

LIONS



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Why do we report to Lions Clubs International

District Governor Greg Cole



Lions Clubs in America and around the world have survived for over 100 years. Largely due to our leadership teams at LCI being ready to change with the times. When strategies are put into place to overcome challenges, LCI collects data that will allow clubs to **determine how well a solution is performing**, and whether an approach needs to be tweaked or changed over the long-term. Vital Data is collected for 12 important reasons:

- To Improve People's Lives.** By allowing you to measure and take action, an effective data system can enable your organization to improve the quality of people's lives.
- Make Informed Decisions:**Data = Knowledge. Good data provides indisputable evidence, while anecdotal evidence, assumptions, or abstract observation might lead to wasted resources due to taking action based on an incorrect conclusion.
- Stop Molehills from Turning Into Mountains:** By utilizing data for quality monitoring, organizations are able to respond to challenges before they become full-blown crisis. Effective quality monitoring will allow your organization to be proactive rather than reactive and will support the organization to maintain best practices over time.
- Get the Results You Want:** Data allows organizations to measure the effectiveness of a given strategy. When strategies are put into place to overcome a challenge, collecting data will allow you to determine how well your solution is performing, and whether your approach needs to be tweaked or changed over the long-term.
- Find Solutions to Problems:** Data allows organizations to more effectively determine the cause of problems. Data allows organizations to visualize relationships between what is happening in different locations, departments, and systems. Looking at these data points side-by-side allows us to develop more accurate theories and put into place more effective solutions.
- BackUp Your Arguments:**Data is a key component to systems advocacy. Utilizing data will help present a strong argument for systems change. Whether you are advocating for increased funding from public or private sources, or making the case for changes in regulation, illustrating your argument through the use of data will allow you to demonstrate why changes are needed.
- Stop the Guessing Game:**Data will help you explain (both good and bad) decisions to your stakeholders. Whether or not your strategies and decisions have the outcome you anticipated, you can be confident that you developed your approach based not upon guesses, but good solid facts.
- Be Strategic in Your Approaches:**Data increases efficiency. Effective data collection and analysis will allow you to direct scarce resources where they are most needed. If the issue is isolated, training, staffing, or other resources can be deployed precisely where they are needed, as opposed to system wide.
- Know What You Are Doing Well:** Data allows you to replicate areas of strength across your organization. Data analysis will support you to identify high-performing programs, service areas, and people. Once you identify your high-performers, you can study them to develop strategies to assist programs, service areas and people that are low-performing.
- Keep Track of It All:** Good data allows organizations to establish baselines, benchmarks, and goals to keep moving forward. Collecting data will allow your organization to set goals for performance and celebrate your successes when they are achieved.
- Make the Most of Your Money:** Funding is increasingly outcome and data driven. With the shift from funding that is based on services provided to funding that is based on outcomes achieved, it is increasingly important for organizations to implement evidence-based practice and develop systems to collect and analyze data.
- Access the Resources Around You:** LCI already shares most of the data and expertise you need to begin analysis. These are the reasons we need to continue to report accurate data.

The results are in: It was a hit

Vice District Governor Helen Person

When you add a twist to a tried-and-true Lions tradition, there is no small amount of risk associated with the twist. Organizers worry that the event will be met with massive tearing of clothes, gnashing of teeth, and sitting in a pile of ashes with poo on their heads. Hence, nothing new happens, Lions complain about each event looking the same year after year.



And they stop attending.

When the 2021 Fall Conference was in planning stages, our District Governor wanted to ensure that Lions left energized with new ideas and a rekindling of the passion that brought them to Lions in the first place. Observing on-site responses to everything from the Friday night social to the Denim and Diamond Dinner, those of us on the planning side felt great about what we were hearing and seeing.

The post-event survey confirmed DG Greg's belief that it was time for a twist – and I, for one – am delighted! Lions enjoyed the casual atmosphere punctuated with our traditional Lions elements. You told us you really liked the morning session with Teaser Talks showcasing what you would have the opportunity to explore in the afternoon Lions Expo with Poker Run. The afternoon sessions



focused on incorporating new traditions into longstanding ones; learning to delegate rather than dictating to Lions what needed doing; planning for the future; and tapping into your club's most valuable resources. While not "official" Lions training sessions, the topics were certainly timely and relevant to the condition of many of our clubs.

After lunch, I went outside with other Lions to have a photo taken of the Lions of Central Virginia Mobile Health Unit with representatives of the organizations that helped make it possible. The Lions Expo had opened, so when I returned to the hall a few minutes later. I've attended previous Lions events with exhibit halls, so I honestly half expected that our 19 exhibitors might be standing alone at their tables talking with each other with a few Lions milling about.

Imagine my surprise when I walked back inside and saw real interaction among Lions crowded in the exhibits asking questions, talking with Lions from other clubs, sharing ideas and, generally, being inspired. It was so exciting! Our Lions were invigorated!

Most exciting, as well, was the response our Lions gave to Brooke Coleman representing Leader Dogs for the Blind. This young Christopher Newport University freshman left not a dry eye in the house as she shared her journey since her diagnosis at age 7 with retinitis pigmentosa. She and her Leader Dog Sampson captured the hearts of the over 120 Lions present as evidenced by the number of clubs that visited her Expo table and wanted to hear more.

Brooke has since joined the Virginia Beach Town Center-Blind Club with her aunt Elizabeth Blancke looking to connect with the Manassas Lions Club where she lives. Her mother Dawn and younger sister Breanna are planning to get involved with a Lions Club in the Harrisonburg area where they live. A true Multiple District opportunity!

On a personal note, I was delighted to have several of you let me know of your interest in serving on the 2022-2023 District 24-I Cabinet. We have some exciting twists coming to make leadership service more available for members with busy schedules outside of Lions. If you'd like to learn more, please get in touch with me. Send me an email to lionhelenperson@gmail.com or give me a call at 434-294-9234. I'd love to talk with you.

It's time for a new Lions day. The time is now.



Amazing presentation explaining the wonderful Lions Club Leader Dog program by college student: Brooke Coleman (Our Hero!) & her service dog Sampson



Lion Brooke Coleman is the newest member of the Town Center - Blind Lions

New Years' Service

2nd Vice District Governor

Homer Cook

There is a Naval tradition that the first entry in the log on 1 Jan be in verse. A poet I am not, nor ever will be, but I thought I would give it a shot for you all to see. SO HERE GOES!!!

'Twas near the end of November and all was a clatter.

The service project was coming

and that was all that would matter.

Our solo service project was near, the first in over a year.

The plans were distributed and the needed stores had contributed.

The day came and the club members shined.

The food that was put out made everyone pine.

The thanks we received was joy indeed.

Writing checks is good but service is better,

since service shows what really matters.

Take some time and plan a project,

you might be amazed at the fun and frolic.

A service organization we are and a service organization we will be,

so plan a project for all the world to see.

Reporting isn't painful and isn't much fun,

But how else will the world know what Lions have done.

MyLion is online so no stamps are required,

just an internet connection and a little desire.

If you need some assistance let someone know,

the district is here to help with problems when the words just won't flow.

Now type away, type away, type away all!

So Lions can serve others and answer the call.

If you need assistance with MyLion or MyLCI please let us know. Lion Mack and I will be glad to assist you as will numerous other Lions. If service reporting gets to the proper level for our District meeting in February, I will have to be part of a singing group. I have a feeling you are going to make the goal, so I intend to order some ear plugs for general distribution to protect your hearing.

I hope everyone has had a wonderful holiday season and is looking forward to the new year



Global Service Team

PDGBeth Stevens

Lions,

We have several updates to report in the service area this month. First, **Lions Bear Hugs** project goals have changed since Jerry the Bear has been discontinued. The good news is that the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) now owns the app and has agreed to work with us so we can meet our objectives this year. The JDRF Rufus the bear now has the AI patches that works with the educational companion app just like Jerry the Bear. The organization provides the bear through their Bag of Hope program and the new Rufus will be distributed to hospitals in January 2022. In cooperation with JDRF, Lions will offer Rufus and tablets to diabetes educators working in hospitals and clinics located within District 24-I.

These facilities include: Bon Secours, Richmond Health System; Bon Secours, St. Mary's Hospital; Children's Hospital of Richmond, Virginia Commonwealth University; Henrico Doctors Hospital, Richmond; Centra Outpatient



Diabetes Education, Lynchburg; and Children’s Hospital of the King’s Daughters, Norfolk. We’ll purchase Rufus at \$22 to provide to children who want a new bear to take advantage of the educational app. We’re still finalizing the details on the criteria and distribution to the children. Additionally, JDRF is hosting the TypeOneNation Summit on Saturday, March 12, from 8 AM to 12 PM, at the Richmond Marriott Short Pump. This is a free event for anyone in the T1D community and will offer educational breakout sessions, a vendor exhibit hall and a youth program. JDRF would like Lion volunteers to assist with registration and the youth program. If you’d like to volunteer for this event, please contact our District Diabetes Chair, Lion Mary Durbin at mrdurbin@cox.net. **Second, Service Reporting** is still a priority for the Global Action Team. Thanks to the help of many Lions, the district service reporting has increased to 62%. But we still have over 30 clubs who haven’t reported any service activities this year. Please review the club list in this issue for your club. If your club isn’t listed and you know your members have served the community check with your club secretary for answers. Any Club President, Secretary, or Club Administrator who needs assistance entering activities in MyLion can attend the zooms scheduled for Thursday, January 6 and Thursday, January 13. Both Zooms begin at 7 PM. The Zoom link will be sent out via Constant Contact on the Monday prior to the training day. This is one-on-one help so take advantage of it. Our goal is to achieve 80% by Winter Social. Third, the **Governor’s Service Challenge** should give you the incentive your club needs to help others in need. Here are the details:

Governor Club Service Challenge

Rules:

1. Must conduct at least one new service project on the list of 100 easy projects. List can be found at: <https://www.lionsuniversity.org/wp-content/uploads/210-Zone-Chair-100-Simple-Proj-Ideas.pdf>
2. Service Projects MUST be done between November 20, 2021 and February 7, 2022.
3. Service Projects MUST be reported in MyLion within 10 days of completion. Also send an email confirmation to PDG Beth Stevens Lionstevens@cox.net
4. Prize eligibility will be based upon percentage of members that participate in the service project(s).

Prize Eligibility:

- <25% Member participation - \$100.00
- 25% to <50% Member participation - \$250.00
- 50% to <75% Member participation - \$500.00
- 75% to 100% Member participation - \$1,000.00

Drawing: One entry per club. Winners will be drawn during the Winter Social on February 19, 2022
 Together in Service,
 PDG Beth Stevens

Thank You to 57 of 89 Lion Clubs Reporting Service from July 1st to December 26th, 2021

Amherst County	Farmville	Powhatan
Blackstone	Goochland County	Richmond James River
BAMM	Hampton Mercury	Richmond West Breakfast
BMW	James City	South Hill
Brookville-Timberlake	Kenbridge-Victoria	SEVA Fil-Am
Buckingham County	King William County	Sussex County
Cape Charles	Lancaster County	Tappahannock
Central Shore	Lynchburg 7 Hills	Varina
Charlotte	New Kent County	Virginia Beach Aragona-Woodstock
Chase City	Newport News Denbigh	Virginia Beach Bayside
Chesapeake Great Bridge	Newport News Host	Virginia Beach Host
Chesapeake Host	Newport News Warwick	Virginia Beach Kempsville
Chesapeake Southside	Norfolk Little Creek	Virginia Beach Oceanside
Chesapeake Western Branch	Norfolk Norview	Virginia Beach Princess Anne
Churchland	Norfolk Ocean View	Virginia Beach Thalia
Clarksville	Northumberland County	Virginia Beach Town Center – Blind
Danville Host	Onancock	Williamsburg Host
Dinwiddie	Poquoson	Windsor
EVMS	Portsmouth Host	York

Save the Date - Winter Social February 19th

PDG Heather Jones-Lancto

I hope everyone has already marked their calendars for the 24I Winter Social to be held at the Colonial Heritage Club Saturday, February 19, 2022. If you missed the Fall Conference in November, or if you attended and had a great time, the Winter Social is an opportunity to network with other Lions and attend some great training sessions with some amazing Lion Leaders as your instructors.

In the morning we will have the following classes:

10:15AM - 11:05AM

Meetings with a Purpose- SVDG Homer Cook - Heritage Room

Service from the Heart - PDG Beth Stevens - King & Queen Room

11:15AM - 12:05PM

Leading with Passion- VDG Helen Person - Heritage Room

Strengthening the Pride - Lion Mack Stevens - King & Queen Room

After the Luncheon with our keynote speaker, LCIF International Vice Chairperson J. Frank Moore, III, Past International President, we will have our District Cabinet Meeting.

I hope to see you all there!

-PDG Heather Jones-Lancto, GLT24I heamejlon@yahoo.com

If you enjoyed the District 24-I Fall Conference sessions and vendors in Farmville, mark your calendars for the 24-I Winter Conference



February 19th from 9 am to 4pm
at the Colonial Heritage Clubhouse
in Williamsburg, Virginia.

Host: James City Lions Club

Registration: Forms will be available the first week
of January with detailed information.

- ❖ You'll enjoy educational sessions planned by GLT Heather Jones-Lancto, PDG.
- ❖ Special LCI Guest & Luncheon Speaker, PIP Frank Moore.
- ❖ 3rd Quarter Cabinet Meeting and Service Project with GST Beth Stevens, PDG.
- ❖ A Wine and Cheese Social following the afternoon Cabinet Meeting.

Come with a Purpose and Leave with a Passion to Serve with Love.

Don't be a One-Man Band

Lion Mack Stevens 24-I Global Membership Coach

As a Lions Club, we are a team. I teach High school and I coach our school's Technology Student Association (TSA). It's a club for students who like to explore technology and make projects that reinforce what I teach in the classroom. We make the projects all year long and then we go to conferences to present the projects to judges. The best projects compete at state conference and if they are recognized in the top 3 they can represent Virginia at the National Conference. What an opportunity for my students to stand out to colleges. Each year I lose members and I must recruit new members. I don't force anyone to join, I show them the opportunities and align their goals to what we do. When students see value in what we do, they join and participate. As coach, I'm only a resource. I offer the opportunity, the rules, the materials, transportation, and leadership. Each team has a team leader, a plan, and produces a product. Our TSA club has a history of doing well in competitions. Brothers and Sisters recommend the club to younger siblings. More members can allow us to explore more competitions and more students with opportunities. This is why our club perpetuates. Some students get so worried about the details, they get overwhelmed and resign or drop off the team. Teams that read and follow the rules, plan their project, execute, and produce excellent products and prepare their presentation have a good opportunity to be recognized at state and sometimes at the national level.

What does all this have to do with your Lions Club. If you are reading this, it's likely you are a very active member and more likely club leadership. So how do you get your club members to participate. It's all about helping your members reach their goals. What projects do they want to do? What cause do they want to support? If you are a resource that helps the members make their dreams come true, people will participate and bring their friends and family. The more people that Participate the more projects can be done and the more people can be served.

If you watched Television in the last 2 months, you repeatedly saw a Hershey's Chocolate Kiss commercial, and each kiss was a different sound that represents a hand bell. The advertisement has been very popular since it first aired in 1989. In 16 seconds, we see a group of kisses in a tree shape with flags relaxed but the leader steps up, straightens his flag and clears his throat and they all snap to attention. The kiss at the front waves their flag on the beat and points to the kiss that needs to ring their bell. As they ring out, the song "We Wish You a Merry Christmas" plays. It's obvious that the bells have practiced for months to make this concert possible. They work as a team to produce this wonderful music for the audience and one wrong move could be disaster. As the last bell rings, it wipes its brow and utters whew. An employee at Hershey's Chocolate company was making a different commercial and finished early. He used the extra time to make this simple 16 second commercial. The employee did not pitch it to his boss but produced it on his own with company funds. Had his boss not liked the ad, it might have meant the end of his career but instead it has been the longest running ad ever.

If you have ever watched a hand bell choir, typically about 5 people would be needed to play the 10 bells to produce the song and a conductor would be helpful to mark time. Imagine if 2 of the 5 were sick on performance night. It would be very difficult to have the concert. Most of the time by show time there is no need for the conductor to be on stage. The conductor however for the past few months is usually the one who has organized, called practices, calms nerves, cares about small details and the performers want to do their best because of the conductor's expectations.

Are you expecting your Lions members to pull together as a team, show up for practice, support each other, listen to you as the coach, do their part, make sacrifices, present an excellent performance? Do people look at your Lions Club and say how can I be part of that team? Am I able to wear the uniform, how can I get involved? Are you as the leaders encouraging and expecting participation?



Alternately, have you ever seen a one-man band? Watch this video: <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=6HsLrDvfloo> and see if you see the same things I see. Actually, Anders Flanderz one man band show is amazing, I suggest you watch some of his other videos, he is very talented. The reason I chose this video is, in this one, he asks for HELP!! encourage each of you to get people to HELP your Lions club. Ask them if they have friends who can help too – more hands, more service. It takes pressure off when they aren't the only one helping. When you only have one helper it can be a lot of pressure, a huge spotlight and if it goes wrong don't say – I GAVE YOU ONE JOB!!! You definitely want to make sure they are successful and know that you appreciate their help. Let's get back to the one-man band. Here are some questions – Is it entertaining? YES. Why – he's playing all those instruments and we can recognize the music. Is the music good? No, Funny? Yes, Good? No. I would not buy a CD and play it at my house. He is entertaining though, it's like a train wreck, you know

you don't have time to look but you can't walk away. Notice that some people like it, some people try to get away because it's just noise to them and some people feel sad for the clown who walks the street asking for nickels! People get in their mind a free performance probably will not be worth the time. Are people seeing your Lions Club as a one-man band? Are you playing 11 instruments with 2 hands? Do people see your free performance and say they don't need my help? Are we doing projects on the largest and grandest scale possible or is our music barely recognizable? Even if you can be a one-man band, IT'S NOT A SUSTAINABLE MODEL– you know he has twisted neck pain, ringing in the ears, leg and back pain and he is just plain tired.

I encourage you to be a good conductor and not a one-man band. Find ways that you can ask for help from people in your community, give them a cause that they really want to help. Become an influencer and gain followers for your Lions Club. Ask your members to brainstorm larger scale projects so people will ask how can I become a member and wear that shirt and Lions Pin!

News from your LCIF District Coordinator:

PDG Scott Durbin

We have been doing well with our donations. Many club have taken to using the little donation box and passing it around at meetings to get contributions. Each club has been unique in its approach to donating to the box. Congratulations to those clubs for their inventiveness and thinking outside the box or Shoe to find new ways and ideas.

In the past few years, we have dedicated Lions who no longer can perform the activities or lions clubs due to their health. Please talk to them and see if perhaps they cannot make one final contribution to Lions with a special gift. What gift do you ask? A Legacy donation to LCIF. The best part of this is the gift costs them nothing now only a promise and it only signifies their intent.

I know this causes you to ask a lot of questions and I will try to answer them here. A Legacy donation is a charitable gift from your estate or financial accounts. The gift can be of any size. The gifts are officially recognized when they are over \$10,000 but any amount is accepted. For those of you who are asking what if all the money is gone on the member's passing? ---If it's gone, it's gone. But it is their intent to provide the money from their estate that is important. It

shows how much the Lion Member shows their desire and believe in helping those in need in their community and around the world.

Please feel free to call me if you need a form or more information on this effort and how it can help your club, LCI and LCIF. You can reach me at 757-749-8567 or through email at sbdurbin@cox.net

And remember when you are making donations for Disaster Relief, just earmark it for Disaster Relief. IF you get to specific with the donation it cannot be used and will sit in an account unavailable for use. This is just the policy of LCIF. SO please identify your donations to help those suffering from floods, tornadoes, hurricanes or other natural disasters as DISASTER RELIEF.

Finally, Happy Holidays and for a new year and reach outside the box for new ways to help our neighbors and communities.

CLUB SPOTLIGHT

On Sunday, December 5, 2021, **the Aragona - Woodstock Lions Club** conducted a LAMP project at the Salvation Army Residence Center on Virginia Beach Boulevard. A total of 42 men participated in the vision screenings. 13 men were given readers, 22 men were given prescription glasses, and only 3 men will need to have glasses made. 27 pairs of non-prescription sun glasses were given, and cases were given for each pair of glasses and/or sunglasses. We also provided glucose testing and hearing screenings. 3 men need hearing aids. One gentleman in the Center knew that he was diabetic; however, he did not have access to any supplies or insulin. His glucose reading was so high that he was taken to the Emergency Room. All of the men were very appreciative. It was a very successful event! All our hard work at the Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center paid off! We want to give a special shout out to PDG Jeff Gaddis for driving the LAMP trailer to the event and back. We also had a mother of five children in our area who requested assistance. She came to the Center, and she was given Wal-Mart gift cards and a ham from our Club.

Lion Chris Johnson, Secretary
Aragona-Woodstock Lions Club



The **Phoebus Lions** provided 40 breakfast bags for the homeless in the "A Night's Welcome" program on the Peninsula. Pictured (L to R) Lion Pete Krantz, Future Lion Reese Krantz, Lion Holly Krantz, Lion Mary Parker, Lion Pat Parker and Lion Bob Hoffman. Not pictured is cameraman Future Lion Evan Krantz.

The **Phoebus Lions** partnered with the Saint Marks United Methodist Men to provide 6 Blessing baskets of household items to the Family Resource Center at Mary Peake Elementary School. In total with baskets from other organizations, over 20 families were served. Pictured (L to R) Saint Mark's UMM George Curtis and Bill Derby along with Lions Pete Krantz and Frank Huff.



"Small disciplines repeated with consistency every day lead to great achievements gained slowly over time."

- John Maxwell



Our Lion Tail Twister Mel Rasio (a member for 30 years) has the floor at our **Norfolk Ocean View Lions** Annual Christmas Party. At the table in the foreground are Lion Secretary Gary Coldren and Ms. Ashleigh Patterson, a teacher of hearing-impaired children at Mary Calcott Elementary School. Ocean View Lions have sponsored gifts and pizza parties for the children in the Hearing Impaired/Deaf class at Mary Calcott for over 30 years. The teacher of this class gives a program each year at our Christmas Party about the children.

Northampton Lions Club would like to share our loss with everyone. Our long-time member Pam Pittman passed this past month of congestive heart failure. Please join us in sympathy to her husband of 63 years, Pitt. A service will be held on May.

The **Hampton Mercury Lions Club** has been quite active during 2021 with the following items and activities:

1. Inducted 3 new members
2. Collected over 1000 eye glasses for recycle
3. Helped 12 people receive new glasses
4. Had successful broom sale
5. Helped two other lion clubs with their activities
6. Had 8 Hampton Clean Street events
7. Returned to live meetings last summer on first Tuesday of the month (12:30 pm)

The **Williamsburg Host Lions Club** held their on December 21, 2021 and everyone brought their Lions Hunger Bags filled with non-perishable foods. These bags will be delivered to our local food pantry, FISH. We collected 30-plus full bags and four cases of food. Those who could not attend will bring their bags to our next meeting.



Pictured are L - R Lion Bill Mershon who will deliver the bags and President Paul Kerr.

Thalia Lions, Service with a Heart!

Providing families with food and a memorable holiday season has been a top priority for Thalia Lions Club for several years. Beginning in November 2021, members provided Thanksgiving and Christmas meals to 6 families with a total of 15 children. In addition, each child was given new clothing, toys and supplies all delivered for Christmas. Aside from those families, 10 members and friends participated in a Secret Santa Project. Administered by For Kids, each person was assigned a homeless child, given their size, favorite color, and the child's wish list. Items were purchased and labeled for the child and delivered to the shelter.



On Nov. 27th, Thalia ushered in the Holiday season by hosting Lions SPOT screening at Pembroke Mall for Shop Local Day. About 75 children were screened and participating vendors donated a portion of their proceeds to the Lions Charity Foundation of Southeastern Virginia. The event completed the SPOT vision screenings for the Thalia Lions Club this year. Including Head Start and public schools in Virginia Beach a total of 1,522 children were screened from September through December.

Thalia Lions "Bag Hunger" project is scheduled for January. Twenty-two members will fill the grocery bags with designated items provided by the food pantry at Thalia United Methodist Church. On a date to be announced in late January, the participants will deliver the bags and present them to the food pantry.

Coming on February 10th, Thalia Lions will host a wine tasting at Zoe's in Virginia Beach. Zoe's wine sommelier, Marc Sauter, will showcase 10 wines. The cost is \$50 per person with a limit of 25 people. Contact Lion Nancy Nelson for tickets, 757-412-0756, n4mom27@gmail.com. Please see the included flyer.

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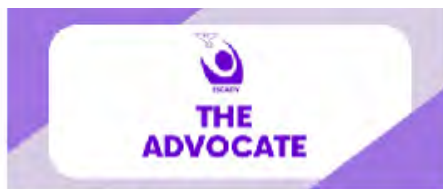
Lions Club Donates to Davis Center in Whitesville

The Onancock Area Lions Club recently made a donation to the Davis Center in Whitesville. The Davis Center is committed to creating a safe haven for individuals and families in the community. Pictured above are Nzinga Henderson, director of community outreach and Whitesville native, and Ernie Swisher, Onancock Area Lions Club president.



Lions Club Donates Sweatpants

The Onancock Area Lions Club recently made a donation of sweatpants to Metompkin Elementary School. Pictured above are Ruth Tankard, principal, and Ernie Swisher, Onancock Area Lions Club president.



Thank You to the Onancock Lions Club

We want to give a big shout out to the Lion's Club of Onancock! They stopped by our Administrative Office to make a generous donation to ESCADV. We appreciate their continued support.

YOU ARE INVITED

Thalia Lions Club
Wine Tasting

with

MARC SAUTER

ADVANCED SOMMELIER

FEBURARY 10, 2022

5:30 PM

Zoe's Steak & Seafood

713 19th Street, Virginia Beach



Take a wine connoisseur's journey with Advanced Sommelier Marc Sauter as you enjoy 10 exquisite wines. Mr. Sauter is a candidate to become a Master Sommelier, an elite association of which the Court of Master Sommeliers states there are only 269 members worldwide. You will be enchanted and informed about fine wines beginning with a Sparkling wine and transitioning to a Rose, three varieties of White, and closing with five bold Reds.

Want to enjoy dinner at Zoe's following the event? Call 757.437.3636 to make reservations or book on OpenTable.

\$50 per person

Limited to 25

A portion of the proceeds to benefit community charity efforts by the Thalia Lions Club

To purchase tickets:

Lion Nancy Nelson

H. 757 412 0756

Virginia Beach, VA 23454

Please make your checks to:

Thalia Lions Club

c/o Lion Nancy Nelson

1871 Calash Way

Virginia Beach, VA 23454

November – December In Memoriam

BRANDERMILL MIDLOTHIAN WOODLAKE LIONS

Charles E. Harrigan

BROOKNEAL LIONS

Harvey F. Elder

CHESAPEAKE SOUTHSIDE LIONS

William T. Perkins

GRETNA LIONS

Joseph G. Aylor Jr

MECHANICSVILLE LIONS

Harold C. Rick Hamlett

ARAGONA WOODSTOCK LIONS

Edwin H. Pingel

BAYSIDE LIONS

A. Ellett Fields Jr.

John C. Reveley III

Reynold C. Zerby

WILLIAMSBURG HOST LIONS

James T. Tussing

YORK LIONS

Dan S. Leonard

Welcome to our New Members
CHESAPEAKESOUTHSIDE LIONS CLUB

Costelethia Crosswhite
Susan A Leuck

CLARKSVILLE LIONS CLUB

Debbi J. Knox
Ramona L. Richardson
Trudy S. Spruill

EASTERN VIRGINIA MEDICAL SCHOOL

Asma Azam
Samuel Dickerson
Anna Marie Dickinson
Taylor Nicole Drake
Steven Forte
Tristan Kuhn
Luke Leidy

LAWRENCEVILLE LIONS CLUB

Adam C. Smith

NEW KENTCOUNTYLIONS CLUB

David R. Pitts
Mayette P. Wilder

NORFOLK HOST LIONS

Beverly A. Prevette

POQUOSON LIONS

Barre B. Gibson
Tammy L. Moore

VIRGINIA BEACH KEMPSVILLE LIONS

Linda M. Harrison

VIRGINIA BEACH TOWN CENTER- BLIND LIONS

Brooke M. Coleman

WILLIAMSBURG HOSTLIONS

Bethany Arrington
Justin A. Haegele
Taylor Harvey
Eddie Hill
Laura Hill
Debbie Miles
Ashley Mireles
Kalleigh West
Rowan Williams

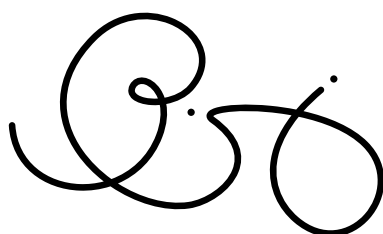
Celebrating Club Charter Anniversaries

Years of Service

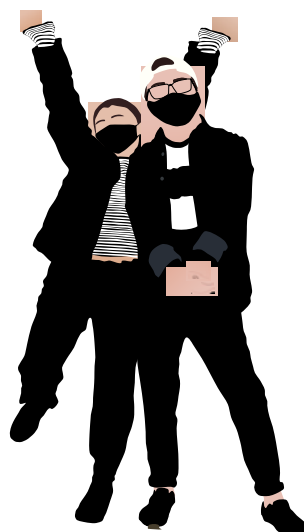
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Chatham Lions Club	January 7, 1941	81
South Boston Lions Club	January 17, 1927	95
Chesterfield Prevent Blindness Lions Club	January 17, 2001	21
Chester Lions Club	January 16, 1939	83
Hopewell Prince George Lions Club	January 2, 1934	88
Tappahannock Lions Club	January 29, 1942	80
New Kent Lions Club	January 22, 1982	40
Newport News Host Lions Club	January 6, 1933	89
Chesapeake Great Bridge Lions Club	January 24, 1957	65
Chesapeake Southside Lions Club	January 23, 1948	74

Total 716 Years



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District 24-I 2021-22 Calendar of Events

MD24, District Meetings, DG Official Visits, Club Fundraising and Service Projects

Date	Time	MD 24 ,District 24I events,	Location	Confirm
DECEMBER 2021				
		<i>Clubs celebrating Charters</i> <i>Varina, Matthews, Northampton, Chesapeake</i> <i>Host, Portsmouth Host, Princess Anne</i>		
December 25		MERRY CHRISTMAS 		
JANUARY 2022				
January 1, 2022		Happy New Year <i>Love to Serve, Serve with Love</i> 		
Jan 11, 2022		Region 4, ZONE I Meeting with Chair Shelia Chewning	Roma's Restaurant Tappahannock	
Jan 14-15		MD 24 COG Meeting Pre-Convention Site Visit	Delta Hotel; Chesapeake	√
Jan. 26, 2022		Zone J Meeting with Chair Brent Bohannon	To be announced	
FEBRUARY				
Feb 8, 2022	6 pm	James City Lions Charter Night With DG Greg Cole, Speaker	Colonial Heritage Club House	√
Feb 19, 2022	9 am – 4pm	SAVE THE DATE: District 24I Winter Conference / Host: James City Lions	Colonial Heritage Clubhouse Williamsburg, VA	√
MARCH				
Mar 4-6, 2022		MD24 Regional Lions Leadership Institute-RLLI	Holiday Inn Valley View	
March 10, 2022		Zone J Meeting	To be announced	
March 18, 2022		COG Meeting and DGE Training	Roanoke MD 24 Office	√
March 25-27, 2022		Central VA and Southeastern Lions Bland Contest	Dates, Location and time to be announced	
APRIL				
April 28- May 1		MD 24 LOV State Convention	Delta Marriott Chesapeake	
April 29, 2022		MD24 Bland Music Scholarship Contest	Delta Marriot Chesapeake	
MAY				
May 17, 2022		Zone J Meeting with Brent Bohannon	To be announced	
JUNE				
June 1-4, 2022		LITPC Alternate Site Swap PTCV Host: PCC Chet Kramer	Doubletree Williamsburg, VA	

If your Lions Club, Zone, or Region has an upcoming meeting or special event in 2022, please let Lion Ann Ragland, PDG and Cabinet Secretary know the date, time, location of the event. *Happy New Year*

Key: √ = confirmed

	MD 24 / District
	Club Fundraiser/ Service
	Club Visit by DG, 1VDG, 2VDG
	Completed event

Call Cabinet Secretary Ann Ragland to Schedule a DG, 1VDG, 2VDG Club Visit, or a Region, Zone Meeting or Club Event or Project





PROJECT PLANNER: Bland Music Contests - Club, Zone, Region Level

The Lions Clubs of Virginia (MD 24) sponsor a music contest for school students called the "Bland Contest" in honor of James Bland, who wrote the original Virginia State Song, through the Bland Foundation a 501C3 organization with a separate Board representing Lions from each Sub District. <http://blandfoundation.org/> This annual Bland Music Scholarship Program was established in 1948 to promote cultural and educational opportunities for the musically talented youth of Virginia. The program consists of elimination contests starting at club level, Zone or Regional level and continuing through the Multiple District LOV Final Contest on Friday, April 29 at the Delta Marriott in Chesapeake during the State Convention. The program is open to any (boy or girl) vocalist or instrumentalist, properly sponsored by a Lions Club in Virginia. Any resident of Virginia (or within the club jurisdiction) and attending elementary, middle, high school, or being homeschooled is eligible to participate. Twelve Finalists compete for the Music Scholarship Awards furnished by the Bland Foundation Board as follows:

- First Place Vocal and Instrumental: \$3000 each
- Second Place Vocal and Instrumental: \$2500 each
- Third Place Vocal and Instrumental: \$2000 each
- Fourth, Fifth, -Sixth Place Vocal and Instrumental: \$1500 each

Over \$25,000 is awarded yearly in state, regional, district, and local scholarships and cash awards. The total amount awarded can vary from year to year.

Project Planner and Timeline

1. **Fall – Early Winter:** Present proposal for the Bland Music Contest as a project during a club or zone meeting. Appoint a committee and chairperson. Print copy of the Bland Handbook **listed in 5.a. link** below)

2. **Mid - Late Winter:**

- a. Set a target date to hold contest between late January, February, or early March.
- b. **Please note that the State contest will be April 29 following school spring breaks, Palm Sunday / Easter weekends. Regional contests will occur March 25- April 10.**
- c. Check Dates for VMEA to avoid when planning as listed on **page 3** of planner.
- d. Choose a location to hold contest with Grand Piano and good acoustics.
- e. Plan to comply with Social Distancing and Covid guidelines if needed for location.
- f. Contact potential professional Judges for availability on date of contest.

(Plan for 4 judges but you may only need 3 depending on # vocal and instrumental contestants.)

- 1) 2 vocal Judges with experience in teaching both male and female vocalists
- 2) 2 instrumental Judges with experience in woodwind & brass & piano & strings
- g. Prepare a budget for the contest. (2 (\$75ea) 1st place awards, 2 (\$50ea) 2nd place awards, 3-4 Judges (\$ 75ea) honorariums, (\$75 as needed) rent or facility fee for use, printing costs.)
- h. Prepare the Application and Registration Form with Club information and due date at least 10 days prior to the contest. See link on Slide 6.
- i. Advise the District Co-Chair of date, time, and location of the contest.
- j. Contact local area public and private schools arts department heads, make sure homeschool groups know of date. Send a copy of the application asking them to post for students.
- k. Set up an event on Facebook and share information. Post application on your Club Website.
- l. As applications are received communicate by email with student and parents about the date, time, location and any details about the event. (dress, #scores, rehearsal, future dates)

3. **Late Winter / Early Spring:**

- a. Format program for contest. If you would like a sample program for your club please contact your Regional Co Chair using information below. Include dates for the next level competition as needed in the printed program for the club and zone contests. (*Usually Sub District Contest and LOV State Competition.*)
- b. Begin contestant line up with lower grades leading up to Junior and Seniors.
- c. Alternate vocal and instrumental contestants to give Judges time to complete their scoring on Score sheets
- d. Print 2-3 copies of Score sheets **listed below in 5.c.** for each student, include in each Judges scoring folder along with copies of the composition being performed.
- e. Other administrative jobs.
 - 1) Advise Students of number copies of score to bring at contest. Return copies to students afterward.
 - 2) Print a LCI *Certificate of Insurance* for facility being used for contest.
[Certificate of Insurance \(lionsclubs.org\)](http://lionsclubs.org)
 - 3) Print Score sheets for each student and for each Judge. See link **5.d & e** below for link to Vocal/ Instrumental Score Sheets
 - 4) Print a participation sheet for each student. **See 5.b** link to website below
 - 5) Print Vocal and Instrumental First and Second Place Templates to be filled in following the tallying of scores. Use template **see 5 h and i** for link to website include red and blue ribbons or color text for placement.
 - 6) Make sure the judges are in agreement with the total scores of the first and second place students.

4. **Spring:** Send Bland Winners Report ASAP to the Region Co-chair if applicable or on to the sub District Chair.

5. **Resources from Bland Foundation Website:**

- a. Official Bland Handbook
<http://blandfoundation.org/BlandHandbook20182019.pdf>
- b. Application/Registration and Rules
<http://blandfoundation.org/BlandRegistration17-18.pdf>.
- c. JudgesScoreSheet <http://blandfoundation.org/Judgesscoresheet16-17.pdf>
- d. TallySheet Instrumental <http://blandfoundation.org/InstTallySheet.pdf>
- e. Tally Sheet Vocal <http://blandfoundation.org/VocalTallySheet16-17.pdf>
- f. TimingSheet <http://blandfoundation.org/TimingSheet16-17.pdf>
- g. Winner Report Form <http://blandfoundation.org/WinnerReportForm.pdf>
- h. BlankCertificate <http://blandfoundation.org/BlankCertificate.pdf>
- i. TemplateCertificate <http://blandfoundation.org/CertFillinTemplete.pdf>

Central Virginia: Regions 1, 2, and 3.	Southeastern Virginia; Regions 4, 5, and 6.
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Dates to Avoid when planning your contests

- December 04, 2021: **District Band Auditions (Districts 1-16)**
- January 08, 2022: **Alternate District Band Audition (Districts 1-16)**
- January 15, 2022: **District Jazz Band Assessment**
- February 04, 2022 - February 05, 2022: **All District Bands**
- February 11, 2022 - February 12, 2022: **All-District Chorus**
- February 11, 2022 - February 12, 2022: **All-Virginia Chorus Auditions**
- February 18, 2022 - February 19, 2022: **Alternate All-District Chorus**
- February 26, 2022: **All-Virginia Band and Orchestra Auditions**
- March 04, 2022 - March 05, 2022: **District Assessment (Districts 1-16) Instrumental**
- March 11, 2022 - March 12, 2022: **District Assessment Instrumental (District 1-16)**
- March 18, 2022 - March 19, 2022: **District Assessment Choral Recommended (District 1-16)**
- March 25, 2022 - March 26, 2022: **Alternate Assessment (Instrumental and Choral)**
- **March 25 Tentative Weekend for District 24-I Central Va. & Southeastern Bland Contests**
- April 1-8 Public Schools **Spring Break** in Regions 1,2,3
- April 01, 2022 - April 02, 2022: **District Instrumental Solo and Ensemble Assessment**
- April 09, 2022: **All-VA Elementary Chorus**
- April 10 **Palm Sunday**
- April 17 **Easter Sunday**
- April 21, 2022 - April 23, 2022: **All-Virginia Band, Chorus and Orchestra**
- 12:00 pm April 22, 2022 - 1:00 pm April 23, 2022: **Alternate Solo and Ensemble Assessment**
- April 25, 2022: **All-Virginia Guitar Ensemble Auditions**
- April 29, 2022: **LIONSMD24 Bland Music Final Competition in Chesapeake**
- April 30, 2022: **All-VA Guitar Ensemble Auditions**

