and provides money to the local Lions Clubs to distribute wherever it is needed. According to current Foundation President Don Fuller, 100 percent of funds donated to the Lions Charity Foundation goes directly to the needy: "When you give money to the Lions Foundation, the money goes straight to help people who need it," he says.

The Lions Club is best known for its fight against blindness, but its motto "We Serve" goes far beyond helping solve vision problems. The Lions work to provide disaster relief, humanitarian aid, and help to local individuals with hearing problems and disabilities.

The work of the Lions Charity Foundation is funded by both donations and its yearly fundraiser: the Bid 'N Buy Auction. 2016 will mark the seventh year of this event, held each fall at Oak Grove United Methodist Church on Battlefield Boulevard in Chesapeake. The event is held in the church's auditorium and includes a silent auction, immediately followed by a live auction. There will be a classic car show, weather permitting, and refreshments will also be available.

"This event helps fund many of the Foundation's programs and grants for the year," Jerry says. "We need the public to support the Foundation as well as their local Lions Clubs. The auction really is one of the best kept secrets in Hampton Roads."

Businesses and individuals can help by donating auction items. "We love receiving large items such as riding lawnmowers and travel packages, but small items such as gift cards are helpful too!" Beth adds. "All donations of goods and money are tax deductible and will be recognized in the event program. Businesses can also help by purchasing ads in the program. We need volunteers, and we need people to come out to the event and bid, bid, bid! And, of course, all monetary donations are greatly appreciated," she says. "We want the public to understand that the Bid 'N Buy Auction funds all of our wonderful programs, so we need the support. Plus, it's a lot of fun!"

The Lions Charity Foundation credits the generous

partnerships of local doctors and hospitals that enable the Foundation to provide services like surgeries and hearing aids at no cost to people in need.

"Hearing aids are very expensive,"



Don explains. "Before the Lions Charity Foundation, people in need were being turned away because local Lions Clubs couldn't afford \$5,000 for a hearing aid. But this year alone, the Foundation will provide 75 hearing aids at a cost of nearly \$83,000. The Bid 'N Buy auction helps pay for all of that," he says.

"The Lions Club motto 'We Serve' holds true for the Lions Charity Foundation as well," Stan continues. "We used to be known only for eyes. We are eyes, but we're also so much more!"

In 2017, the Lions will celebrate 100 years of service to the community. The Lions Charity Foundation depends on the support of the local community to fund its important programs. As the 100 year motto states: 'Where there's a need, there's a Lion.' Anyone who would like to learn more about how to become involved with Lions' service to the community can contact the club today!



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Registration for Wise RAM 2016 is now open. Registration is only through the RAM website found [at: www.ramusa.org](http://www.ramusa.org) . We encourage volunteers to register quickly.

Note**Paper registrations will not be accepted and registration must be completed through the RAM website.

Indicate you are a LION when filling in your name.

If you have any questions, please contact the Health Wagon at 276-328-8850.

Thank you.



DISTRICT 24-D
Bland Competitions



District Competition

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





Kempsville Lions Club

Dear Fellow Lions,

The Kempsville Lions Club will hold their Twenty-sixth annual Charity Golf Tournament and second annual 24D Governor's Cup championship on Friday, April 22, 2016 at Heron Ridge Golf Course in Virginia Beach. We invite Lions clubs, businesses and individuals to join us in community service by becoming a participant or sponsor of our tournament.

Lion's teams can qualify to win the Governor's Cup by having a minimum of one Lion registered and playing on their team. A Governor's cup trophy will be awarded to the Lion's team with the lowest score and there is an addition prize given to individual members of the winning team. Only Lion's teams can win the Governor's Cup trophy but all participating teams are eligible to win the overall championship.

This golf tournament is one of the ways we raise funds to meet our commitment of helping others within our community. All funds raised by the tournament go back to the community.

Please support our annual charity golf tournament by considering sponsoring the tournament at one of the levels listed or entering a team. Advertising space in the tournament program and hole sponsorships are also available. All information on these opportunities to help our community is attached.

Your participation will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Lion Kirk Baldwin
2016 Tournament Chairman

KEMPSVILLE LIONS CLUB GOLF TOURNAMENT & DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S CUP 2016 SPONSORSHIPS

GOLD SPONSOR - \$590

INCLUDES:

- One Four-Person Team
- Gold Sponsorship Sign placed on a Tee Box
- Sponsorship Posted on Kempsville Lions Club Website for One Year
- Full-Page Ad in Golf Tournament Program

SILVER SPONSOR - \$540

INCLUDES:

- One Four-Person Team
- Silver Sponsorship Sign placed on a Tee Box
- Half-Page Ad in Golf Tournament Program

BRONZE SPONSOR - \$440

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- One Four-Person Team
- Half-Page Ad in Golf Tournament Program

HOLE SPONSOR - \$100

INCLUDES: Sponsorship Sign placed on a Tee Box & Business Card Ad in Program

MULLIGANS: (2 Per Player) Two for \$10.00 # _____ (include in check)
 50/50 SPLIT / PRIZE TICKETS: One for \$5.00; Three for \$10.00; Six for \$15.00 # _____
 (include in check)
 Order Mulligans and 50/50 Split / Prize tickets now and include payment in check.

CHECK-IN-TIME NO LATER THAN 12:00 NOON APRIL 22, 2016

Please return completed entry form as soon as possible, but no later than April 13, 2016 to:
 Lion Don Burson, Address: 5116 Hemlock Ave., Virginia Beach, VA 23464-2802.
 Phone Number - 495-5536 Email: donaldburson@cox.net

Player #1 _____ Lion? Y__N__ Email: _____
 Address _____ Home Phone # _____

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Make Checks payable to: **Kempsville Lions Club**

Lions Pride of 24D

Calling all Lions... emerge from your den to walk with the Pride. We are combining our efforts this year to create one district-wide Lions team to support the 5th Annual Hampton Roads VisionWalk. The "Lions Pride of 24D" will prowl the boardwalk on Sunday April 24th, at the 31st Park in Virginia Beach. Whether you choose to make a financial donation or not, we need your paws in place to count toward our Lion total. That's right, District 24A has challenged us again this year to bring out the most Lion walkers. They handily beat us last year in walkers and money! So join our team by registering at <http://www.fightblindness.org/goto/LionsPride24D>.

The VisionWalk raises funds to support the Foundation Fighting Blindness, the leading private sector funder of research to prevent vision-robbing retinal degenerative diseases. Want to learn more? PDG Lion Donnie Johnson or Lion Debra Laughlin are available for club presentations.

As an incentive DG Ray is offering 3 points for every \$1.00 donation up to 1,500 points and an additional 50 points for each Lion/Leo walker on the Governor's Achievement Contest. Your club can earn a VisionWalk banner patch from the Foundation Fighting Blindness by supporting the Foundation Fighting Blindness at the \$250 level. So put on your walking shoes and sign up today. Mark your calendars for important upcoming dates.

VisionWalk – April 24, 2016

31st Street Park

31st Street and Atlantic Ave Virginia Beach, VA 23451

Registration begins at 11:30 and the walk kicks off at 1:00pm



Charter Days

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



<u>CHARTERED</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>CLUB</u>
20 April 1966	50 th	VB Thalia
23 April 1959	57 th	Newport News Denbigh
24 April 1934	82 nd	Williamsburg Host



DISTRICT 24D LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Dear Lions, Lioness and Leos,

The District 24D Lions Leadership Training is scheduled for Saturday April 16, 2016 at the Oak Grove United Methodist Church located at 472 North Battlefield Blvd., Chesapeake, VA 23320.

All Lions members are invited to attend for a fun and exciting educational experience. We especially encourage new members to participate in this event. We have a lot of information to share and hope to be able to provide answers to all of your questions and concerns.

There is no cost to individual Lions to attend the Leadership Training event. Please encourage all interested Lions to attend.

Agenda:

8:30AM – Coffee, Juice and Snacks

9:00AM – Welcome

9:15AM - Classes

- Fellowship Hall – Membership and New Member Orientation by GMT Lion Mack Stevens
- Room 230 - Secretary Training
- Room 231 – Treasurer Training
- Room 232 – Presidents Training
- Room 236 – Zone and Region Chair Training

11:00AM – 11:30AM

- World Wide Induction Ceremony for New Members

11:30 – 11:45AM – Incoming District Governor's Message

11:45AM – Announcements and Adjourn

Note: Contributions to the District 24D Leadership Program are welcomed. Checks should be sent to the District Treasurer and earmarked for Leadership. Thank you in advance for your donation.

GLT PCC Chet Kramer
lioncpkramer@verizon.net or (757) 681-3018



DISTRICT 24D REGION II MEETING



A meeting of Region II has been called for Monday, April 18, 2016.
The Chesapeake Host Lions Club will be hosting this event.

When: Monday, April 18, 2016

**Where: South Norfolk Moose Lodge,
2000 Campostella Rd., Chesapeake, VA 23324**

**Time: 6pm to 7pm Homestyle Foods Buffet Style
7pm to 9pm Region II Meeting**

**Cost: \$ 16.00 with Reservations Postmarked
On or Before Monday, April 11, 2016**

Includes 2 – Free 50% 50% Raffle Tickets

**\$ 20.00 At the Door or Reservations Postmarked On or
After Tuesday April 12, 2016**

50/50 Raffle Tickets on Sale at the Event

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Reservation For The Following Lions:

Name		Club	

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Mail to: Lion Ken Darling, 2810 Wesley Rd., Chesapeake, VA 23323

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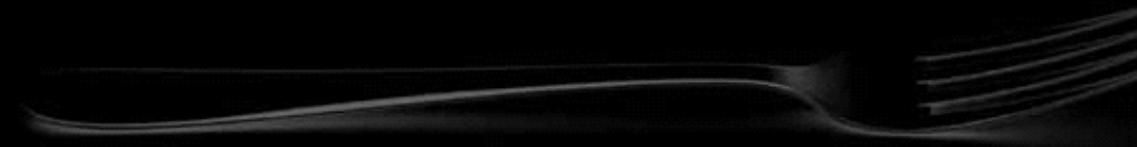
THURSDAY, APRIL 14TH 6-9PM

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April 11, 2016

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Y'Not will donate 10% of all meals served to The Hampton Roads VisionWalk Lions Pride 24DTeam



VisionWalk is the national signature fundraising event for the Foundation Fighting Blindness. The walk helps broaden awareness and raise funds for sight saving research.

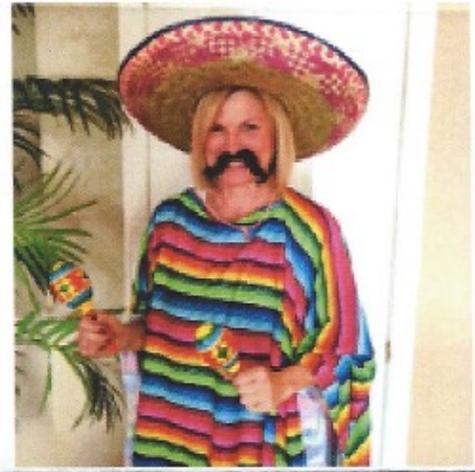
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Thursday, May 5, 2016 5:00 – 7:00 PM



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240 Ford's Colony Drive
Williamsburg, Va.**

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Contact Earl Kleiser 757-345-0003 or James City Lions@Yahoo.com
to Purchase Your Admission Ticket**

Members, Guests, and the Public are all Invited

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-Page 16 – CHANGE of address for Knights Vision Editor

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-Page 22 – ADD A NEW CLUB

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Chartered March 11, 2016 – Sponsored by Tappahannock
St David Episcopal Church, 11291 W. River Rd
Aylett

Club # 127030

3rd Tuesday – 6:30 pm

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