

WELCOME

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

Jennifer Booker, VB Bayside, 6 April
 Richard Rosania, James City, 12 April
 William Seacrest, James City, 12 April
 Zach Dye, Mathews, 15 April
 Linda Peaco, New Kent County, 21 April
 Jason Hansford, NN Denbigh, 23 April
 Victoria Gray, Windsor, 26 April
 Stephanie Lantham, Windsor, 26 April
 Merdell Simmons, Windsor, 26 April
 Vernon Simmons, Windsor, 26 April
 Ethelene Harris, VB Town Center Blind, 30 April

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GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

Fellow Lions,

April showers bring May flowers. Well we really didn't get a lot of showers, but those dang green inch worms and their webs sure caused a lot of damage. Hope all have recovered and are ready for a dynamic closeout of the Lions Year.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING and WORLDWIDE INDUCTION DAY: Saturday April 16th was our Worldwide Induction Day and District Leadership Training. I was encouraged by the six new members, but more importantly by those new & old officers that showed up for training. There were lessons learned by all and we will endeavor to push ahead at the Fall Conference.

STATE CONVENTION: One of the indicators that the year is coming to a close is the annual State Convention. This year it will be held at the Hotel Roanoke, Roanoke Virginia, 19-22 May. Registration forms and additional information is available at <http://www.e-district.org/sites/md24/page8.php>.

LOVF RAFFLE: LOVF is the club's disaster insurance policy and that policy paid off for two clubs after three tornadoes struck our District in February. Two \$10,000 grants provided the emergency assistance needed in our community. LOVF needs our help in order to be prepared to help us in our time of need. The raffle is the primary fund raiser for LOVF and on top of that, clubs keep \$2 for every \$3 sold. It is a win-win for everyone. Please do what you can to sell those tickets. District officers (Zone, Region, Secretary, Treasurer, VDGs, and DG) will be happy to collect and turn-in your stubs, unsold tickets, and check at the State Convention.

MD24 ACHIEVEMENT AWARD: Get recognized for achieving excellence in your club by applying for the MD24 State Achievement Award. The requirements are many, but clubs that meet them are amongst the few in the state that earn this award. Clubs must submit the application through the Zone Chairman who must forward the application to the District Governor by 25 July 2016. For more information on the award and an application visit the MD24 e-District web site at: [http://e-district.org/userfiles/374/file/State%20Achievement%20Award%20revised%20Oct%202015\(1\).pdf](http://e-district.org/userfiles/374/file/State%20Achievement%20Award%20revised%20Oct%202015(1).pdf)

2016/2017 OFFICERS: Clubs need to submit the officers for next year. Currently 38 clubs have submitted the required information.

WHITE CANE: Some call it pan-handling, some call it begging, but no matter what you call it, it generates funds for clubs. Given the right location, at the right time, it can help a club. 16 clubs have conducted 25 White Cane Fund Raisers over 46 days. They raised nearly \$22,000, or \$880 per event, or \$480 per day. Another way to look at it is 238 Lions spent a total of 830 hours earning \$26.50 per Lion-hour. (Data as of 31 March)

MEMBERSHIP: End of year house cleaning began early as we dropped 11 members, which was off-set by 11 new members. The district is still a **+31** for the year. Membership growth is a continual process that you can't do on a whim. It takes prior planning and work and it starts by asking potential members. Let's also not forget to keep the members we have. Retention is key to our survival as a community service organization and the key to retention is interesting & inviting service projects. Serve your community and keep the members you have.

I hope to see you at State Convention later in the month and then the final District Meeting on June 8th.

KEY DATES

STATE CONVENTION, Roanoke, VA, 20-22 May 2016

FINAL DISTRICT MEETING, Smithfield, VA, 8 June 2016

LCI INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION, Japan, 25-28 June 2016

WISE COUNTY RAM, 22-24 July 2016

24-D FALL CONFERENCE, 9-10 September 2016

DG Ray Yannello
Your "Raging Bull"





Tucker Casanova

1st Vice District Governor

Hello Lions!

This month I'd like to start by asking a simple question.

Where is your Lions Sign?

You know the one I'm talking about; they typically adorn other, larger signs that welcome you as you pass from one of the seven cities to another. You'll see them in the median of a boulevard or off to the side of the road. They usually share a space with the Rotarians, Kiwanis and other service organizations. The reason I ask has a lot to do with our legacy, everything in fact. That's why the Centennial Community Legacy Project is so important. As we approach 100 years of Lionism it's very important to take an outsiders look at our Lions clubs. WE know all the good work we do and so do the individuals and families we help. Heck you're reading our newsletter right now, District 24-D is at your fingertips... but the community at large, (many of them in need of our service!) don't really know we're here. Those of us who live the Lions mission everyday can be blind to the reality that without the occasional reminder public memory of Lions and our mission can fade, like the paint on old Lions signs forgotten on the side of the road. So this year make an effort to put together a legacy project. It can be nearly anything. Some of the examples LCI suggest run from the profound and complex; like developing a community center or building a school to refurbishing a park. Then there are some more manageable, yet generous suggestions; like donating a vehicle to a cause. Or even simple but effective; like replacing a rusty old Lions sign so our communities know we are still here and ready to help. So ask around the club and zone. Not every club might have one, but you won't know until you ask. If you don't have any, keep that in mind as you drive through your community. Can you find a spot you and your club can mount one? A simple little set up is all it takes to remind those we serve we are still here.

If you do have one, take a half hour to run out and see what condition it's in. How does it look? Is it rusty or faded? Is it blocked or overgrown? Give it a little TLC or replace it. It's been hard at work getting the word out, probably for decades. Show our signs a little love and they will help ensure our legacy for generations to come.

For more information on the Centennial Community Legacy Project... Google it. Seriously the actual webpage address is too long to copy down and if you just do a search it's the first thing that comes up.

Thanks Lions, see you at the State Convention!

Yours in Lionism.
Yours in Family,

Lion Tucker Casanova, 1st VDG Distinct 24-D

PS Here's that website anyway:

<http://lions100.lionsclubs.org/EN/programs/centennial-legacy-projects.php>

See? Told you it was long ;)

Lion Tucker



Beth Stevens
2nd Vice District Governor

The Bionic Woman

Do you remember the 1970's TV show *The Bionic Woman*? Well, we have our very own bionic woman living right here in Southeastern Virginia. Allow me to introduce Lion Karen Brown of the Virginia Beach Town Center – Blind Lions Club. Lion Karen is participating in a research study

of the Argus II, also known as the bionic eye, at Duke Eye Center in North Carolina. Karen's journey began in October 2015, when she visited her local eye doctor for her first eye exam after a ten year hiatus. She jokingly asked, "So what's new to help me see?" To her surprise, the doctor told her about the new Argus® II Retinal Prosthesis System. The Argus II is intended to provide electrical stimulation of the retina to induce visual perception in blind individuals. A miniature video camera housed in the patient's glasses captures a scene. The video is sent to a small patient-worn computer where it is processed and transformed into instructions that are sent back to the glasses via a cable. These instructions are transmitted wirelessly to an antenna in the retinal implant. The signals are then sent to the electrode array, which emits small pulses of electricity. These pulses bypass damaged photoreceptors and stimulate the retina's remaining cells, which transmit the visual information along the optic nerve to the brain, creating the perception of patterns of light. The doctor went on to explain that patients with Retinitis Pigmentosa (RP) are ideal candidates since they once had vision. Karen was very interested to learn more about the bionic eye so she visited Duke Eye Center where she underwent extensive visual testing to see if she qualified for the study. Researchers were also seeking individuals who possess strong mobility and daily living skills so the device could be tested in a variety of settings. Throughout her life Karen met these criteria by maintaining employment for 36 years with the Norfolk Naval Station Base Police Department; walking daily with her fourth guide dog, Holly; maintaining her household; not to mention all her volunteerism with the Lions. Karen admits it wasn't an easy decision to participate in the program after learning more about the potential health risks and financial obligations related to the implant. At the time, her private insurance wasn't covering the costs of the procedure so her hopes were quickly dashed. However, in January 2016 her insurance began covering the procedure but the co-pay was still out of reach and additional travel expenses would be incurred through numerous trips to Duke Eye Center for occupational therapy. Friends, family and even strangers joined together to help Karen realize her dream by donating funds on her go-fund-me account to cover driver travel expenses. In February 2016, Karen underwent surgery to place 60 electrodes on the back of the white of her left eye and implant the antenna behind her retina. The surgery went well with a relatively short recovery time. In March she returned to Duke Eye Center for the Argus II to be turned on for the first time. Immediately, she could tell one of the staff members was wearing a light colored top and when she walked down the hall she could identify the contrast between the different types of flooring. Since then, she began occupational therapy to help train her brain how to interpret the visual patterns from her retinal implant. It can take up to a year for Karen to learn how to fully utilize the information from her bionic eye. Currently, she is occasionally able to identify an outline of a few objects placed on a high contrast placemat and the outline of a doorway from a short distance. Therapists are working with her to learn to identify a person standing in front of her. To someone who hasn't seen anything for years, these are definitely steps forward and provide hope to all of us. Karen said, "If I benefit from the implant I'll be thrilled; but my true purpose is to help provide feedback that will help improve the implant for others in the future." Lion Karen is exemplifying one of our lions' objectives "Sharing the Vision" with others. Lion Karen would be happy to speak to your club if you'd like to hear more about her journey.

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

2015



2016

April 2016	June 2015 Members	Mar Members	Apr Gains	Apr Losses	Apr Members	Apr Points	TOTAL POINTS
REGION I							
Region I - ZONE A							
Gloucester @	19	15	0	0	15	NR	15003
King William County Children First	0	22	0	0	22	NR	1150
Lancaster County	37	35	0	0	35	4732	41373
Mathews	59	58	1	0	59	2479	29219
Middlesex County	39	37	0	-1	36	3828	27617
Northumberland County * @	23	32	0	0	32	NR	4900
Tappahannock	50	39	0	0	39	3464	71143
TOTAL ZONE A	227	238	1	-1	238		

Region I - ZONE B							
James City @	51	65	2	-1	66	3047	42335
New Kent County	26	31	1	0	32	1750	14650
Poquoson	51	47	0	0	47	1451	29122
Williamsburg Host	71	69	0	0	69	3310	44992
York @	34	34	0	0	34	2551	25547
TOTAL ZONE B	233	246	3	-1	248		

Region I - ZONE C							
Hampton Mercury	14	14	0	0	14	1580	22461
Hampton Northampton	20	19	0	0	19	2135	31521
Hampton Phoebus * @	25	24	0	0	24	NR	9097
Newport News Denbigh	28	32	1	0	33	4234	37232
Newport News Host * @	17	19	0	0	19	1525	12747
NN Oyster Point Mariner	20	19	0	0	19	2080	13466
Newport News Warwick	22	22	0	0	22	2510	26748
TOTAL ZONE C	146	149	1	0	150		
TOTAL REGION I	606	633	5	-2	636		

REGION II							
Region I - ZONE D							
Deep Creek	15	15	0	0	15	NR	32270
Great Bridge	21	21	0	0	21	3195	37429
Chesapeake Host	16	17	0	0	17	NR	42680
Southside @	38	41	0	0	41	NR	38630
Western Branch	19	19	0	0	19	3750	53228
Churchland	40	37	0	0	37	3605	40279
Cradock	17	20	0	-1	19	3909	28152
Portsmouth C F * @	14	11	0	0	11	NR	400
Portsmouth Host	24	21	0	0	21	2906	25879
TOTAL ZONE D	204	202	0	-1	201		

April 2016	June 2015 Members	Mar Members	Apr Gains	Apr Losses	Apr Members	YTD Net
DISTRICT 24-D	1440	1472	11	-13	1470	30

April 2016	June 2015 Members	Mar Members	Apr Gains	Apr Losses	Apr Members	Apr Points	TOTAL POINTS
Region III - ZONE E							
EVMS * @	10	10	0	-9	1	50	7900
Norfolk Host @	36	37	0	0	37	NR	5475
Norfolk Little Creek	19	17	0	0	17	NR	17245
Norfolk Middle Town * @	11	11	0	0	11	NR	1145
Norfolk Norview	14	12	0	0	12	975	19034
Norfolk Ocean View	24	23	0	0	23	4170	55864
Norfolk State University @	3	2	0	0	2	NR	450
Norfolk Wards Corner	22	20	0	0	20	NR	8575
TOTAL ZONE E	139	132	0	-9	123		

Region III - ZONE F							
Boykins @	30	31	0	0	31	NR	850
Franklin * @	16	20	0	0	20	NR	3550
Smithfield	27	28	0	0	28	2605	31655
Suffolk @	22	22	0	0	22	NR	1100
Surry County	18	18	0	0	18	350	4220
Windsor	19	23	4	0	27	4225	36885
TOTAL ZONE F	132	142	4	0	146		
TOTAL REGION II	475	476	4	-10	470		

REGION III							
Region III - ZONE G							
Oceana Lynn Golden @	17	15	0	0	15	0	2525
VB Central * @	27	25	0	0	25	50	2495
VB Host	15	15	0	0	15	853	14070
VB Oceanview	18	19	0	0	19	2701	51417
VB Princess Anne	17	17	0	0	17	3744	47688
VB Thalia	38	37	0	0	37	6449	63518
TOTAL ZONE G	132	128	0	0	128		

Region III - ZONE H							
VB Aragona-Pembroke	15	19	0	0	19	50	11505
VB Bayside	37	35	1	0	36	1775	22225
VB Kempsville	39	40	0	-1	39	1958	15137
VB Town Center Blind	70	70	1	0	71	6989	37782
VB Woodstock	18	20	0	0	20	1892	18000
TOTAL ZONE H	179	184	2	-1	185		

Region III - ZONE I							
Cape Charles	15	19	0	0	19	0	24890
Central Shores @	19	18	0	0	18	0	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	363	2	-1	364		

This summary only includes those reports received by 8am on 1 May. Late reports will be added when I return to Hampton Roads.

Governor's Calendar

Official Visits

Other Lions Events

Other events

- Conflict

MD24 Events

Family Events

Work

Updates from previous version

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

10 Warwick 67th Charter Celebration (Arbors)

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 Lion and his family in your prayers.
They will each be missed in their own special way they join the
Lions Pride beyond the sunset:

Jerry McMurtrie, Middlesex County, 24 years

Barry Behrman, VB Kempsville, 2 years

DC Ray



Centennial of Service 2015 to 2016

April 2016 Update

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

AREAS	CLUBS
All 4	36
3	5
2	4
1	6
0	6

AREA	CLUBS
Vision	48
Youth	40
Hunger	41
Environment	43

LEGACY	CLUBS
I	1
II	2
III	0

79% of our clubs have completed at least two (2) categories.

information as of 30 April 2016



All Zone B Presidents, Secretaries, and other interested Lions!

District 24D, Zone B Meeting


The final Zone B meeting of the 2015-2016 Lions year will be held on Saturday, May 7th at Riverside Doctors Hospital in Williamsburg (directions below). The meeting is scheduled for 9:00am until 11:00am – coffee and snacks will be provided.



Do you know about the Lions Project for Canine Companions for Independence (LPCCI)? I first heard about this program when a friend of mine started raising a puppy for LPCCI.

Their web site is <http://www.lpcci.com/>.

At this meeting Lion Jim Purton, the Immediate Past President of LCPPI, will give a presentation. You will meet some puppies and learn more about this Lions project.

In addition to coffee and snacks there will be  available thanks to LPCCI

Please invite as many fellow Lions as you can!

Please RSVP to Lion Jack, Zone B chairman at
JackR27@cox.com or by phone at (757) 220-2059
by Friday April 30, 2016 with a head count.

Directions:

- Take Interstate 64 to Williamsburg
- Take exit 242A onto VA-199 W toward Williamsburg / Jamestown
- Take the US 60 W ramp
- Turn left onto US 60 W / Pocahontas Trail
- Turn left onto Battery Boulevard.



King William Children First Lions Club Charter Celebration

Serving the Citizens and Children of King William County

"No Child should start school without being vision ready!"

King William Children First Lions Club (Facebook)



We
Serve

May 18th 2016
Acquinton Elementary
7:00 pm **\$12.00pp**



Join us for Dinner & Entertainment by the King William High School Jazz Band
Help us celebrate the newest Lions Club in District 24D!
Please RSVP by May 10th.

RSVP: Lion Ivy Broaddus Riley- ivyvalisa@aol.com or call (804)769-1904
Mail RSVP with payment to: P.O. Box 242, King William, Virginia 23086
We ask for an RSVP to plan for seating and Dinner. Please honor us with your presence.
Make Checks payable to "King William Children First Lion Club"

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>
4 May 1956	60 th	Norfolk Little Creek
9 May 1966	50 th	Churchland
15 May 2002	14 th	Surry County
23 May 1977	39 th	Oyster Point Mariner
26 May 1949	67 th	Newport News Warwick
27 May 1992	24 th	Western Branch
31 May 1934	82 nd	Cape Charles



Congratulations to the Virginia Beach Town Center – Blind Lions Club! In April the club was honored with the 2016 Volunteer Hampton Roads Achievement Award for their ongoing volunteer efforts for the Salvation Army Food Pantry.

Conducted annually, the Hampton Roads VOLUNTEER Achievement Awards recognize the region's most outstanding volunteers based on their length of service, initiative and impact on the community. These men, women and youth have inspiring stories that encourage others to serve.

(from volunteer Hampton Roads website)

Pictured: Lions Doug Weinstein, Annie Ascher, Mary Mathena and



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Dear Lion...

March 28, 2016

1. Are you a "Young Lion" ?
2. Are you a Lion interested in staying healthy and promoting diabetes awareness ?
3. Are you a car racing fan ?

If you can say **YES** to any or all of these questions, you have even more reasons to attend the 2016 USA-Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Omaha, Nebraska.

Young Lions – Friday – Four seminar sessions.....all held "back to back" in the same room. Presented by young Lions, about what is important in Lionism to our young adult members. Attendance open to Lions of all ages – come in and meet the future leaders of our association.

STRIDES Walk – Thursday September 15, 2016 at 1:30PM

Register on-line when you register for the Forum.

One mile scenic walk – commemorative shirt and lunch included.

All proceeds to support the Diabetes Association of the US and Canada.

Race Car – Lion Jay Blake will have his "Follow a Dream", Alcohol Funny Car in the Exhibit Hall for the whole Forum. Jay is the only blind crew chief in the sport of auto racing. He is the main mechanic and heads the Super Comp Dragster racing team.



Register online today @ www.lionsforum.org
Don't forget to register for the Strides Walk too.

Eleven great hotels to choose from. Check out the hotel specifics and the amenities.

Questions ? email: registrar@lionsforum.org phone: (605) 723-4007

See you in Omaha,

PID Gary Anderson, USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum Chair

Sharing Paw: Instant Access to All Resources



Every Lion at the 2016 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum will receive an extra paw! This electronic paw is actually a state of the art information sharing tool.

By touching your "Paw" with another's "Paw", you instantly share your contact information. Touching your "Paw" with a touch point in one of our seminars will share the power point presentation, handouts, presenter and moderator contact info, handouts and reference material.

Touching your "Paw" to a touch point at an Exhibitor's booth will give you instant access to any resources that Exhibitor wishes to share. You will use your "Paw" to check-in on the special service projects that are part of this year's Forum. Once checked-in, all kinds of resources will be placed on your "Paw" to help you lead as similar project back home.

You can plug your "Paw" into any computer to access all this information via a personal web site set-up just for you. You can link your "Paw" to an App on your smart phone or tablet. Plus, you get points for all your touches! Earn points to win prizes. Get ready to Share Your Paw at this year's Forum. We will be giving access to your own web page starting in July. So the "Pawing" starts soon.



Our Community Impact

Over the past thirty-seven years, the Lions Charity Foundation of District 24D, Inc. has contributed millions of dollars to benefit individuals and organizations in Southeastern Va.



Lions Charity
Foundation
of District
24-D, Inc.



Total gifts of \$166,000 for Sight and Hearing Unit and land purchase to house the vehicle.



Provided Eye exams and glasses at a cost of \$169,500 since 2010



2 retinal surgeries \$8,000 since 2010



Williamsburg Community Hospital \$47,000



270 hearing aids \$83,000 since 2010



52 cataract surgeries \$208,000 since 2010



Emergency Disaster Relief Grants \$6,700 since 2010



Lions International Youth Exchange Program \$9,000 since 2010



18 prosthetic eyes \$37,800 since 2010

THANK YOU TO OUR 2015-2016 KV PATRONS!

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