



## Governor's Message

I wanted to start my first article to you all as your District Governor when I was still at the LCI Convention here in Japan, but I didn't know I would start it now... 45 minutes after

being inducted. Here I am back in the hotel packing up my clothes, paperwork; as well as souvenirs for Tanya, myself, the kids and friends. I paused a few seconds ago and thought, "No time like the present." And sat down at my laptop to reach back eight thousand miles to our district and speak to you all in a new way. As a leader of course, but also as a Lion with a new perspective. I did a lot here in Fukuoka, met wonderful people from around the world and right here in Japan, tried new and wonderful things, seen some amazing sights, and been humbled by the kindness of a nation. As clichéd as it sounds, this kind of travel changes you. I've heard stories, told jokes, and been taught by people from all over the world. In one day I thanked people in four different languages, every one received by a smiling face no matter how clumsily it fell from my lips. It's left me reinvigorated and full of new ideas. From both the LCI training and the time I spent listening to my fellow DGeS (now DGs) there are opportunities all around us. We just have to listen. I can't wait to get back to Virginia to share.

Thank you again, 24-D, for your trust and support. Also to you, the new District Governors of the World... Have a great year, I know I will!

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

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**Beth Stevens**

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor**

### Leave a Legacy

Now is the time to connect with your community and build a Lions' legacy by planning a Centennial Community Legacy Project. Legacy projects are visible gifts to your community that commemorate our Centennial and create a lasting legacy of Lions service contributions throughout Southeastern Virginia. These projects will serve as a reminder just how important your club is to the community today and beyond.

Three levels of participation, with increasing size and impact, offer every club an opportunity to get involved.

#### **Level 1 Raise Your Community Visibility Up to \$1,000**

Donate a park bench, bike rack or replace a fading Lions sign. Lions Clubs International is offering a variety of Lions signs and other items at a discounted rate during our Centennial Celebration.

#### **Level II Provide A Community Gift \$1,001 to \$20,000**

Refurbish a park, establish a community garden, or provide medical equipment.

#### **Level III Make A Community Impact Over \$20,000**

Build a clinic, eye hospital or library

These are just a few LCI suggestions. Your club is free to determine the project that best fits the needs of your community. All Legacy Projects should be dedicated with a plaque indicating the item was donated by your Lions Club. Projects should be reported as a service activity through MyLCI under community and cultural projects to qualify your club for special recognition from LCI. Be sure to check out [www.lions100.org](http://www.lions100.org) to download the Centennial Club Planning Guide, brochures, and press releases. Projects should be scheduled for completion no later than June 30, 2018. Lions around the world are celebrating 100 years of service to our communities. Let's visibly demonstrate our Lions local impact by planning a Centennial Legacy Project today.



Jeff Gaddis

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor

Lions of 24D,

Here we are at the beginning of a new year for the Lions of District 24D. I am very proud to be your 2nd VDG. I would like to thank my club, the Denbigh Lions and all of 24D for their support. I will give 100% of my time to the District. This is the start of a new journey for me and my family. We are ready for the challenges ahead. I am reminded of all the good work that the Lions do in their communities. To start the year off, we have the RAM Project in Wise County, July 21-24. I am looking forward to going down to Wise and working along side of my fellow Lions.

Redistricting is still a big topic for the District. Hopefully everyone can come together this year to resolve the issue. Membership is always a concern of the District. I am going to try and contact as many of the Lions that have dropped out as I can and find out why they left. I will invite them back into Lionism.

Hope everyone has a happy 4th of July and enjoys the rest of their summer. See all of you soon.

Lion Jeff Gaddis  
2nd VDG of 24-D



# Start Planning Your Legacy Project Today!

Choose from the project ideas below or create your own to address specific needs in your community.

## 1 level

### Raise Your Community Visibility

- Post new Lions signs
- Donate a park bench
- Dedicate a statue
- Sponsor a fountain in a local park



## 2 level

### Provide a Community Gift

- Refurbish a park or playground
- Build a footbridge over a busy road
- Fund resources for the visually impaired
- Donate a vehicle to a community organization



## 3 level

### Make a Community Impact

- Build a clinic
- Expand a library or school
- Develop a training center
- Equip an area hospital



*All Legacy Projects should be identified with a sign or plaque indicating the project was donated by your Lions club.*

# Governor's Calendar



## JULY

- 11 Smithfield Official Visit (OV)
- 15-17 Family Event
- 20 Oyster Point LMEB Tour
- 25 Youth Exchange LMEB Tour
- 28 - 5 Aug Out-of-town family business

## AUGUST

- 7 First Cabinet Meeting
- 17 LMEB Annual Dinner
- 22 Oceanside Official Visit

## SEPTEMBER

- 9-10 24-D Fall Conference, Chesapeake
- 11 Guiding Lions Training
- 15-17 USA Canada Forum
- 23-24 24-E/F Fall Conference, Roanoke

## OCTOBER

- 28-30 24-A Fall Conference
- 18 Williamsburg Host OV

## NOVEMBER

- 4-6 24-B Fall Conference, Fredericksburg
- 11-12 24-C Fall Conference, Shenandoah University
- 11-12 MD24 Pin Swap

# NEW MEMBERS



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

Glenn Edwards, Boykins, 9 June

Linda Maples, Gloucester, 9 June

Richard Maples, Gloucester, 9 June

Ronald Possanza, Kempsville, 9 June

Brenna Poffenbarger, Poquoson, 16 June

Tamara Brown, Newport News Host, 21 June

In addition, we added two re-instated members who returned to the District:

Joseph McComas, Middlesex

Susan Sumnick, VB Thalia

# 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>               |
|------------------|------------------|---------------------------|
| 8 July 1947      | 79 <sup>th</sup> | Cradock                   |
| 18 July 1923     | 93 <sup>rd</sup> | Suffolk                   |
| 26 July 2006     | 10 <sup>th</sup> | Portsmouth Children First |

Please keep the following Lions and their families in your prayers. Each, a long time Lion, they will be missed as they join the Lions Pride beyond the sunset:

Robert Smith, Central Shore, 31 years

Ruth Kellam, Central Shore, 25 years

W.T. "Sonny" James III, Lancaster County, 63 years

Roy LaMance Joyce, Lancaster County, 33 years

In addition, PDG Bill Saunders, a former Lion of Craddock Lions Club, also passed away in June. He was DG in 1982/1983 and dropped out of Lions for health reasons in 2012 after nearly 42 years of service.



**Centennial of Service  
2015 to 2016**

**June 2016 Update**

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

| CATEGORY | CLUBS |
|----------|-------|
| All 4    | 54    |
| 3        | 0     |
| 2        | 1     |
| 1        | 1     |
| 0        | 1     |

| CATEGORY    | CLUBS |
|-------------|-------|
| Vision      | 56    |
| Youth       | 55    |
| Hunger      | 54    |
| Environment | 54    |

| LEGACY | CLUBS |
|--------|-------|
| I      | 3     |
| II     | 3     |
| III    | 0     |

**96% of our clubs have completed at least two (2) categories.**

information as of 30 June 2016

# LIONS MEDICAL EYE BANK



## 37th ANNUAL DINNER



Wednesday, August 17, 2016

Norfolk Yacht & Country Club  
7001 Hampton Blvd, Norfolk, VA

Members Meeting at 5:00 pm followed by Board Meeting  
Social Hour at 6:00 p.m. (Cash Bar) Dinner at 7:00 p.m.

\$35.00 per person/\$350.00 per table\*

(\*Clubs with fewer than 10 will be asked to share a table. If your club knows of another club with whom you'd like to make up a table of 10, please include that info with your reservation so that can be accommodated)

Mail reservation & check to: Lions Medical Eye Bank,  
600 Gresham Dr, Norfolk, VA 23507 OR  
call (757)388-2748 by August 5

Dinner Selections: Chateau Briand or Seafood Medley

LIONS MEDICAL EYE BANK  
37th ANNUAL DINNER - WEDS, AUGUST 17, 2016

Individual Registration (\$35.00 per person)

Club Registration (\$350.00 per table of 10)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact person: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Total # of Chateau Briand meals: \_\_\_\_\_

Total # of Seafood Medley meals: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail reservation with check made out to Lions Medical Eye Bank,  
600 Gresham Drive, Norfolk 23507 by AUGUST 5, 2016



### Engage & Empower Youth in Your Community

This August 8–14, join Lions around the world for a special international service event dedicated to engaging and empowering youth in our communities. The Worldwide Week of Service for Youth is designed to inspire the next generation of Lions and help us reach our Centennial goal of serving 100+ million people by engaging youth around the world in community service.

Visit the [Worldwide Week of Service for Youth event page](#) (for more information, including planning guides and project ideas for this international Centennial Service Challenge event. Download the event brochure and share it with your club today!



## Aragona-Pembroke Scholarship Recipients



## Lions Charity Foundation of District 24 D



### **Earn a \$250 Service Grant for your Lions club!**

Our annual Bid 'n Buy Auction is the primary fundraiser for the Charity Foundation. Each year the Foundation provides grants to Lions clubs throughout the district to support charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes in their communities. Last year, the foundation provided \$100,000 in grants to assist these worthwhile endeavors.

#### **How the Service Grant Incentive Program Works:**

There are three ways your club can earn a \$250 service grant.

First, just solicit businesses, hotels, or service providers to donate gifts to be auctioned at the event. The top three clubs donating the highest cumulative value of gifts will each receive a \$250 grant.

Second, all other clubs who donate auction items will earn one raffle ticket for each auction item valued at \$50 or more. Three additional clubs will receive service grants from a drawing held during the auction.

Third, invite friends, family, coworkers, and fellow Lions to the Bid 'n Buy Auction on Saturday, October 8, 2016 from 11:00 am– 2:00 pm, at the Oak Grove United Methodist Church 472 N. Battlefield Blvd. in Chesapeake. Every club that has the required number of registered bidders in attendance receives a \$250 grant to support a club service project or make a 501 C3 charitable donation in your club's name. Our Bid 'N Buy goal is to raise essential funds to support mission-driven services provided by the Lions Charity Foundation of District 24D; so it's important to encourage your bidders to actively buy, buy, and buy some more! Want to know details? Flip over the page to learn about the program and your club's goal.



**Service Grant Incentive Program Guidelines:**

1. Please submit auction items along with the auction donation form found on [lcf24d.org](http://lcf24d.org) under the auction link to Lion Barbara Senecal at [fallonbarb@aol.com](mailto:fallonbarb@aol.com) by **September 9, 2016** to qualify for the service grant raffle drawing.
2. Club attendance goals are based on percentage of total club membership as of May 31, 2016 or a minimum of five registered bidders.
3. Any adult over 18 who registers as a bidder the day of the event will count toward the club goal. It is the responsibility of the club to track the number of registered bidders from the club. We encourage attendance of Lions, friends, family, and coworkers to support the Charity Foundation through the purchase of auction items.
4. Please submit service grant requests to Lion John Cranford at [eajohnc@aol.com](mailto:eajohnc@aol.com) to designate the club's grant when achieved.
5. The \$250 grant must be used by June 30, 2017 and requested expenditure of funds must comply with the LCF 24D By-laws.

| Zone A                 | Goal 10% |
|------------------------|----------|
| Gloucester             | 5        |
| Lancaster County       | 5        |
| Mathews                | 6        |
| Middlesex              | 5        |
| Northumberland County  | 5        |
| Tappahannock           | 5        |
| King William County CF | 5        |

Contact: Michael Fagan, Lancaster Co.  
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| Zone B            | Goal 20% |
|-------------------|----------|
| New Kent County   | 6        |
| James City        | 13       |
| Poquoson          | 9        |
| Williamsburg Host | 14       |
| York              | 7        |

Contact: Ray Yannello, Poquoson  
[ryannello@aol.com](mailto:ryannello@aol.com)

| Zone C               | Goal 20% |
|----------------------|----------|
| Denbigh              | 6        |
| Hampton Mercury      | 5        |
| Hampton Phoebus      | 5        |
| Oyster Point Mariner | 5        |
| Newport News Host    | 5        |
| Northampton          | 5        |
| Warwick              | 5        |

Contact: Tom Yager, Hampton Mercury  
[tyager1@cox.net](mailto:tyager1@cox.net)

| Zone I            | Goal 10% |
|-------------------|----------|
| Cape Charles      | 5        |
| Central Shore     | 5        |
| North Accomack CF | 5        |
| Onancock          | 5        |

Contact: Zone I John Kluis, Onancock  
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| Zone F       | Goal 20% |
|--------------|----------|
| Boykins      | 6        |
| Franklin     | 5        |
| Smithfield   | 6        |
| Suffolk      | 5        |
| Surry County | 5        |
| Windsor      | 5        |

Contact: Marc Van Eck, Windsor  
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| Zone D          | Goal 30% |
|-----------------|----------|
| Chesapeake Host | 5        |
| Churchland      | 11       |
| Craddock        | 6        |
| Portsmouth CF   | 5        |
| Deep Creek      | 5        |
| Great Bridge    | 6        |
| Portsmouth Host | 6        |
| Southside       | 12       |
| Western Branch  | 6        |

Contact: Barbara Senecal, Western Branch  
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| Zone E              | Goal 30% |
|---------------------|----------|
| Little Creek        | 5        |
| Norfolk Host        | 11       |
| Middle Town         | 5        |
| Norview             | 5        |
| Ocean View          | 7        |
| Wards Corner        | 6        |
| Norfolk State Univ. | 5        |
| EVMS                | 5        |

Contact: Cecil Smithson, Ocean View  
[csmithson1@cox.net](mailto:csmithson1@cox.net)

| Zone G                  | Goal 40% |
|-------------------------|----------|
| Oceana-Lynnhaven-Golden | 6        |
| Oceanside               | 8        |
| Princess Anne           | 7        |
| Thalia                  | 15       |
| Central                 | 10       |
| Virginia Beach Host     | 6        |

Contact: Nancy Cranford, Oceanside  
[nanlouram.verizon.net](mailto:nanlouram.verizon.net)

| Zone H              | Goal 40% |
|---------------------|----------|
| Aragona-Pembroke    | 8        |
| Bayside             | 14       |
| Kempsville          | 16       |
| Town Center - Blind | 28       |
| Woodstock           | 8        |

Contact: Donnie Johnson, Aragona-Pembroke  
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## WOODSTOCK LIONS CLUB CELEBRATES CHARTER NIGHT

On June 22<sup>nd</sup>, at the Fraternal Order of Police facilities and hosted by Jakes Smokehouse and BBQ, the Woodstock Lions Club celebrated their Charter Night. Presided over by Lion President Buck Heffernan, the members were honored to have PDG Frank Kroboth as our Guest Speaker, who spoke of the proud history of Lionism and the need to continue our service to the community.

1971-2016: For forty-five years, the Woodstock Lions Club has been proud to serve the Virginia Beach community. Although small in number, our dedicated Lions have consistently risen to the challenge to provide service to those less fortunate. Boasting one PDG, Lion Frank Kroboth, and four Melvin Jones recipients, Lions Melvin And Christine Stauffer, Lion Frank Kroboth and Lion Justo Manglicmot, our Lions continue to Honor the very spirit of Lionism. Dedication: For nearly 30 years, each week, Lions Mel Stauffer (a 54 yr member) and his wife, Chris Stauffer, have participated in the Food Bank Program, picking up donated food from local grocery stores and delivering it to the Salvation Army Adult Rehab Center. In addition these Lions have attended 10 International Conventions and the Lions 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, forty State Conventions and catered numerous District Dinners. This is an prime example of how the Woodstock Lions continue to remember our motto: "We Serve".

Throughout these past 45 years, all our Woodstock Lions have proudly participated in every aspect of community support activities, from children's eye screening programs to hosting picnics for foreign exchange students, and hundreds of other events. Woodstock Lions have attended Fall Conferences, International Conventions, participated in local parades, worked many hours in the eye-glass recycling center and the Sight & Hearing van, collected thousands of glasses and often joined with other Lions Clubs in annual events.

The Woodstock Lions Club is proud to be a member of Lions District 24D and proud to have the privilege of continuing to carry on the legacy of Melvin Jones.



# KNIGHT'S VISION

## Proud Sponsors

If you or your club wish to support the Knight's Vision, there are several options available:

Subscribe: Knight's Vision shipped to you every month - Cost **\$40** - Qualifies for Silver Patron

Lions Business Card: Your Name, Club and Position (President, Treasurer, PDG, etc.) - Cost **\$30**

Personal Business Card: Advertise your business with the Knight's Vision - Cost **\$40**

### Patron Tiers

Bronze – \$25 Donation

Gold – **\$65** Donation

Diamond > **\$100** Donation

Silver – **\$40** Donation

Platinum – **\$90-\$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:

**\$65** Donation - Business Card/Bronze Patron

or

**\$65** Donation - Gold Patron

The Knight's Vision appreciates the continued support of Lions just like you!





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