

"Beyond the Horizon"



Lions Roar

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*Connecting the clubs, communities & needs
for the Lions of Central and Southeastern Virginia. We Serve!*

Serving Your Community During the Pandemic

Lions have always stepped up when needed. The question is how do we step up when we are not allowed to meet in the manner we were accustomed to meeting and serving. This is the challenge all Lions are facing. But as always Lions are stepping up and finding new ways to get things done. We have embraced the use of online meetings in whatever platform is required or used and finding ways to support our communities. We have had a hard time providing service as we once did but we are learning to try new ways and serve in new methods. We have started learning how to conduct our meetings in other ways and how to serve others while still being safe and protected. It has been a true challenge. Through it all the Lions of District 24 I have continued to provide service and serve their communities. Do not be afraid to try something new. Most of all do not forget those lions whose ability to serve is hindered by the pandemic. They are valuable and dedicated. They still have their abilities and their willingness to serve. They can be the online and phone line messengers gathering and informing lions and providing assistance to make the service feasible. We must remember that we serve two communities, the one we live in and the one composed of our fellow Lions who may need our help and support during this time. Let them know you care and have not forgotten them. Thank you Lions of District 24 I for your hard work, inventive nature and willingness to serve.

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LIONS CLUBS



MISSION STATEMENT:

To empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding through Lions clubs.

MyLCI – Service Reporting, Learning and Knowledge

Fellow lions the future that we face is with MyLCI. While it is not user friendly, it is what we will be using and it is subject to constant change and adaptation. LCI is trying to make it better but sometimes it appears they are not listening to us. As more people use it and we find the faults and problems LCI tries to find ways to fix the problems.

It is the record of service the extension of knowledge and the way our communities can find us. The MYLCI app will bring us members but we have to use it to tell them when and where we are and how we are helping the community. Many of our young people only know the apps they can use or the social media that their friends are on and what is connecting them to the world around them. As we use MyLCI and continue to use it, it will get better and easier but it needs to be used. Providing service to our community is reflected in the numbers of activities reported in MyLCI. When all of our clubs report their service on MyLCI, you will be able to see the great impact we have in our district and how much more impactful we can be.

Leadership Development

Welcome to all Club 1st Vice Presidents. You are the newest members of the Global leadership Team for the 2020-2021 Lion's Year. We are all going to have to work together to accomplish our leadership development goals. Your communication efforts to fellow club members about learning opportunities will play a crucial role in our team's success. We'll be going virtual for the first quarter. Club officer training will be held every Friday in August via Zoom. The Zone and Region Chairperson Workshop will also be held on line twice a week in August. An email with instructions will be sent to Zone Chairs with training specifics. Another resource you should check out to share with your members is the link to Lions Clubs International Virtual Events Center where you can access live training topics that matter to you and your club. The site contains upcoming events where you can easily register for future webinars. If you've missed an event recordings of previous webinars are posted for your convenience. There are a wide variety of topics available making it easy to find a topic of interest. A few recommendations include: Membership Mondays, North American Membership Initiative, Your Club Your Way, and Basics for Hosting a Virtual Zoom meeting. Check out the website to register at [Virtual Events Center|Lions Club International](#). Club officers can access job specific courses in the new Lions Learning Center available in the Learn module accessed through your lions account. The course catalogue has four main categories: Club and District Officers, LCI Programs and Services, Interpersonal Skills, and Managing your Team. Please review the Accessing the Lions Learning Center document at [accessing LLeCmd_UyufdfsGgoD8.JPG.PDF](#) for step-by-step instructions. For additional questions, please contact PDG Beth Stevens District GLT coordinator at lionstevens@cox.net

Online Course Schedule:

Membership Chair	August 7, 2020	PDG Donna Weiler
Club Treasurer	August 14, 2020	PDG Lee Winder
Club Secretary	August 21, 2020	DG Scott Durbin
Club President	August 28, 2020	Lion Mike Petty
Membership Orientation	September 11, 2020	

Email lionstevens@cox.net for an invitation to the Zoom meeting you want to attend. Be sure to include your name, member number and Lions club in the body of the email.

Community Service

Hello Fellow Lions, I will be your Global Service team leader this year and I am looking forward to working with you and your clubs during the coming year. With the uncertainty of where things are today, and what our new normal will be, we are going to have to search outside the box to continue helping our communities. As we all know the need is not on hold. We are needed now more than ever. But we need to stay safe in providing service.

Our Constitutional Area GAT Leader, PID Jerome Thompson suggested a few things. First while we may not be able to meet in person, we can use Zoom, Facebook Live, Google Hangout, etc. to talk to health care professionals to discuss how we can help with mental health, diabetes, COVID-19, or any other community health needs. We can clean up our community, plant flowers or gardens, even maintain a garden. We can encourage donations to a local food bank, We can Facetime (or Duo for Android users) with residents of a local skilled nursing facility or the Pediatric Care unit. We can shop for senior community members or pick up prescriptions. We can prepare Back to School kits for teachers and students.

There are many things we can still do to serve. Please let me know if I can be of any help or if you have any ideas that our clubs can do to help. Another thing to think about is doing joint club or zone projects. This allows smaller clubs to be able to take on larger projects.

Lion Mary Durbin - mrdurbin@cox.net

Service



Jung-Yul Choi
President
Lions Clubs International

International President Jung-Yul Choi has carried on his theme of United through Diversity and added Kindness in honor of our late friend Judge Haynes Townsend. With diversity we can grow, learn and communicate better. This allows us to extend the kindness of listening and observing and discussing ways to help our communities and to provide service to the communities we serve. Kindness and Diversity will always be together since it requires one to perform the other. You cannot diversify if you do not have kindness to hear what someone else thinks. You cannot show kindness if you do not listen to other points of view or from other perspectives. But by extending kindness to others and allowing their differing backgrounds and histories to aid us, we expand our service to the communities around us. Do not be afraid to use the Lions Learning Center or any of the other locations of learning through lions to improve your ability to work with kindness and to accept the ideas,

Learn about other lions and to provide better service to your communities. This will not only yield more service to your communities but attract members of your community to come forward and be Lions as they know their voices will be heard and their ideas and suggestions will be accepted and considered as valuable tools to help the community.

Looking for Lions events? Check out our website: www.lions241.org

District Governor



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International President Choi's theme of United in Diversity and Kindness works well in other fields as well. When I think of diversity I think of music. Music requires a blending of harmony and melody to diverse pieces of music that come together to create a song or a symphony. It requires the blending of multiple instruments at different keys and levels to make a pleasing sound. In Lions we do the same thing. We bring together the various personalities, skills, talents and ethics to provide service to our communities. If just one of the instruments or one of our members I out of tune it becomes a cacophony or hideous noise. Therefore it is essential that we accept all others, listen to their thoughts and ideas and find ways to blend them together to create wonderful service projects that improve our communities, aid those in needs and create a harmony in our lives after all of the struggles we endure to achieve personal success. To give to others to help others is one of the greatest joys that one can have and share with others.

Once we have shared with others the joy of helping those in need and providing them hope and faith in the future, they will want to join us and continue to offer those special gifts to others in their communities.

It is this gift that we share with others who become Lions that makes us the largest service organization in the world. And helps us to achieve the success we have achieved and will achieve.



CHANGE

Change, a transitive verb signifying a transformation, alteration or substitution. Life happens, and what happens is something called change. Some changes are the result of biology and the passage of time. Others are self-generated, under our own control and willful effort, or dependent upon encounters with significant others. Still, other changes occur as a result of circumstances or fate. The personal significance of each change occurs when we decide to *make* change. This means we move from the passive state of just watching how things unfold to taking some action that enables us to utilize the change to create an outcome of our own choice. Ultimately, the way we *make* change is our personal choice and responsibility.

As leaders we must recognize that change, when used appropriately, will strengthen and expand an organization's impact. Maintaining an environment of status quo can eventually lead to a stale and unproductive organization more concerned about protecting traditions than focusing on its core mission. As Lions, we have an emblem with two lion heads facing opposite directions. One lion is facing back to represent our rich heritage and the other facing forward embracing the bright hope for the future. The question we must ask ourselves, do we want to be historians or history makers?

As Lions we must embrace the hope of a bright future and make a positive difference in the lives of members of our communities. When we fulfill our motto; "We Serve", our actions speak louder than words spreading hope within our communities. As a member of your district leadership team, I am here to serve you and if necessary work side by side with you in making history!

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District Governor's Schedule

August

- 6 Southside
- 11 Little Creek and Oceanside
- 18 Farmville
- 21 Online Secretary Training
- 28-30 District 24 –C Fall Conf

September

- 1 Williamsburg Host
- 16 Thalia (Zoom)

October

- 2-4 District 24 I Fall Conf
- 22 Bon Air-Man-Mid And
Brandenmill-Midlothian

Dear Fellow Lions,

This is the Governor's Alter Ego Clarence (the Cross-eyed Lion). We are sorry we could not get this out sooner this month but we have been trying to get it put together and it was a tough learning process (more so for me than for him.) He wrote the articles and I had to figure out how to get them put in. Well, it has been finished and you are now reading it. We will do our best to put a little humor right here. It will at least let you read one item and give you a smile. Because sometimes we just need to smile. We ain't perfect and neither the governor nor I have ever come close. We do our best and if the shoe falls and hits us in the head, we know at least one more is coming and it will fall soon.

Think of new and different ideas to fund raise. Who knows they just might work. And if they don't, look to see what went wrong (maybe it was the governor not talking about it – Don't tell him I said that.) But it might just need to be reviewed tweaked and tried again. And lastly, Next month I will ping on the Governor again – 'Cause he gets to be the target every month. Have a good month Lions. See ya Soon!

Clarence, TCEL

Welcome to our New Lions!

Charlotte

Lion Maggie Ferguson George
Sponsor: Lion Larry Shock

Chesapeake Great Bridge

Lion Lauren Shoff
Sponsor: Lion Kenneth Shoff

Chesapeake Host

Lion Patricia Klob
Sponsor Lion Julie Reiter
Lion Sarah Marker
Sponsor: Sandy Sayre
Lion Nancy Jo Tischler
Sponsor: Margaret Baker

Clarksville

Lion Karen T Bona
Sponsor Lion Jane Lloyd
Lion Anne M. Brager

Colonial Heights

Lion Jason M. Namola
Sponsor: Lion Elke Gibbs

Eastern VA Medical School

Lion Becca Bowman
Sponsor: Lion Jody He
Lion Christopher Dao
Sponsor: Lion Jody He

Farmville

Lion Jalila J. Ahmad
Sponsor: Lion Lisa Tharpe
Lion Matthew A. Emerson
Sponsor: Lion Vellie Dietrich-Hall
Lion Hugh Haskins
Sponsor: Lion Lisa Tharpe
Lion Caryn Kayton
Sponsor: Lion Vellie Dietrich-Hall
Lion Hannah D. Ramsey
Sponsor: Lion Greg Cole
Lion Katie Raymond
Sponsor: Lion Vellie Dietrich-Hall

Franklin

Lion Leland E. Beale III
Sponsor: Lion Charles Gatten
Lion Mark R. Kitchen
Sponsor: Lion Charles Gatten

James City

Lion Leonard H. Taubman
Sponsor: Lion Philip Pryor
Lion Rachel M. Williams
Sponsor: Lion Michael Boyer

Onancock

Lion Joseph R. Donahue
Sponsor: Lion Ernie Swisher

Powhatan

Lion Jonathan E. Drake
Sponsor: Lion James Sower
Lion William E. Melton
Sponsor: Lion Betty Bowman

Richmond West Breakfast

Lion Nancy Costello
Sponsor: William Costello

SE VA Filipino-American

Lion Bernabe F. Mabanglo
Sponsor: Elma Pascual
Lion Arnel E. Rodriguez
Sponsor: Reymond Pascual
Lion Ferdinand E. Viado
Sponsor: Daniel Ruiz
Lion Perlita B. Viado
Sponsor: Daniel Ruiz
Lion Laticia A. Dale
Sponsor: Lion Guia Caliwagan
Lion Ben-Hur A. Solaria
Sponsor: Lion Reymond Pascual

Virginia Beach Host

Lion Sobrina L. Wolfe
Sponsor: Jimi Suwaiti

Virginia Beach Kempsville

Lion Daphne L. Sturniolo
Sponsor: Lion Monica Turniol

Virginia Beach Thalia

Lion Jonathan Halvorson
Sponsor: Robert Perrine

Williamsburg Host

Lion Frederick S. Sanborn
Sponsor: Raymond Staton

Windsor

Lion James E. Lassiter
Sponsor: Lion Gerald Scheimberg

In Memory

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers these Lions, their families, friends, and Clubs.

Boykins

Lion James Glascock

Brookville Timberlake

Lion Thomas W Davis

Central Shore

Lion John Willis Kellam

Churchland

*Lion Paul Hurley
Lion Edward M. Berdick*

Franklin

Lion Henry W. Clapp

Gloucester

Lion Judy Landerer

Lynchburg 7 Hills

Lion Ronnie W. Roberts

Mathews

Lion Edwina J. Casey

Mechanicsville

Lion Eugene Renkar

New Kent County

Lion David E. Harris

Norfolk Host

Lion James L. Miller

Norfolk Wards Corner

Lion Kenneth B. Lampert Jr

Suffolk

Lion Otha S. Rountree

Surry County

Lion Thelma S. Jones

Virginia Beach Thalia

Lion Raymond B. Ashe

Virginia Beach

TownCenter-Blind

Lion Lucius "Buck" E. Steere

Williamsburg Host

Lion Carl L. Wheaton

