



The Lions Roar

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Lion Homer Cook, District Governor

Moving Forward

Fellow Lions of 24-I, we are on the road again and the district is moving forward. At the international Convention, Project 1.5 was introduced. This project is designed after Campaign 100 and asks the Lions to commit to growing membership to 1.5 million Lions by 1 July 2027. Gaining 25,000 Lions a year for four years is an achievable goal. If we focus on the Global Membership Approach (GMA), we can get our clubs energized and moving in a unified direction. Only the club can decide on what is important to them. If you would like to participate in the GMA process, we will get a facilitator to assist you.

We have submitted the application to have an Emerging Lions Leadership Institute (ELLI) 20-22 October in Farmville. Information will be coming out soon. We plan on offering the training in additional locations in the district during the year.

The best presentation I attended at the international Convention was about Faculty and how to use them. Italy held several Emerging Lions Leadership Institutes using Faculty Development Institute (FDI) and Lions Certified Instructor Program (LCIP) graduates and it was a key to them gaining over 300 Lions in a few years. We can do the same. Our district has several FDI-trained Lions that are not being utilized. These Lions can facilitate things like GMA at the club and zone level or develop a special presentation for your club. They want to be used so let us know what you need and we will match you with a facilitator. Here are a few additional notes from the faculty presentation.

- *To reduce conflict, let the Lions be heard so they will feel part of the process and solution.*
- *Invest in training.*
- *Provide training for the Global Action Team (GAT) at the club level.*
- *"What is not started is not finished."*

You want to be heard and be part of the solution; we want to listen. We have invested in training FDI instructors and will invest in more training like ELLI. With your help we can get training to the club level using the GAT, FDI instructors and ELLI. We will start the process.

13-4 October: 24-I Fall Conference at the Clarion Hotel in Williamsburg. Host club is James City Lions Club. Guest speaker is PDG Wendy Cane.

20-22 October: Local ELLI in Farmville, tentative

23-24 February: 24-I Winter Conference with ID Marie Cunning. This will be in the Chesapeake / VB area. Working to get the Southeastern Virginia Filipino-American Lions Club to host.

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Goals

Currently the district is Plus five in membership at 1776 Lions in 85 clubs. Thank you for getting the year off to a good start.

You have conducted 16 service projects and served 3,349 people with only 7% of clubs reporting. I wonder what our numbers would be if every club reported the service they provide.

Club Visits

I desire to visit as many clubs as I can during the Lions year. Please send me an email (lionhomercook@gmail.com) letting me know when you want me to visit and what you would like me to talk about. If a Zone or Region chair invites me to come to a Zone or Region meeting, I will do my best to attend.

Lions Portal is supposed to start rolling out at the end of September. Each person must have an email address, you can get one for free from Gmail. Speaking of emails: The database we use to send out Constant Contact comes from the information in LCI. If your email is not correct in MyLCI you will not get Constant Contact emails. However, you or your club treasurer can verify your email address in MyLCI and it will update in Constant Contact when we download an update.

I have been told we had a Lion nicknamed "Positive Pam." If we are positive and believe—we can achieve. If we are negative—all we do is bring others down with us. Present a positive image and see if it becomes contagious.

Thanks,

Lion Homer Cook

lionhomercook@gmail.com

757.705.5207

Look at the Lions Charity Foundation of Southeastern Virginia web site for information about the \$500 dollar donation that the Charity foundation will make to local food pantries. It is scheduled to start in November and is limited to \$500 per club to a max of \$25,000 spent by the foundation.

Have you looked at Lions in a different way? Try Lions Virtual and you may see something new to you. Lions Virtual Foundation info@lionsvirtual.org

We have a district program called Lions Safari. This is where clubs visit other clubs and exchange ideas. Visit another club and you may come up with a good idea. Take a look on pages 10 and 11 to learn more about the program.

**If your club's service isn't reported to Lions International,
How is Lions International supposed to know it happened?**

Lion Kristina Ramsey, 1st Vice District Governor

The Red Coats are coming!

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Lions International missed an opportunity to use that as a tagline for the Boston convention! LOL!



I'm conflicted! I don't know what I want to write about.

Do I write about the great time I had at the convention?

What if I talked to fellow Lions who cared about their environment, diabetes, and hunger - from all over the world?



How I interacted with Lions who had great ideas on supporting the fight against childhood cancer and vision loss? Naw, that has all been covered.

August is a great month for the Lions! Looking for service projects? Let the month of August guide you! It is World Cancer Support Month (opportunity to do a service project for childhood cancer) and August 10th is World Lion Day. Granted it isn't intended for us, but we can make it about our local Lions clubs! Post something on your club's Facebook or website about it being "Our Day."

Lastly, August 21st is National Senior Citizen Day. What about a service project at a nursing home, assisted living facility or a senior living community

I will be making my rounds attending your club meetings. I will try to give y'all a heads up but, with my schedule, I may just "pop" in!

Yours in service!

Lion Dr. Kris – 1st VDG

Lionkris24eye@gmail.com

PDG Richard Evans is 2022-2023 Presidential Medal Recipient

Please join IPDG Helen Person in congratulating PDG Rich Evans as one of District 24-I's latest recipients of the Lions Clubs International Presidential Award for Lions Year 2022-2023.

From the nomination approved by the LCI Board of Directors: *To know Lion Rich is to see a Lion who has just about done it all. From club officer to District Governor, Lion Rich has dedicated his many talents and broad skill set to support the District as everything from District Administrator to LEO Chair, the Multiple District as Convention Chair, to the individual Lion who needs a lot of handholding while they navigate MyLCI.*

Lion Rich's cache of Lions knowledge is vast, and he stands ready to share when asked. His standard "I'm here to do whatever you need me to do" is appreciated far more than he knows. Because he has served in so many Lions roles, Lion Rich is an invaluable supporter whose common sense approach to managing volunteers while being one himself is, at once, inspiring while bringing clarity to a situation that appears without solution.

Congratulations, PDG Rich!



What difference does it make?

For the past 10 years or so, Lions Presidents and Secretaries have dealt in varying degrees with the online database known as MyLCI and, later, MyLion. Their introductions were not quite what they could – or should - have been. To say they were “clunky” would be an understatement.

Mailed communications became too expensive and time consuming to facilitate. A first-class stamp recently jumped to \$.66. Multiply that times 1.4 million Lions. Then multiply that by at least one mail piece per month and there's your answer. Simply put: None of us would want to pay for it.

Electronic data and communication management is our most efficient method for delivery in a timely and cost-effective manner. But we must have your cooperation to ensure your mail reaches you:

Each Lion must have a dedicated e-mail address. For those without one, G-mail, Yahoo, and your telephone or cell provider likely offer free e-mail service you can access as needed, if only for Lions communication.

Each Lion must set up a MyLCI or Lion Portal account. You will need your Lions member number. Your Club Secretary, District Administrator (PDG Rich Evans: lionriche@yahoo.com), or Cabinet Secretary (lionhelenperson@gmail.com) can assist with that information.

Visit www.lionsclubs.org and click on Member Login to register your account and visit MyLCI. Once logged in, you can access MyLion (set up service events, fundraisers, and invite members to meetings, as well as report your results).

Here's a quick tutorial on how to report membership changes: [Report Membership in MyLCI](#)

Information is key to making a difference in your Lions experience! Connectivity will help – and I'm glad to assist however I can: Lionhelenperson@gmail.com or 434-603-9726 cell.

Yours in Lions Service & Friendship,

Lion Helen Person, PDG/Cabinet Secretary

Lion Debbie Ivey, Certified Guiding Lion Training Chair

Certified Guiding Lion Training

I'm excited to report that training has already begun in our District. On the 29th, there was President, Secretary, Treasurer and Zone/Region Chair training via ZOOM. We have some great sessions for the Fall Conference on October 14th that I hope you will participate in.

Please remember you can go on line to International and find lots of choices for training on the website. You will get credit for any that you complete.

Also remember that I am here to help anyone who needs assistance. I also want to remind you that, if you and/or your club is interested in a topic they would like to learn more about, let me know and we will do our best to assist you with that.

We are always looking for Leaders to get involved in the District and would like to hear from you if you are interested in a position.

On June 24th, 2023 at the Burkeville Lodge we held Certified Guiding Lion Training. The Training is to have Lions to be certified to help a new club when they are chartered to get started, and also be available to assist the Club in any way. It is also for those Lions to help clubs that are struggling in any way and need some assistance and advice to "get back on track"!

The following Lions attended and were certified. They are: Lions Bernard Heffernan, Donnie Johnson, Kenneth Howard, Karen Bona, Jane Lloyd, George Thomas, Chet Kramer, James Stewart, Artelle Spicely, Sheila Chewning, Mary Durbin and Scott Durbin.

I want to congratulate these Lions for taking the time to attend the training and for being willing to be ready when and if a club needs their help. I had a great time with the group and am excited to have more Lions certified.

If you are interested in finding out more about the Certified Guiding Lion training, please reach out to me at debbieivey@earthlink.net

PDG Debbie Ivey



Roc Solid's Trey Barham presents program to James City Lions

The James City Lions Club welcomed guest speaker Trey Barham at their July 27 meeting. Barham is the Regional Business Development Coordinator for Roc Solid Foundation. Roc Solid is a pediatric cancer foundation that helps families fighting cancer with their playset and Ready Bag programs. Pictured here from left are: President Patti Ralabate, Trey Barham, and Lion Colleen Woodard, Program Chair.

Save the Date!!

October 13-14, 2023:

Sowing Seeds of Lionism

24-I Fall Conference, Williamsburg, VA

October 20-22, 2023:

Emerging Lions Leadership Institute (ELLI)

The Woodland, Farmville, VA

October 20-22, 2023:

**District 24-I & Old Dominion University
Sports Explosion Weekend & Family Camp**

Triple R Ranch, Chesapeake, VA

Lions in Action!

Clarksville Lions Club

Clarksville, VA – Summer 2023
Lion Karen Bona

The Clarksville Lions are staying very active this summer. On July 4th we rode our float in the town parade complete with 6 musicians playing patriotic songs led by Lion Bob Rietzke.

Many of our Lions volunteered at the July 22 Clarksville Lakefest at the Lions booth where



we had more than 30 vision screenings of adults and children in the MHU, sold 17 brooms,

and also gave out diabetes information and free water bottles. This year we were able to give out free donated new readers as well. Our 2024 calendar fundraiser is in full swing and we voted to use our photo of the Lions of Central Virginia Mobile Health Unit (LCVMHU) as the cover photo.



Aragona-Woodstock Lions Club

Lions in Action!

Virginia Beach, VA – Summer 2023
Lion Chris Johnson

Cubbies Aspen and Avalon Diaz present a \$283.00 check to Club President Lion Buck Heffernan. These hard-working Lions-in-Training washed cars at their Montessori School and chose to donate a portion of the proceeds to the Lions Club.



Lions seated left-to-right are: Lion Mary Ward with Cubbie Aspen Diaz on her lap; Lion Dr. Becca Bumgardner-Diaz with daughter Cubbie Avalon Diaz; Standing from left: PDG Donnie Johnson, Lions Al Hoover, Chris Johnson, Dr. Osvaldo Diaz, Dot Subasavage, John Subasavage, Peg Couser, Don Ward, Jennifer Dolehite, Keith Couser, and Club President, Buck Heffernan.

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James City Lions Club

Williamsburg, VA — July 2023
Lion Colleen Woodard

The James City Lions Club is supporting the Meals on Wheels Summer Meals for Kids by delivering lunches each day this summer to over 200 eligible children.



Above right, Lion Phil Pryor and, at left, Lions Warren Wright and Larry Bartholomew are shown as they prepared to deliver lunches to recipients on three routes in the James City County area.

Lions in Action!

South Hill Lions Club

South Hill, VA – July 2023

Lion Lisa Clary, *The Mecklenburg Sun*

The South Hill Lions Club welcomed Jennifer Bowen, Senior Extension Agent with the Mecklenburg County Virginia Extension Cooperative as a recent guest speaker. The club also made a donation to the 4-H program to help with the upcoming Holiday Lake Summer Camps. The mission of 4-H is to develop leadership, citizenship, and life skills. Also they offer programs for youths ages 5-19 that are designed to meet the identified needs of Mecklenburg County residents. Last year, the Mecklenburg County 4-H program reached nearly 1,200 youths and engaged over 100 volunteers. Pictured: Club president Dave Slater presents a donation check to Bowen.



James City Lions Club to hold Annual Charity Golf Tournament on September 15

The James City Lions Club is hosting its annual Charity Golf Tournament on Friday, September 15, 2023, at the Ford's Colony Country Club. All proceeds raised at this event fund Club projects supporting Williamsburg and James City County neighbors in need. Major tournament and individual hole sponsorships provide the opportunity to advertise a business and demonstrate tournament support. The golfers pictured played in the JC Lions 2022 fundraising tournament. For 2023, registration is now open for individual golfers or four-somes. Contact a James City Lions Club member for more information or download the registration form at https://e-clubhouse.org/sites/james_city/



Aragona-Woodstock Lions Club presents scholarship to Couser

The Aragona-Woodstock Lions Club's scholarship recipient for 2023 is Christopher Couser. Christopher is a graduate of Norfolk Academy and has been accepted to the University of Virginia, where he plans to study Engineering.

Christopher has been an active participant in Club service projects alongside his grandparents, Lions Keith and Peg Couser.

Congratulations, Christopher!



Let's go on a Lion Safari!

*We don't need to visit other clubs. We can manage just fine by ourselves...
Anybody got any new ideas? – ABC Lions Club*

How many of you were in a House of Fraternal Love – social fraternity/ sorority when you were in college? You remember how much fun it was to visit another campus and “borrow” their composite pictures? Remember how your heart raced as you carried the contraband back to a hiding place in your meeting space hoping the other group didn't notice before you made it safely home?

Fast forward – oh – forty years and relive the adventure of the hunt with Lions Safari! Lion Earl Kleiser of the James City Lions Club is helping DG Homer jumpstart this longstanding Lions tradition of visiting Lions Club meetings besides your own.

Why would you want to do that?

Introduce new Lions to Lions outside of your club. The dynamics of clubs often vary. Being introduced to longstanding traditions in another setting spawns ideas for new Lions to embrace meaningful – and sometimes just downright fun – gathering elements to reconnect your Lions to why they became Lions.

Ideas for service activities and fundraisers. Many Lions Clubs sell brooms, LOVF tickets, hold yard sales, 50/50 raffles, and other fundraisers. You heard about a club that sells about three times what your club sells. What's their secret? Is it something you could locally adapt to put some punch into your club's product sales? Maybe another club has capitalized on a need in their community that has influenced particular service projects for them. How can your Lions adapt their idea for your community?

Fun! What would get Lions from another club to visit your meeting more than retrieving their gong and gavel or club banner, meeting signage or other furnishing they regularly use? Inject a little fun into your visit by giving a piece of another club's meeting a ride back to your meeting place – and ensure visitors for your next meeting! Beautiful friendships have started that way.

According to Lion Phil Giles of the James City Lions Club:

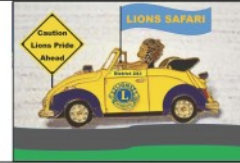
"Attending a Lions Safari is a fun experience that also provides a unique perspective into how other Lions Clubs work. Each club is unique and develops its own ways of working, but yet each club achieves the same Lions missions in serving its own community. There is much we can learn from listening to one another. Regardless of club size or number of years in service, no club is better than another and we all have something to learn from each other."

Clubs that have the most visitations in a Lions year are eligible to win \$500 toward club projects. For the 2022-2023 Lions year, Virginia Beach Bayside Lions made 18 visits to other clubs. Second place goes to James City with 5 visits, Williamsburg Host, New Kent County, Virginia Beach Southside, and Virginia Beach Town Center-Blind all tied for third with one visit each.

Congratulations, VB Bayside Lions! Now *that* makes Lion Safari a win-win for your Lions!

To learn more about Lion Safari, contact Lion Earl at ekleiser@cox.net, visit the [District 24-I website](#) for forms, or take a look at page 11.

**District 24-I
2023-24 Lions Safari Award
Club Visitation Reporting Form**



1. To earn the District Governor's *Lions Safari banner patch*, clubs must visit at least three (3) clubs in a different Zone or Region & one (1) or more within own Zone. Minimum of four (4) visits. Clubs in Zone Q are allowed three (3) in Zone Q & one (1) outside Zone Q. (*Attending a Zoom meeting counts.*)

2. Valid *Lions Safari Visiting Teams*

| Lions Club Total Membership | Lions Safari Team |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1-10 members | Minimum of two (2) Lions per visit |
| 11-25 members | Minimum of three (3) Lions per visit |
| 26- 45 members | Minimum of four (4) Lions per visit |
| 46 or more | Minimum of five (5) Lion per visit |

3. This form must be postmarked or emailed within two (2) weeks of the Club visit.

| Date of Visit: | Visitation Report Name of Clubs (<i>insert Below</i>) | Region | Zone |
|----------------|--|-------------|------|
| Visiting Club: | | | |
| Club Visited: | | | |
| Name of Lion: | | Phone/Email | |

| Names of Lions Visiting: | Total Members in MyLCI June 30 |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. | 11. |
| 2. | 12. |
| 3. | 13. |
| 4. | 14. |
| 5. | 15. |
| 6. | 16. |
| 7. | 17. |
| 8. | 18. |
| 9. | 19. |
| 10. | 20. |

I certify that the Lions listed above visited _____ Lions Club
 On this Date: _____ Signed: _____
 President [] Secretary []

Send Report to: **Lion Earl Kleiser,** *Lions Safari Committee Chair*
 176 S. Turnberry
 Williamsburg, VA. 23188-8924
 Phone: 757-345-0003
 Email: ekleiser@cox.net

Report postmark / email Date: _____ Date Received: _____



Registration Form
District 24-I Fall Conference
Sowing Seeds of Lionism
October 13-14, 2023

Clarion Hotel - Historic Williamsburg / 3032 Richmond Road, Williamsburg, VA 23185

| October 13 | Friday Conference Overview |
|----------------------------|--|
| 5:30-8:00 pm | Registration |
| | Reception/Cash Bar |
| | Dinner Taco Bar |
| | Entertainment/Auction |
| October 14 | Saturday Conference Overview |
| 8:30 am-6:30 pm | Registration |
| | Breakfast Coffee/Pastries |
| | Education Sessions (e.g., Lions Portal, Childhood Cancer, Mentoring) |
| | Idea Garden/Pin Trading |
| | Lunch Buffet/Cabinet Meeting |
| | Conference Dinner/Cash Bar/Featured Speaker |
| Entertainment/50-50 Raffle | |

Mail the Registration Form below with your check
 (payable to District 24-I Fall Conference) to:

PID Hauser Weiler, 267 Dawson Lane, Whitestone, VA 22578 (hauser2020@gmail.com)

Note: Registration Form and check must be received by PID Hauser Weiler
 no later than **September 29, 2023**.

Please submit a separate Registration Form for each person. Print information.

| Registration Form | | Cost |
|---------------------|---|-----------------|
| Registration | Includes Meals & Fall Conference Pin | \$70.00 |
| Name: | Club: | Position Held: |
| Email: | Phone: | Total Enclosed: |

HOTEL RESERVATIONS For October 13 and/or October 14 hotel reservations at the Clarion Hotel, call 757.565.2600 and mention the Lions rate of \$79 + tax with continental breakfast. Hotel registration deadline is September 30, 2023; hotel cancellation deadline is October 10, 2023. Note: The hotel is holding a block of 25 rooms for conference attendees who wish to tour, shop, or dine in the area during the weekend.

See below for additional lodging options.



Additional Lodging Options

| | | |
|---|--|--------------|
| Hampton Inn & Suites | 1880 Richmond Road, Williamsburg, VA 23185 | 757.229.4900 |
| Hilton Garden Inn | 1624 Richmond Road, Williamsburg, VA 23185 | 757.253.9400 |
| Residence Inn by Marriott | 1648 Richmond Road, Williamsburg, VA 23185 | 757.941.2000 |
| Springhill Suites by Marriott | 1644 Richmond Road, Williamsburg, VA 23185 | 757.941.3000 |
| Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott | 1402 Richmond Road, Williamsburg, VA 23185 | 757.645.3600 |

District 24-I Lions & Old Dominion University brings you...



SPORTS EXPLOSION WEEKEND AND FAMILY CAMP!

at
Triple R Ranch • Chesapeake, Virginia

October 20 - 22, 2023

Offering a variety of fun activities including:
Goalball • Beep Baseball • Rock Climbing • Fishing
...and more!

The Cost?

FREE, thanks to the Lions of District 24-I and the Lions Charity Foundation of Southeastern Virginia.

Hey There!

Join us this October at Triple R Ranch in Chesapeake, Virginia for our Sports Explosion Weekend and Family Camp. Campers will have the opportunity to enjoy a fun filled weekend of sports and recreational activities specifically designed for persons with visual impairments.

The Lions Sports Explosion Weekend and Family Camp is an overnight blind sports program specifically tailored for youth with visual impairments ages 9 to 19 years old.

This is the first program of its kind in the state of Virginia, and we cannot wait to have you join us!



To obtain a registration form scan the QR code.

For additional information please contact:
Lion Pat Kerr
Lionpatk@cox.net
757-229-0991

Thanks To Our Partners:





**DISTRICT 24-I DISTRICT GOVERNOR
SCHEDULED EVENTS, MEETINGS, CLUB VISITATIONS**
Military time is based on a 24-hour clock. (AM & PM not used)



| Date | Time | MD 24 and District 24I Events | Location | Confirm |
|--------------|-----------|--|---|---------|
| August 1 | 1700-2100 | Oceanside Lions: Green Run National Night Out | Green Run High School 1700 Dahlia Drive, VB | Y |
| August 5 | 1000 | Virginia Beach Town Center Blind | Independence Center, VB | Y |
| August 6 | 1100-1600 | Thalia Lions Blood Drive | VB Christian Church, VB (For more info, contact Thalia Lions) | Y |
| August 10 | 700 | Chesterfield Prevent Blindness Morning | Shoney's 9963 Hull Street Rd, Midlothian | Y |
| August 10 | 800 | Thalia Lions' VB Jump Start Back-to- School Vision Screening | Corporate Landing Middle School | |
| August 10 | 1400 | Memorial for PCC Clay Senecal | Ambassador Club, Portsmouth | Y |
| August 12 | 1600-2100 | New Kent County Shrimp Feast * | Providence Forge Recreation center | Y |
| August 14 | 1800 | Clarksville Lions Club | St. Timothy Episcopal Church, Clarksville | Y |
| August 24 | 1800 | Lions Medical Eye Bank Annual Dinner | Norfolk Yacht & Country Club | Y |
| August 26 | 1800 | Southeastern Virginia Filipino- American Lions Club Charter night * | Weston Hotel, Virginia Beach | Y |
| August 27 | TBA | Global Extension Team training | Zoom | |
| September 13 | TBA | Oceanside Lions' Sullivan House vision screening | Sullivan House 2033 General Booth Blvd, VB | Y |
| Sept. 15-16 | TBA | 24-C Fall Conference | Wytheville, VA | Y |
| Sept. 21-23 | 1400 | USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum | Reno, NV USA | Y |
| September 23 | 800 | Suffolk Rods and Muscle Car Show * | Nansemond Suffolk Academy | |
| September 30 | 1800 | Suffolk Lions 100th Charter night * | Suffolk Elks Lodge | y |