

The Lions Roar

News & Events from Lions of Virginia District 24-I

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Lion Homer Cook, District Governor

Planting seeds for Lions growth

Welcome, Fellow Lions, to the 24-I Victory Garden! Grab yourself a floppy hat and a pair of sunglasses. Let's take a tour together.

First, is the Tool Shed. Every gardener needs to know what will be planted, so he/she knows what tools and fertilizer is needed. Knowing who to count on for tending is a big part of the success. On page 3 of this issue, you'll want to get acquainted with this year's Global Action Team (officers, GAT Coordinators, Zone/Region Chairs) so you'll know who you can call on for help with your club or next big idea.

Next, you have to know what you're planting. We have a whole area of plants in different stages of growth: some have a good start, some are seedlings, and others we'll need to get started from scratch. In our case, our plants are in the form of **Annual Goals:**

Multiple District Goal: Every year the incoming DG must submit goals to LCI, and we are informed of a goal from LCI. LCI has assigned MD 24 the goal to bring in 777 new members and establish 3 new clubs. At first look this sounds like an impossible task. Consider, though, that last year MD24 inducted over 614 Lions, so we only need to induct 163 more lions than we did last year. With about 200 clubs in the MD that is an achievable goal. District 24-I has not started a new club in the last 4 years. Do you have any suggestions on a good area to start a new Lions club?

District 24-I Goal: Membership. End the Lions year +2 in membership. To do this we need to recruit new Lions and work to retain and reinvigorate the Lions we have with innovative service projects and fellowship.

District 24-I Goal: Service. Have 70% of our clubs reporting in MyLCI/ MyLion/ Lion Portal. If you need help getting into the systems please ask for assistance.

District 24-I Goal: Training. Have 65% of Zone chairs attend training and 50% of club officers attend training. If you feel that you do not need training, please go to MyLion and then the Lions learning center. Find the course that matches your position, click that you have reviewed the material and then take the test. If you pass the test, you know the minimum that LCI feels you need to know for that position.

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James City Roars!



Chase City Roars!



Lion Ted Cors (James City) receives the President's Leadership Medal & presents the Ted Cors Leadership Award to Lion Warren Wright



Patti Kalabate (James City) was awarded the 2023 GAT Appreciation Medal



Powhatan



It just takes a little magic!



BAMM Charter Night



Powhatan Roars!



24-I Celebration & Awards

Find Your Gear!

MD24-I '22-'23
Helen Person, District Governor

2023-2024 District 24-I Global Action Team

District Governor
 1st Vice District Governor
 2nd Vice District Governor
 Cabinet Secretary
 Cabinet Treasurer
 Global Action Team Area Coordinator
 Global Leadership Coordinator
 Global Membership Coordinator
 Global Service Coordinator
 Global Extension Coordinator



Homer Cook
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 Beth Stevens, PDG
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 TBD

Region 1, Chair TBD
 Zone A, Chair TBD
 Zone B, Chair TBD
 Region 2, Chair Kenny Howard
 Zone C, Chair TBD
 Zone D, Chair TBD
 Region 3, Chair Artrelle Spicely
 Zone E, Chair Chris Lancto
 Zone F, Chair Billy Potter

Region 4, Chair
 Zone I, Chair
 Zone J, Chair
 Zone K, Chair
 Region 5, Chair
 Zone L, Chair
 Zone M, Chair
 Zone N, Chair
 Region 6, Chair
 Zone O, Chair
 Zone P, Chair
 Zone Q, Chair

Sheila Chewning
 Alan Hooker
 George Thomas
 Joy Richardson
 Marc VanEck
 Patricia Kolb
 Nancy Grochowski
 Chuck Britt
 Debra Laughlin
 Hi-Lo Laxa
 Buck Heffernan
 Karen Kolet

**Fill a District need:
 Plant a leadership seed!**

Cook: Planting seeds for Lions growth

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District 24-I Goal: LCIF. Increase our *individual* donor participation to LCIF by 10%. As of 6/23/23 we are listed as having 81 individual donations to LCIF. Donations in a club’s name are very important, but do not count in this number.

District 24-I Goal: ELLI. How many new or relatively new Lions do you know? What skills do they bring to the table? What skills would they like to hone? Emerging Lions Leadership Institute (ELLI) could be a great fit for them to strengthen their personal and professional skill set during the Lions year. We are tentatively scheduling an ELLI for Friday- Sunday, October 20-22, 2023. Watch the Lions Roar and the [24-I website](#) for emerging details!

Lions are always looking for ways to help the community; invite others to join you in the service project. I am excited these goals are simple and achievable. With more Lions in our garden, we can really make it grow.

Continue planting the seeds of service and fellowship; tend them, enjoy the harvest, and then plant more seeds.

Thanks,
Lion Homer

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Lions in Action!

James City Lions Club

Williamsburg, VA — June 2023

Lion Ted Cors

The James City Lions recently conducted vision screenings for members of Arc of Greater Williamsburg. The SPOT screener and equipment on the Lions Sight and Hearing Van were used in these screenings. Of the 13 screened, 6 were referred for additional care.



(From left) Lions Jan Hendricks, Merv Frantz, Shari Abelow, Kandy Daley, Mary Lynn Billiteri, Nancy Grochowski, Mick Grochowski, Rachel Williams, Doug Bennett, Marla Boren (project organizer), and Colleen Woodard. Not pictured is Lion Bob Gordon.

Williamsburg, VA — June 6, 2023

Lion Ted Cors

On June 6th, the James City Lions Club collected 535 pounds of soft plastic that will go to the Trex Corp., who will then make a bench that the Club will donate to a local school. This will be the sixth bench donated to schools in James City County. The plastic collected will not go into the environment as a result of this effort.

Volunteer Lions participating are Peter Brusman, John Cameron, Ruth Bott, Steve Gohn, and Dennis Branden. Not shown are Jack Reitz and Warren Wright.



Seeds to help you grow your year!

Help your Lions with their mojo.

What does your club need? New Lions? New excitement during meetings? New service ideas?

My Lions garden includes visiting as many club meetings as I can. As Regions and Zones are meeting, let me know how I can be included in your gathering. I can bring information, induct new Lions, or be the Friendly Scarecrow. Either way, I want to be a positive element for your Lions.

In Lions year 23/24 promoting a few programs should yield positive results.

- ◆ **Presentation of a membership Key when a Lion earns one.** Make a big deal about this accomplishment. This is something that you must accomplish on your own. If I am available, I will gladly present it.
- ◆ **Proud Lion/Proud Sponsor** helps new Lions learn about Lions by completing a list of items within 6 Months. Make a big deal about a Lion and sponsor earning the pin. If available I will be glad to present it.
- ◆ **District Governor Challenge Coin.** When the sponsor helps a new Lion complete the Proud Lion program, they become eligible to receive the coin. I plan on presenting as many of these as I can during the Lions year.
- ◆ **Lions Safari** helps clubs learn what other clubs are doing. Take a group of Lions from your club to visit and fellowship with other Lions. Who knows, you may find a spark that helps your club.
- ◆ **Environmental service projects.** International President Lion Dr. Hill has chosen the environment as her area of focus for Lions year 23/24. I know each club can come up with one additional environmental service project for the Lions year.
- ◆ **Holding Emerging Lions Leadership Institutes in the district.** We have one tentatively scheduled for 20-22 October in Farmville. We can make this training available in local areas if we can get a group of 20 Lions who want the training. Have training can travel. Let us know whether you want the training.

As the Lions year kicks off: Say “Thanks!”

Awards There’s never a “right time” to thank a Lion or a valued Community Partner for a job well-done or that extra support that got your event over the finish line. Check the [Lions Store](#) for a great selection of official awards, special gifts, and small “attaboys.”

Member Rosters LCI dropped dues statements for the first half of Lions Year (LY) 2023-2024 on June 30th. Please check your club account on MyLCI. Don’t wait for a paper statement! Make member changes as soon as possible. Your club needs a Club Administrator even if you have a connected President or Secretary. Need help? PDG Rich Evans is ready to assist: LionRichE@yahoo.com.

Training Even seasoned Lions need a refresher. Don’t let that important tidbit pass you by! Visit the Lions Learning Center (www.lionsclubs.org/learn) for the most up-to-date training for your position. In-person training for officer training will also be available throughout the Lions year.

James City Lions Club

Williamsburg, VA – June 2023 Lion Colleen Woodard

The James City Lions Club will embark on a new initiative this month. They will distribute some books in combination with their "Summer Meals for Kids" food delivery program. Working with Meals on Wheels Lions will deliver lunches Monday through Friday to about 250 needy children during the summer months. Donors of the books included Club members, and the Williamsburg Regional Library donated books along with book bags. The largest donor who gave more than 1,000 books was the William and Mary School of Education.

(From left) Lions Linda Benner, Patti Ralabate (Club president) and Johanna Theloosen (project leader). Not pictured: Lion Colleen Woodard



Williamsburg, VA – June 2023 Lion Ted Cors

Recently, James City Lions Club members prepared to go to work cleaning, de-weeding, planting and watering the Lion Mike Allen Memorial Garden at the James City Recreation Center. Club Lions work regularly, especially watering the garden during the hot summer months. Visitors to the recreation center often have high praise for the beautiful garden.



(Front row) Lions are Mike Carr, Steve Silvasy, Kandy Daley, and Marla Boren (project leader). Back row are Lions Al and Judy Rasper.



Brandermill Midlothian Woodlake Lions Club

Midlothian, VA – June 2023

Lion Jim Stewart

The Brandermill Midlothian Woodlake Lions Club (BMW Lions) celebrated their 45th anniversary this year. The keynote speaker was Clem Carlisle. Clem was the Club's first president in 1978. Clem told stories of the days when they first met in someone's garage before they moved to the Brandermill Country Club. Many of the roads in Brandermill had not been paved at that time. Brandermill is now one of the established neighborhoods and many others have sprung up around it.

Also present was another Charter Member, Lion Don Trawick. Lion Don has been an outstanding Lion for the past 45 years and continues to bring energy to the Club.

Outgoing President John Olson made two special presentations. The first was our Club's highest award, the Van Orman Award, to our current Treasurer Lion Henry Nebel for his dedicated service to our club. The second award was the President's Appreciation Award, now called The Chuck Harrigan Award, which was presented to Lion Wayne Moyer. Lion Wayne was not in attendance as he and his wife Lion Patty have been experiencing health concerns. Lion Wayne has continued to diligently perform his duties as Sight Chair from home.

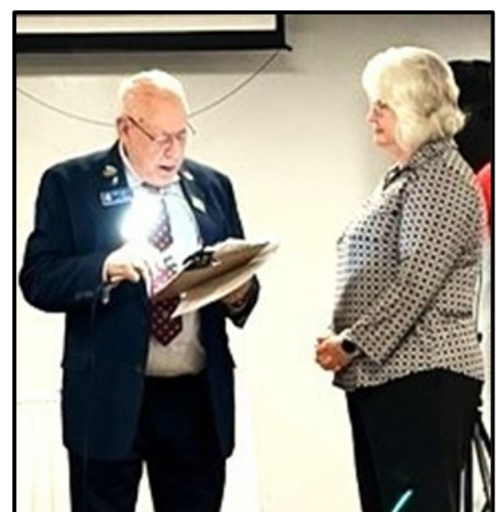
Next, PDG Lee Winder inducted the new slate of officers for the 2023 - 24 Lion's Year. Lee's wife Jane was in attendance.

The meeting concluded with our new President, Lion Tammara accepting her new duties with heartfelt comments and a glimpse into her plans to lead our club into another successful year.

Lions Hank Nebel and Lee Winder

Lions Lee Winder and Tammara Kidd

Clem Carlisle



James City Lions Club

Williamsburg , VA – June 2023
Lion Colleen Woodard

Colleen's article entitled "James City Lions Club Tackles the Environment" made the editorial page in the Virginia Gazette. Great work, Colleen, and the JC Lions who helped. —Ted Cors (See excerpts below.)

The Lions Clubs International champions the environment as one of its five global causes and the James City Lions Club (JCLC) of Williamsburg, Virginia, enthusiastically follows this lead. Whether it is collecting plastic bags for recycling, tending the memorial garden at the James City Recreation Center, cleaning up the roadway on Monticello Ave, or volunteering for the United Way "Day of Caring," James City Lions turn out regularly for hands-on activities to help the local environment. These projects attract many JCLC members eager to serve and connect with the community.

Soft Plastic Recycling with Trex®: This James City Lions Club project began as a partnership with the D. J. Montague elementary school in 2020 to collect enough plastic to acquire a bench for the school through the Trex Corporation. The JCLC signed up for the Trex Corporation Community and University Challenge to collect 500 pounds of plastic to get a bench every six months to donate within our JCLC service area.



Lion Mike Allen Memorial Garden: Located at the entrance to James City Recreation Center this garden is seen by the many local citizens who frequent the center and has received favorable mention on the editorial page of the Virginia Gazette. Lion Mike Allen initiated this project in 2002 and spearheaded efforts to regularly replant, weed, water during spring and summer months and beautify this locally visible garden.

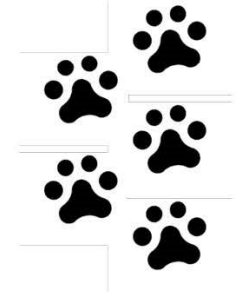


Adopt-a-Highway: In early 2012, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) granted the JCLC permission to regularly clean a specified portion of Monticello Avenue. Lions clean this two mile stretch of roadway every couple of months. The VDOT provides the trash bags and collects the filled bags.

JCLC's commitment continues: The environment is and will remain a key mission for the James City Lions. Under the leadership of the officers and project chairs, the Lions will continue to support environmental programs and connect with the community in doing so. As the Lions Clubs International global cause for the environment expresses it: "Our environment is more than a background: it's our home. And we're committed to caring for it".



Lions of Virginia
District 24-I
2023-2024



The Proud Lion and Proud Sponsor Award
“Tracks to Lionism”

The **Proud Lion Award** is very easy for a new Lion to obtain. When a new Lion has met the six (6) requirements needed in order to become a **Proud Lion**, he or she will receive a Proud Lion pin. These pins are available for clubs to honor new members who complete the six (6) tasks below within six months of his or her induction date listed in MyLCI. Sponsors can earn a Proud Sponsor pin by accompanying their new member as he or she completes all Proud Lion Requirements.

| Requirements: | Date | New Member | Sponsor |
|--|-------------|-------------------|----------------|
| 1. Participate in a Lions service project | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 2. Attend a new member orientation | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 3. Bring a guest to a meeting or service project | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 4. Visit another club | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 5. Attend a club board meeting | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 6. Attend a Zone, Region or District meeting | _____ | _____ | _____ |

New Member's Name _____

Date of Induction _____

Email Address _____

Telephone # _____

Sponsor's Name _____

Email Address _____

Telephone # _____

Club Secretary's Signature _____

Club Name _____

To procure a Proud Lion/Sponsor Pin, the Club Secretary must submit this form via email to your Zone Chair and the Zone chair will contact the DG about pin presentation.



DISTRICT 24-I DG CALENDAR
of SCHEDULED EVENTS, MEETINGS and CLUB VISITATIONS
Military time is based on a 24-hour clock. AM & PM are not used.



| Date | Time | MD 24 and District 24I Events | Location | Confirm |
|-------------|---------------------------|--|--|----------------|
| July 6-12 | All Day | LCICON 2023 Boston | Boston Convention/Exhibition Center, Boston, MA | Y |
| July 6 | 1900 (7 PM) | Global Membership Approach (GMA) Training | Remote | Y |
| July 8 | 1900 (7 PM) | GMA Training | Remote | Y |
| July 14 | 1900 | Council of Governors Zoom | Remote | Y |
| July 17 | 1800 (6 PM) | Lions Charity Foundation of Southeast Virginia (LCFSEVA) Annual Meeting | Boil & Bay Seafood Janaf | Y |
| July 20 | Noon - 3:00 pm | Surry County Lions | TBD | Y |
| July 22 | 1000 (10 AM) | 24-I Cabinet Meeting | Burkeville Lodge for the Blind 341 Oak Street Burkeville, VA | Y |
| July 22 | 1000-1600 (10 AM-4 PM) | Health Fair Calvary Revival Church | To learn more, contact Norfolk Middletown Lowns. | Y |
| July 27 | 0730 (7:30 AM) | James City Lions | Zoom | Y |
| July 27 | 1800-2100 (6-9 PM) | Cheriton Migrant Camp Sight & Hearing Screening | To learn more or to sign up to help, contact Cape Charles Lions | Y |
| July 27 | 1900 (7 PM) | BMW | Brandermill Country Club 3700 Brandermill Parkway Midlothian, VA | Y |
| July 29 | 1000 (10 AM) | Officer Training (Zoom) | Remote | Y |
| July 29 | 1300 (1 PM) | Zone & Region Chair Training (Zoom) | Remote | Y |
| August 1 | 1700-2100 (5-9 PM) | Green Run National Night Out | To learn more, contact Oceanside Lions. | Y |
| August 5 | 1000 (10 AM) | Virginia Beach Town Center Blind Lions Club | Independence Center, VB | Y |
| August 6 | 1100-1600 (11 AM-4PM) | Thalia Lions Blood Drive | VB Christian Church, VB (For more info, contact Thalia Lions) | Y |