



The Lions Roar

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Helen Person, District Governor

What's YOUR Gear?

Quick! If someone were to ask you what is your favorite thing about being a Lion, what would you tell them?

Whatever you answered, did you know that how you interact with your Lions Club in your community is vital to the life of your club?

Since Spring, 2020, Lions have been introduced to new ways of meeting, serving, and moving forward. While some chose to move to Florida, others have embraced technology from the 21st century to connect, learn, and serve with Lions from around the world.

What made you decide to join the Lions Club? Most likely, your answer is *"to serve my community."*

Do you suppose that's why others want to join the Lions Club? If they see you and your fellow Lions in the community having fun serving in your Lions wear, they want to be part of the fun, too.

Lions is filled with resources to help you make your club meetings FUN! That's what brings Lions back time and time again.

At our first District Cabinet meeting on July 23, we'll be introducing new challenges in Service, Membership, and Leadership – all designed to build, support, and lead your Clubs.

#WeServe #FindYourGear
#TogetherWeCan

Save the Date!

SERVICE

"Find Your Gear" Fall Conference

Connecting with your inner Service is the name of the game for this year's Fall Conference September 30—October 2, 2022. We're back at The Hotel Weyanoke and Blackwell Ballroom at Longwood University for a weekend loaded with service ideas and opportunities.

Has your club ever sponsored a STRIDES Walk for Diabetes Awareness? Then Fall Conference is your chance to dip your toe in the water by helping at our Lions STRIDES Walk from 8 – 9:30 am on Saturday, October 1. Kicking off at High Bridge Plaza in Farmville Downtown, the STRIDES Walk will run simultaneously with the High Bridge Half Marathon & 5K back for its 10th year on High Bridge Trail.

How can you help? Diabetes Chair Lion Mary Durbin and Health Care Wrangler Lion (and RN) Artrelle Spicely need health care professionals to provide glucose screenings and offer on-site recommendations for Walk participants. KidSight Certified Screeners are needed to assist with vision screenings and the Lions of Central Virginia Mobile Health Unit will be on hand to provide hearing screenings.

And that's only the beginning! We'll have Spotlight Speakers, vendor and Lions partner organization exhibitors, and workshops to help you go home with great ideas and even greater motivation to do some great new things in your communities. AND we have a special keynote speaker you will not want to miss!

Registration info on hand at the Cabinet meeting on July 23, 2022!

Learn more about attending and sponsorship opportunities!
www.lionsdistrict24i.org

My Lion/My Club/My Community Challenge

Service + Prospective Lions = A renewed energy for your club!

During the 2022 Winter Conference in Williamsburg, Lions had a chance to share why they joined Lions. Overwhelmingly, the answers were some form of "to do service in my community." It's time we took the hint.

Lions past and present did not become Lions because we meet twice a month, have tantalizing meals, or listen to a variety of speakers they'll also hear at the Chamber meeting or another civic group this month. The days of being a meeting-centric organization are endangered.

New for the 2022-2023 District 24-I Lions year, the My Lion/My Club/My Community Challenge is open to Lions Clubs of any size whose members are interested in providing needed services in their communities and inviting others in the community to join them.

Clubs that complete the challenge will receive a specially designed banner patch commemorating achieving the milestone of:

- **Sponsor one of your club's traditional service projects, but invite at least three (3) prospective Lions to help.** Your prospects can be family members, friends, neighbors, co-workers, or others who have expressed a curiosity about what it is that Lions do; and
- **Sponsor a new club service project or fundraiser** to place your club somewhere people in your community are not accustomed to seeing you – helping at a local food pantry, sponsoring a game booth at the local county fair, host a spaghetti supper, pancake supper, low country boil, ham and egg supper – something the community will turn out to support – **and invite at least (3) prospective Lions to work alongside your members.**



Clarksville Lions Club

Rules:



Charlotte County
Lions Club

- Make sure members wear their Lions vests, shirts, aprons or other Lions apparel. Don't have any? We can hook you up!
- Prospective members should be someone who is interested in knowing more about Lions service in the community and beyond. If your spouse/significant other has visited before, make sure they know they are there as a prospective member, though being another pair of hands is helpful.
- Promote your event in the local media – newspaper, radio, TV, online – through photos and a write-up. Need help with what to say? Check the Marketing Communications Guide at www.lionsclubs.org.

To learn more, visit a Zone, Region, or District gathering near you! #WeServe

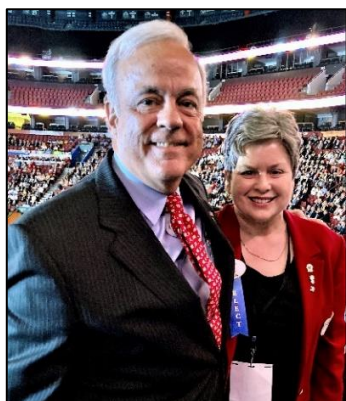
LCICON 2022 MONTREAL



DG-E Helen Person receives her certificate of completion from PID Mark Lyon.



2022-23 International President Lion Brian Sheehan, Bird Island, MN



New International Director Lion Jay Moughon (24-L) with new DG Lion Helen Person (24-I).



Lions newest member Scott Millar, sponsored by 1IVP Lion Brian Sheehan (right) and inducted by 2021-22 International President Lion Douglas Alexander.



District Governor-Elect group that won the Rally Cheer competition. Group leader (right) is PID Mark Lyon.



'22-'23 DG Team (from left): 2VVG Dr. Kristina Ramsey, IPDG Greg Cole, DG Helen Person, 1VVG Homer Cook.



MD24 Council of Governors (from left): 24-L DG Rose Burrus, Council Chair Greg Cole, 24-I DG Helen Person, 24-C DG Connie Saunders.

Year-End Celebration – Providence Forge



Lion Nancy Ward is presented a Melvin Jones Award by Cradock President Bob Mills (right) and DG Greg Cole.



Cradock Lions Club welcomes new Lion Rita Wilson (center) sponsored by Lion Mickey Evans and inducted by DG Greg Cole.



PDG Lee Winder presents PDG Ann Ragland with a Lions of Virginia Foundation Humanitarian Award on June 18th.



PDG Donnie Johnson is presented the Council of Governors Service Award by PDG Scott Durbin.



DISTRICT 24-I CALENDAR



Date	Time	MD 24 and District 24-I Events	Location	Confirm
July 23, 2022	10: 00 - Noon	Club Officer Training	Amelia VFW	√
July 23, 2022	Noon	Lunch by Amelia Lions Club	Amelia VFW	√
July 23, 2022	1:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Cabinet Meeting	Amelia VFW	√
July 23, 2022	3:00 p.m.	Central VA Mobile Unit Board Meeting	Amelia VFW	
July 30, 2022	Noon	Lions of Virginia Foundation meeting	NOVA Youth Camp Boyce, VA	
August 11, 2022	6:00 p.m.	DG Helen to South Boston Lions Club	South Boston, VA	
Sept. 15-18, 2022	TBA	USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum	Calgary, CA	
Sept. 24, 2022	6:00 p.m.	Cradock 75th Charter Night	Cradock, VA	
Sept. 30 - Oct. 2, 2022	TBA	District 24-I Fall Conference	Farmville, VA	√
Oct. 7-8, 2022	TBA	District 23-C Fall Conference	Bristol, VA	
Nov. 12, 2022	TBA	2nd Cabinet Meeting	Site will be announced	√
Feb. 24-26, 2022	TBA	Multiple District Winter Conference	Doubletree Hotel, Midlothian, VA	√
April 28-30, 2023	TBA	Multiple District State Convention	Delta Hotel by Marriott, Bristol, VA	√

Please find the most recent information at: www.lionsdistrict24i.org

Reminders for Lions Clubs

By Helen Person

Things to Remember for the Year

Each Lions Club Is a Representative

Lions Clubs International (LCI) is the world's oldest and most recognized civic organization. You are one of over 1 million Lions in over 46,000 clubs in over 200 countries around the world.

Your club does great work in your community. Report your service in MyLion. Report member changes in MyLCI. That helps the organization that supports your club know that you are alive and well. Need help with the online reporting? Contact District Administrator PDG Rich Evans (804-304-4354 or LionRichE@yahoo.com).

Dues Reminders

Beyond your club dues, your club is responsible for Multiple District (MD) and LCI dues which are paid from your club's Administrative funds. Please remember to allow for all dues when setting your club's funding for the year.

International Dues are paid semi-annually:

June 30th and December 31st

Club Dues statements can be accessed online through MyLCI at www.lionsclubs.org.

Multiple District Dues are paid each October.

These are billed annually by the State Secretary-Treasurer. Payment is due by **November 30th**.

District Events

Unless otherwise stated in event information, District event fees are paid to:

Lions District 24-I
c/o PCC Donna Weiler
267 Dawson Lane
White Stone, VA 22578

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Email us your stories about your Lions Club projects and fun activities. Try to include a few photos of members engaged in the work you do for your community as well as funding and entertainment activities. We may not have room for all the photos, but will use as many as we can.

Please note: The date for receiving all written material for the next issue is the 10th of the previous month. Thus, **the receipt date for September will be August 10, 2022**. Time sensitive items received after the deadline will be added to the website under the heading: "Just in!"

Email your stories and photos to: DG Helen Person at lionhelenperson@gmail.com and/or Lion Chris Johnson at ccjohn757lion@gmail.com