



The Lions Roar

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Helen Person, District Governor

So – What’s Your Story ?

What do you tell people when they asked you why you joined the Lions Club?

If your answer is something other than “I want to give of myself and my resources to help others in my community and beyond,” you may have joined the wrong group.

I doubt I’m the only person who wears a Lions’ pin who didn’t join Lions to attend meetings. Between church activities, work, and other community activities, the last thing I need is another meeting. Just ask my great room bookshelves that have been waiting far too long for me to give them a piece of my time.

Yet, we seem to have reduced our Lions Club activities to meetings upon meetings whether they’re our regular greet, eat, listen to a speaker, engage in a fun activity or two, and then bid each other farewell until next time, or figuring out who we haven’t seen at a meeting in months. The Board asks the Club whether we want to write checks to another organization we only see when we present them with a donation. The only evidence we have that we served is the obligatory “grip-n-grin” photo that might show up in the newspaper. Yet, too many of our clubs consider that “service.”



Being generous with the funds our Clubs have raised is certainly appreciated. Being good stewards of funds past Lions have bequeathed to utilize in their name(s) is quite admirable. But what happened to being seen wearing a Lions tee-shirt while working at the local food pantry? When did you last proudly deliver meals to shut-ins who immediately could see you’re a proud Lion because of the logo on your shirt?



When your meetings become times for:

- planning your next service project
- sharing how you served while wearing Lions apparel
- greeting prospective Lions who saw Lions serving in the community

then you’ll remember that you didn’t just join the Lions Club. You adopted a way of life.

You became a Lion.

#FindYourGear #TogetherWeCan #WeServe

Portsmouth Host Lions Club Lion Kristina Ramsey



Fellow Lions: I am Lion Kristina Ramsey and I am honored that you have chosen me to be Second Vice District Governor (2VDG) for 24-I. I have been a member of Portsmouth Host Lions Club since 2014. I have served as Vice-President and President. For the last 2 years I served as Chair of Region V.

I graduated from Texas A&M University with a degree in Chemical Engineering and worked for several years before going back to school and receiving my optometry degree from Southern College of Optometry in Memphis. I have been in private practice since 2007.

My goal this year is to support District Governor Lion Helen with her objectives and goals. To that end, to also support all your clubs and to learn more about your needs and wants. I successfully completed Regional Lions Learning Institute (RLLI) in 2021 and will be attending USA/Canada Forum in 2023. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns; I will find the answers for you if I don't know them myself. Roar! Roar! Roar!!!

Lion Bambi Martin

It's that time of year, Lions, to start contacting your schools, pre-schools, head start programs, parochial/private schools and daycare centers to set up vision screenings.

All five of the form letters can be found under the Forms and Publications section for easily getting the program going.

There are the consent letter for the parents to sign, an explanation of how the SPOT works and what vision problems could be detected. This is a great tool to present to those unfamiliar with the SPOT.

There is a PASS letter and a REFERRAL letter with screening results to send home.

KidSight Screening Collection (tally sheet) for easily tracking the numbers screened and referred during the screenings.



Children's Eye Screening Report should be sent to:
lionbambi.martin@gmail.com

This information will be uploaded to KidSight USA database.

See Clearly Still Saving Sight is building on last year's screening of 700,000 children. All 3 district's in Virginia were in the Top 10! The goal is to screen over 1 MILLION this year!

Think B4U Move: 1VDG Lion Homer Cook

Lions' year 22/23 is off and Roaring. DG Helen has let everyone know we need to work together by her slogan Find your Gear, which dovetails with International President Brian Sheehan's slogan of Together We Can.

How do we, as Lions, support each other? What is the best way to get our message out in your community?

Letting others see what we do as Lions may be just that simple: Be together in service and be sure to let people know you are Lions! Wear your Lions tee-shirt. Put up a sign or banner to let people know the XYZ Lions Club is on the job. Your club may not have a member who is a technology whiz. Do you know who can help? Your local high school, community college, or other institute of higher learning. Many schools require their students to perform community service. Why not help the local Lions Club be seen online through social media? Whatever you do, think twice about doing something flashy that you can't keep going if you lose your technology help.

This Lion wants to do things which demonstrate to others that we are ready to serve. Have you considered something like playing chess at the juvenile facility or youth organization? I did that two years ago when Norfolk Superintendent Lion John Bell invited me to join Chess Nutz, the group that plays chess with residents of the detention facilities, as well as the Boys and Girls Club. The program is called "Think B4U Move". It helps drive home the point that the kids need to think about the things they're presented with before making a decision that could have a bad result for them. One of the people I came to know is Don Roberts of WAVY10 television in Hampton Roads.

Early in August, Don contacted me about putting together a 30-second video of a chess tournament at the Boys and Girls Club. I was excited. Who knows what this can turn into?

A few weeks ago, Don recorded a Zoom interview. Since it was on Zoom, I changed my background to showcase the large Sight and Hearing Van and really drive home the fact I was there as a Lion. We did not get to talk much about Lions, but the Sight and Hearing van was front and center. The story was also online. If you'd like to read about Chess Nutz, [here's the link.](#)

Chess takes time to learn. So does the lesson of thinking before acting. To paraphrase DG Helen, just as some gears turn faster than others and the bell only rings once an hour, some ideas take longer than others to develop. Don't lose patience! Keep the gears turning.

Since you are thinking I have my proposed dates for the Fall and winter conferences for Lions year 23/24. I intend to have the Fall conference on October 21 and the Winter conference on February 24. I am looking for places that Lions would like to go for a conference and Clubs that want to host them. If your club is interested, send me an email: lionhomercook@gmail.com.



Lions Club Projects

Thalia Lions

*Lion Nancy Watters
VA Beach, VA
August 13, 2022*

What are Lions doing??

Back to School Care Fair at Landstown High School today we SPOT vision screened 280 school children and found 80 of them had vision problems. Parents were given a printed report to take with them when the child sees an eye doctor. Almost 100 community partners provided services and information to parents and students.

Join us, get involved, volunteer!



Aragona-Woodstock Lions

*Lion Chris Johnson
Virginia Beach, VA
August 2022*

The Virginia Beach Aragona-Woodstock Lions Club is proud to have awarded scholarships to two honor graduates.



Ms. Abby Jones (see right) is an honor graduate of Kellam High School. She will attend Arcadia University in PA, majoring in Forensic Science and Biology.

Mr. Jonathan He (see left) is an honor graduate of Princess Anne High School. He will attend Johns



Hopkins University and plans to major in Information Technology. He has been assisting seniors in the community with computers and other technology.

York Lions

*Lions Frank and Sue Jernigan-Alcorn
Yorktown, VA
August 2022*

York Lions Club purchased benches for the waiting area at Joe & Mimma's restaurant as an opportunity to recognize the restaurant for its years of support for the Club. Mr. Harold, the owner, has been very cooperative with York Lions Club in providing the resources for its meetings and special events. Additionally, the lovely benches promote Lions.



Williamsburg Host Lions

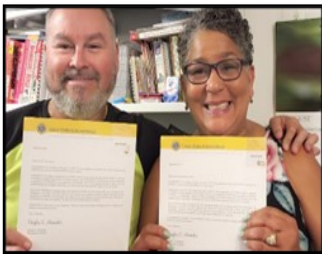
Lion Pat Kerr
Williamsburg, VA
August 2022

The Williamsburg Host Lions Club presented the first of two benches to Dr. Daniel J. Miani, principal of Lafayette High School. The school is building a new pavilion for the students, and the benches will be placed there for student seating. Attending the presentation were Lions Paul Kerr, Pat Kerr, Leo Morrissette, Jim Anderson and service dog, "Zamp". The Club has collected over 2,000 pounds of soft plastic and has earned three benches and is well on the way to earning their fourth bench. A bench is earned for every 500 pounds of soft plastic collected.

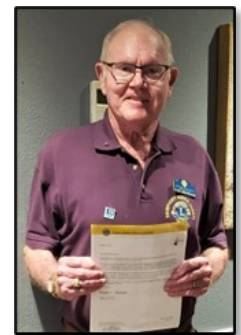


Newport News Host Lions

Lion Joy Richardson
Newport News, VA
August 8, 2022

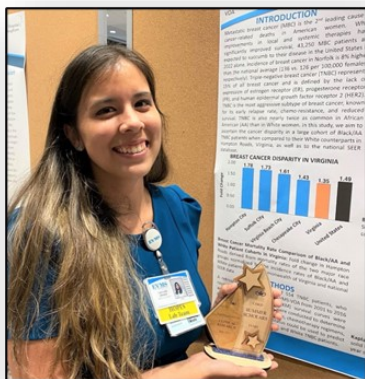


The Newport News Host Club held an in-person meeting on Monday, August 8th, and were finally able to present Milestone Chevron Awards to Lions Rose Mary and Luis Torres (left, 10 years each), and also Lion Earl Arrowwood (right, 20 years), in order to recognize their dedicated years of service to Lions.



Eastern Virginia Medical School Lions

Lion Nikki Drake
Norfolk, VA



Eastern Virginia Medical School located at Norfolk General Hospital has an amazing Lions Club whose members include Lion Nikki Drake. Lion Nikki recently won the Judges' Award for the most outstanding project in Clinical Research for their 2022 CHKD/EVMS Summer Scholars Research Program. Lion Nikki's project involved investigating triple-negative breast cancer disparity in the Hampton Roads area.

EVMS Lions Club is mostly composed of 2nd and 3rd year medical students who move into residency before entering clinical practice prior to graduation. They perform eye screenings in schools, at public fairs, participates in Project Homeless Connect, and assist migrant workers on the Eastern Shore. In addition, they take pressures and assist their professors (also EVMS Lions) with eye exams, as well as the HOPES clinic, a monthly health clinic helping the indigent.

Lions Club Events

Great Bridge Lions Club Broom Sale

Chesapeake, VA

Saturday, September 10 from 9 am to 1 pm

(Rain Date is 9/17/22 -- same time).

Location: Taylor's Do It Center parking lot at the intersection of Battlefield Boulevard South and Johnstown Road

Funds raised cover the costs of hearing and vision supplies and procedures for community members in need.

Denbigh Lions Club Hosts Denbigh Day

Newport News, VA

Saturday, September 17, 2022, from 10AM to 4PM

Location: Courthouse Way Community Center, 14302 Old Courthouse Way, Newport News, VA

On the third Saturday for sixty-two years, the Denbigh Lions Club has been hosting Denbigh Day to support the unique community of Denbigh and its residents. This year, the Denbigh Lions are saluting our HealthCare Heroes! The parade starts at 10AM, and there will be games, a petting zoo, children's train ride, arts and craft vendors, food and entertainment by MSCONDUCT and SHADE TREE.

The Denbigh Lions Club will be selling our birdhouses and having a 50/50 raffle. All proceeds help the community in countless ways! Come join the fun and celebrate Denbigh Day with us!

Powhatan Lions Club at Festival of the Grape And Golf Tournament

Powhatan , VA

October 1, 2022

October 5, 2022

The Powhatan Lions club will be providing shuttle drivers for the Powhatan Festival of the Grape on October 1 held at the historic Powhatan Courthouse. Come and enjoy the wine, beer, crafts and friends. Go to <https://www.powhatanwinefestival.com> for more information.

On October 5 the Powhatan Lions club will sponsor a golf tournament held at Mill Quarter golf Course at 1525 Mill Quarter Road in Powhatan. **Registration begins at 10:30 am.** Cost \$95. Barbecue dinner at picnic tables at end of play. For info contact: Jim Blandford: 804-513-3878 or Terry Paquette: 804-690-0177. **Registration must be by October 2, 2022.**

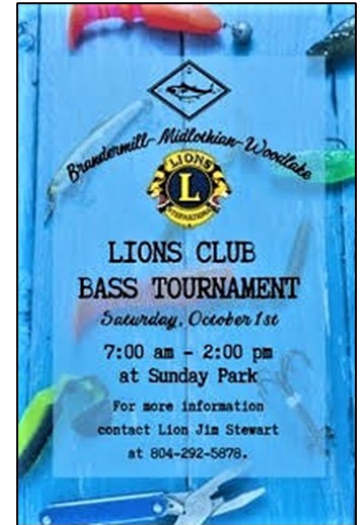
Lions Club Events

BMW Lions Club Bass Tournament

The Brandermill Midlothian Woodlake Lions Club (BMW Lions) is sponsoring a Bass Tournament on October 1, 2022. It will be held at the Swift Creek Reservoir (Brandermill) in Midlothian, Virginia.

The registration fee is \$100 per boat (\$80 if you pre-register). The tournament begins at 7:00 AM and ends at 2:00 PM.

You could come away with one of the six cash prizes or, at the very least, enjoy a wonderful day on the lake while you help the Lions help the sight and hearing impaired and those with juvenile diabetes in our community.



For additional information visit us on our website — BMW-lions.org, or visit us on our Facebook page. You may also contact Lion Jim Stewart: 804-292-5878.

Message From GLT

Time is flying by and it won't be long before it is Fall Conference time in Farmville: **September 30th through October 2nd**. It will be an exciting conference, and I hope that everyone will try to attend.

We are working on the classes that we will be having, but please let me know if you have a need or want for a particular training so we can see if we can make it available. Please respond quickly so we have time to make it happen if possible.

DG Helen has great and FUN things planned, so put the dates on your calendar—and I'll see you there.

PDG Debbie Ivey
GLT

Sneak Preview!

Club Treasurer: More than a Bean Counter
PDG Lee Winder, Presenter

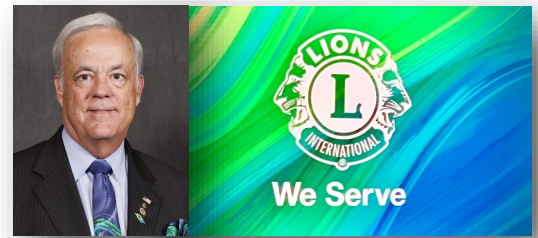
Show Me The Money! A Lions' Guide to Grants
LCIF, LOVF, LCFSEV Representatives

Club Secretary: I don't just take the Minutes?
PDG Debbie Ivey, Presenter

I Want to Do That With My Club!
Service, Fundraisers, Events Roundtable

Fall Conference Special Guest

International Director Jay Moughon
Clifton Lions Club, District 24-L



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



Date	Time	MD 24 and District 24I Events	Location
September 7, 2022	7:00 p.m.	Council Of Governors Meeting #2	via Zoom
Sept. 9 - 11, 2022		Out of State	
September. 12, 2022	6:00 p.m.	Region III/Zones E,F,G,H Meeting Din-widdie Lions Club Host	Brother's Pizza Restaurant 25809 Cox Road, Petersburg VA
Sept. 14 - 18, 2022	All Day	USA/Canada Forum	Calgary, Alberta, Canada
September 24, 2022	3:00 p.m.	Region IV Meeting	Boys & Girls Club, Kilmarnock, VA
September 24, 2022	6:00 p.m.	Cradock 75th Charter Night	Roger Brown's Restaurant 315 High Street Portsmouth, VA
Sept. 30 - Oct. 2, 2022	TBA	District 24-I Fall Conference	Farmville, VA
Oct. 6 - 8, 2022	TBA	24-C Fall Conference	Bristol, VA
Oct. 7, 2022	2:00 p.m.	Council of Governors Meeting #3	Bristol, VA
October 22, 2022	6:00 - 8:00 p.m.	Richmond West Breakfast 50th Charter Night	University of Richmond Alumni Center
November 5, 2022	All Day	LOV Day w/MD24 Lions Bag Hunger	Statewide
November 10, 2022	7:30 a.m.	James City Lions Club	Colonial Heritage Club 6500 Arthur Hills Drive Wil- liamsburg, VA
November 10, 2022	6:30 p.m. Social 7:00 p.m. Dinner	Region VI Meeting Hosted by Kempsville Lions Club	Emmanuel Episcopal Church 81 Singleton Way Virginia Beach, VA 23462
November 12, 2022	11:00 a.m.	2nd Cabinet Meeting and Peace Poster Celebration	Windsor Town Center 3361 Courthouse Highway Windsor, VA 23487
Nov. 18 - 19, 2022	TBA	Council of Governors Meeting #4 and 24L Fall Conference	Holiday Inn, Fredericksburg, VA
February 24 - 26, 2023	TBA	Multiple District Winter Conference	Doubletree Hotel, Midlothian, VA
April 28-30, 2023	TBA	Multiple District State Convention	Delta Hotel by Marriott, Bristol, VA