



# The Lions Roar

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*Helen Person, District Governor*

## *Who's on deck in your club?*

Here it is: March. It's the time of year when Lions Clubs are looking to big spring events, fundraisers, outdoor service projects – and getting ready for the next Lions year. The big question is:

### ***Who will be your next Club President?***

- A dynamo who's a natural born leader others love to follow?
- A steady, sure hand who is exactly what your Lions need to help them get a rowdy bunch in order, invites engaging speakers, and steers your Lions on the road to Club Excellence?
- The only one who would say "yes" or has been serving in the same position for over five years and shows no sign of relinquishing the throne?

Has your **Vice-President** been serving in the same slot for longer than anybody can remember? He/she seems to be content with filling in when the President can't attend a meeting and has no desire to ascend to lead the Club.

What about **Secretary**? Does the incumbent believe their only responsibility is to take the meeting minutes and send out thank you notes to the speakers? When was the last time he/she signed into MyLCI to report membership changes or update member information?

Being **Treasurer** requires someone who is organized, can balance a checking account or, in this case, two checking accounts, pays invoices in a timely manner, and ensures your Club is compliant with various government entities. What if something happened to him or her? Does anyone else know how to serve as Treasurer? Does your Treasurer know how to access club information on MyLCI?

If your Club President search falls into Door #3, it's time for a conversation among your members. Your current President may believe he/she is doing everyone a favor by staying in the position – again – when she/he might really like to be the Membership Chair or an Event Chair. Have you asked them whether they really want to keep serving as President?

Or maybe someone else is considering serving, but doesn't know what is involved. If you want to know more about serving as a Club Officer, I invite you to visit the Lions Learning Center available through your login on MyLCI/MyLion. About 30 minutes later, you'll have a good idea of the responsibilities for that position – and how you can develop not only your Lions leadership skill set, but your personal and professional leadership skills, as well.

Lions membership brings with it myriad benefits. Developing leadership skills is one of them. Start at your Club level employing some of the most valuable leadership traits you can imagine.

Raise your hand. Stand up. And move to the front of the room. It's your turn.

*Lion Helen* District Governor

## ***Did You Know?***

**Lion Homer Cook  
1st Vice District Governor**

1. If you have an iPhone there are two buttons that, when pushed and held, will call 911? I found out when it happened. You can go into your settings and delete that feature, I did.
2. You are adapting to change from the day you are born. However, the older we get the more we seem to be set in our ways and resistant to change. Why not look at change as a way to expand your Horizons?
3. We just held a joint winter conference and had over 150 Lions in attendance. It was a change and it went over well.
4. We will send out information on a District-wide build-a-vision meeting. All Lions are invited to attend; we want your input. We may even have PID Jerome Zoom in to kick off the meeting.
5. I have been told that in the dark ages (Before Covid) we would have District Meetings in addition to Cabinet meetings. As I understand it, some people feel intimidated about attending a Cabinet meeting. Do you want to try District meetings again?
6. Lions have a program called Lions Quest that involves Social and Emotional Learning. This program is proving to be a success with troubled youth in Alabama. Look at the program online and, if you want more information, we can get it. PID Jerome has indicated he will gladly Zoom in when we have the introduction meeting for the district.
7. I have not filled all my cabinet positions for the upcoming year. If you are interested, please let me know. I would want Lions who are interested in the position rather than saying yes because I twisted their arm into saying yes.
8. When was the last time you attended a leadership day in the district? I plan on having a few of them during the year so we will all be on the same page.

How can I assist you in your Lions' Journey?

Thanks, 1st VDG Lion Homer Cook

We are always looking for Lions willing to be the Zone and Region chairs. If you're interested:

<https://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/districts/zone-region-chairperson.php>

LCI has created a new position which is the Global Extension Team and I am searching for a person who would like to be considered for that position. If you're interested:

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/gmt-and-get-toolkit>

At Winterfest we were challenged by PID Jerome to schedule and hold our Build a Vision meeting for the District. That meeting has been scheduled 13 May from 10 AM to 3 PM and we look forward to a large turnout of Lions who want to make a difference in the District. More information will be sent out so look for it.

## Lions Club Projects

### James City Lions Club

Williamsburg, VA – February 2023  
Lion Ted Cors



James City Lions Club member Don Butts, with Therapy Dog, Cody, are visiting with Stonehouse Elementary School students. He visits the school with Cody every Monday. He and his Cody also support the James City County Fire Departments. According to Battalion Chief Kerry Henderson – “He and Cody are on call to respond as needed by the James City County Fire Department to help support the mental health needs of first responders by providing emotional support. Research shows that therapy dog services positively impact this population's mental health issues”. While this is not a Lions focus area, it is one more way that Lions volunteer and reach out to serve the community.

Williamsburg, VA – February 25, 2023  
Lion Jack Reitz

J. Blaine Blayton Elementary School is the latest WJCC school to receive a free Trex bench from the James City Lions Club. These benches are donated, one every six months, to the Lions Club for their efforts in recycling soft plastic. The James City Lions Club has donated six benches to area elementary and middle schools. Shown with the Blayton 5th grade "Hive Helpers Recycling Club" are Lions Jack Reitz and Warren Wright.





**Brandermill Midlothian Woodlake Lions Club**

**Midlothian, VA — March 25, 2023**  
**Lion Jim Stewart**

The BMW Lions are sponsoring a Bass Tournament on March 25, 2023. The tournament will be held at the Swift Creek Reservoir (Brandermill) in Midlothian, VA. The tournament begins at 7:00 AM and ends at 2:00 PM. Registration fee is \$100 per boat (\$80 if you pre-register).

We have one unique category aimed at promoting participation of younger fishermen. Our own Lion Tammara Kidd honors the memory of her father by awarding a special trophy and a \$100 cash prize to the winner in the Adult/Youth Category (16 years or younger). This is deemed "The Jesse James Harvey Award". Lion Tammara carries many fond memories in her heart of the joy of being connected with her father as they shared the simple act of fishing together when she was a youth.



(From left) Lion Tammara Kidd and a fisherman



Half of the entry fee will be returned to the fishermen as cash prizes. The remainder will be used by BMW Lions to support visual and hearing impaired and those with juvenile diabetes in our community.

The BMW Lions have been holding these tournaments for over 25 years. Participants can expect to spend a glorious day on this beautiful lake and some of them will walk away with cash prizes and trophies.

Participants in a previous fishing tournament, with a delighted young lady holding her fish for the day.

**New Kent County Lions Club**

**Providence Forge, VA – January 2023**  
**Lion Mary MacDonald, Secretary**

Pictured left to right are Lion Mary MacDonald and Alyssa Luntzer, winner of the Peace Poster Contest at New Kent Middle School. Alyssa's poster went on to win at the District.



## Newport News (Host) Lions Club

Newport News, VA — February 19, 2023  
Channel 13 News Now

A health and service fair gave out vaccines, health screenings, free haircuts and more to the Newport News community Sunday at the First Baptist Church. "Today we're having a health fair for the Hispanic community from First Baptist Church where we're inviting a people from our community to have vaccination for flu and COVID," said Pastor Juan Garcia.

"We're doing a blood pressure screening and sugar screening. We partner with the Southeastern Virginia Health System for that. We also partnered with the Lions Club to do a sight and hearing screening," he said. "We're also doing here a free haircut; we're doing nails," Pastor Garcia told us.



Eyeglasses inspection



Luis Torres with the Lions Club told us: "This is one of the many vans that they have. So like that, they can come in and then we provide the services right here on the spot."

"And today you have people of all ages — children, seniors," said Angela Futrell, Chief Executive Officer with Southeastern Virginia Health System. "People are happy. They're walking table to table. They're getting the information. They're being fed physically, spiritually and emotionally," she said.

## New Kent County Lions Club

Providence Forge, VA – January 2023  
Lion Mary MacDonald, Secretary



Our food drive was so successful. We were able to support two food pantries, New Kent County Social Services and New Hope Pantry in November 2022.



## Thalia Lions Club

Virginia Beach, VA — February 23, 2023

Lion Nancy Watters

On Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> the Thalia Lions Club held their annual James A. Bland musicians contest with eleven contestants. This was an interesting milestone since 2021 is the only year the club has not held a contest since our first 32 years ago. However, this is certainly not a club record for this uniquely Virginian youth music program that began in 1948! Though usually about half are vocal and half are instrumental contestants, this was the year of the piano. Competing were ten pianists from Virginia Beach, Newport News, Yorktown and Norfolk playing Mozart, Prokofiev, Tchaikovsky, Bach, Liszt and Chopin. Only one vocal contestant from Virginia Beach entered.

Incredible talents enjoyed by all in the audience gave the judges a real trial. Only two points of a potential 100 score separated the top three pianists. The winner, Isaac Li from Princess Anne High School, will progress to the sub-district contest on April 21st. The District Bland contest will be on April 28th at the beginning of the District Annual Meeting.

If your club has not learned what Virginia Lions did in 1938 and 1948 to honor James Bland's music career, then it's time for some research! Look at page 18 of the District 24 Directory and contact the representative nearest you.



From left: Isaac Li, 1st Place Winner; Lydia Li, 3rd Place winner; Kobe Langen, 2nd Place winner

## Williamsburg Host Lions Club

Williamsburg, VA — February 2023

Lion Pat Kerr

The Williamsburg Host Lions Club was proud to present Lion Bruce Young with a 56 year Perfect Attendance pin and certificate. Lion Bruce is the longest serving member of our club. He has served in so many ways and received numerous awards throughout his many years as a Lion. He is a very active member and leads by example. We are proud to have him a member of the Williamsburg Host Lions Club family.

From left: Assistant Secretary Lion Doug Brown, Lion Bruce Young and Club President Lion Leo Morrissette



## Chesterfield Prevent Blindness Morning Lions Club

Richmond, VA – December 2022

Lion Richard L. "Dick" Hall

The photo on the right shows the presentation of the Distinguished Humanitarian Award of the Lions of Virginia to Lion President Nina Cox of the Chesterfield Prevent Blindness Morning Lions Club. She is joined by her husband Mark.

The award was presented to Lion Nina by Past District Governor Lion Lee Winder who came to our Christmas breakfast meeting.



## James City Lions Club

Williamsburg, VA – February 2023

Lion Ted Cors

James City Lion Mike Carr, in conjunction with other Mennonites, is voluntarily spending more than a month in Bastrop, Texas building homes. These new homes are for families whose homes were destroyed by a tornado in 2022. Although this is not a Lion's focus area, it is one more way that James City Lions reach out to others in humanitarian service.





### Winterfest: Find Your Friends and Favorite Speakers







100<sup>th</sup> Lions of Virginia State Convention  
 April 26 - 30, 2023  
 Delta Hotel by Marriott Bristol  
 3135 Linden Drive, Bristol, VA 24202 276-466-4100

Please fill out one form per attendee

- Host Lions Club**  
Bristol Twin Cities Lions Club
- Convention Chairperson**  
John Seaborn, DPG
- Registration Chairperson**  
Lion Tammie Brightwell
- Booths and Exhibits**  
Jean Cook, FVDG
- Treasurer**  
Lion Lisa Seaborn
- International Guest**  
ID Ken Ibarra  
Lion Amy Fink  
San Bruno, California
- Escorts**  
ID Jay and Lion Nancy  
Moughon

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

Best Email or Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

District 24- \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Circle all that apply: Lion Lioness Leo PDG PCC PID

**Guest Hotel reservations must be made by April 5, 2023 to get the room rate of \$99.00 + tax. Reservations can be made directly by calling (276) 466-4100. Online please use GROUP codes LV2LV2A for King Bed and LV2LV2C for double queen room. If calling hotel ask for group block 2023 Lions Club State Convention.**

Registration: before 3/31/23 - \$25 includes pin \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 \$30 after 4/1/23

Thursday Night- Beach Party - \$30.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 DG Tom Street - Shag/Line Dancing - Cash Bar

Thursday Night 50/50 - 10 for \$5.00 (Red) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Friday - Convention Breakfast - \$18.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Friday - Pin Traders Luncheon - \$25.00 includes pin \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday - PDG/Convention Breakfast - \$18.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday - LOVF Luncheon - \$25.00 includes pin \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Night Banquet - \$40.00 Cash Bar Available \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Night 50/50 tickets 10 for \$5.00 (Blue) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Sunday Fellowship Breakfast - \$18.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Exhibit Tables: Check choice of table requested \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Commercial Table: \$100.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Commercial Tables (using electricity): \$120.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Lions Club Members: \$35.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Lions Club Members (using electricity): \$50.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Items to be sold or displayed \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Make check payable to: Lions of Virginia 2023 State Convention**

**Mail form and payment to: Lion Tammie Brightwell  
 501 Elm Ave SW, Roanoke, VA 24016**



**DISTRICT 24-I DG CALENDAR of SCHEDULED EVENTS,  
MEETINGS and CLUB VISITATIONS**



Date	Time	MD 24 and District 24I Events	Location	Confirm
March 16, 2023	6:00 p.m. Social 6:30 p.m. Dinner	Poquoson Lions Club Charter Night	Holiday Inn 980 Omni Blvd. Newport News, VA 23606	✓
March 18, 2023	5:00 p.m. Social 6:00 p.m. Dinner	New Kent County Lions Club 41st Charter Night	Providence Forge Recreation Cntr. 9900 Carriage Road Providence Forge, VA 23140	✓
March 21, 2023	12:00 – 1:00 p.m.	Farmville Lions Club	The Woodland Community Center 2003 Cobb Street Farmville, VA 23901	✓
April 22, 2023	5:00 p.m. Social 6:00 p.m. Dinner	Northumberland Lions Club 70th Charter Night	TBD	✓
April 22, 2023	8:00 p.m.	Chesapeake Southside Lions Club 75th Charter Night	Norfolk Yacht and Country Club 7001 Hampton Blvd. Norfolk, VA 23505	✓
April 28-30, 2023	Times to be announced	Multiple District State Convention	Delta Hotel by Marriott Bristol, VA 24202	✓
May 20, 2023	6:00 – 9:00 p.m.	Chesapeake Host Lions Club 75th Charter Night	Great Bridge Presbyterian Church 333 Cedar Road Chesapeake, VA 23332	✓
June 6, 2023	6:00 p.m.	Farmville Lions Club 100th Charter Night	The Woodland Community Center 2003 Cobb Street Farmville, VA 23901	✓

**Help Wanted: Van Driver from VB area to Burkeville Lodge for the Blind**

A volunteer driver is needed 5 - 6 times annually: Labor Day, 1st weekend in December, Memorial Day weekend, Valentine’s weekend, and July 4th.

The job requires passenger pickup and delivery

The van is for 15 passengers

Gas is paid by VAWB

Days required are Friday-Sunday and occasional holiday Monday

**For the Driver: Volunteer**

VAWB includes weekend accommodations and meals in BV Lodge for driver only. Volunteer can bring one guest for \$75 for the weekend through Sunday morning; \$40 for additional day through Monday breakfast (\$115 for 4-day weekend with Friday dinner—Monday breakfast).