

# LIONS



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## DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S CORNER

**Greg Cole**

It has been a joy visiting Lions meetings and events around the district during my first two months as your governor. The uniqueness of each club is amazing and the hospitality superb! I look forward to more visits during September.

Did you know that your governor team were singers!! I have dubbed us as the group called Three Part Harm(ony)! We have a concert planned for the Fall Conference but the performance requires advance reservations. You can obtain your club's entrance by posting on MyLion and once 70% of the clubs participate, the concert will be confirmed. For those with sensitive ears, proper ear protection will be provided. Please don't let the governor team down and post on MyLion today.

Speaking of the Fall Conference. We have a very exciting conference in the making! A registration form is included in this newsletter edition. We have some great educational topics planned as well as networking opportunities for all Lions. The cost is amazingly low so that this will not be a barrier for participation. I hope you will make plans to come to Farmville on November 20th to attend the District Fall Conference.

Hopefully clubs are making progress on the Club of Distinction Program. This program was designed to help clubs grow stronger members and new leaders. If you haven't started, please give it some serious thought.

Service is only special when it comes from the heart. Let's all serve from the heart!!



## LIONS AND THE COUNTY FAIR

**FIRST VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR | Helen Person**

It's September when across the Commonwealth fall festivals, county fairs, and football dominate most weekends. It's an exciting time for Lions Clubs still emerging from ZoomClubs and e-meetings to shake off the dust non-activity and let your communities know you're still alive and kicking.

As Fall approaches, my mind travels back to my childhood when my parents' Lions Club and Auxiliary were culminating a summer spent readying for the Winder (GA) Lions Club's Tri-County Fair. With an average membership of 65 men, the Winder club had one of the largest Lions memberships in our part of the state and boasted two past International Directors.



The major fundraiser for the year, the Fair took every member they had to operate everything from parking to ticket sales to pageant judges.

The Lions Club Fair was of the traditional variety with livestock barns for the Future Farmers of America (FFA), an exhibit hall where 4-H and Future Homemakers of America (FHA) vied for the blue ribbon for their jams, jellies, and baked goods. In the large white columned clubhouse, beauty pageants for all ages took place throughout Fair Week while the Midway teemed with thrill seekers riding the double Ferris wheel, rock-o-planes, and tilt-a-whirl.

Everywhere you looked, Lions and Auxilians were hard at work. The Auxiliary's Fair Kitchen operated from 7:30 am 'til 11 each night to feed fair staff and hungry visitors. Lion James Ouzts took a week of vacation from the post office to man the grill and flip the most incredible burgers you've ever tasted. It seemed my mother and I were there every waking minute during Fair Week. All of the Lions kids spent the afternoons after school doing homework until the supper rush. My father's day job was pharmacist at the drug store he owned, but he was at the fairground for the night as soon as the drug store's day was done.

My brothers and I were enlisted to type menus, wait tables in the fair kitchen, and park cars. In fact, all the Lions' kids were put to work; it was truly a family event. All these years later, my Lions' buddies and I share fond memories of Lions events whenever we get together in person or on Facebook. Quite a few of us grew up to become Lions. With such a legacy of service, it is only natural for us to continue the Lions tradition.

Why am I telling you all this? Simple. The memory of the people, places, and events that inspired us to become who we are is a powerful motivator.

Got an event coming up this fall? Invite a future Lion to make some great memories with you.



Hello from the second VDG world. I have visited and worked with some of you motivated, talented and industrious Lions since the last newsletter. I attended DG Greg's official visit to Virginia Beach Host, Virginia Beach Town Center Blind and Suffolk Lions Clubs. Meeting the members, hearing about their projects, and how the district can help them is enlightening. Club visits allow you to get new ideas so like the old saying goes "try it you might like it", or at least learn something. VB Host meets in a hotel on the beach, VB Town Center Blind meets at a church, and Suffolk meets at the Lee Jordan clubhouse. However, before you go to the Suffolk Club, I suggest a rest stop. The clubhouse is rustic, has a lot of history, tandem outhouses, and members with interesting nicknames.

I attended the Green Run National Night Out where Oceanside Lions and VB Town Center Blind provided eye screening and sunglasses for those in need. I played a few games of chess with some of the young people, trying to get them to think about the next move in chess and life. I also want to thank Lion Sol for riding with me in my first trip as a Van driver. I attended the Pembroke Mall back to school event where Lions from Oceanside, Thalia, VB Town Center Blind, Princess Anne, Fil-Am and VB Host provided eye screening to over 200 people. Then came the Jump Start project where Princess Ann, Thalia, VB Host and Oceanside provided eye screening to 88 people with about 22 referrals.

I will gladly visit your club if you ask, send me an email ([lionhomercook@gmail.com](mailto:lionhomercook@gmail.com)) and I will work to schedule you. If you need information about how to get into MyLion or MyLCI let me know and I can assist you. This year we have a District Administrator (PDG Rich Evans) and he can also assist you. I may not be as polished a speaker as DG Greg but I enjoy finding out how the district can support you.



As the White cane coordinator for 24-I please let me know about your projects and how successful they are. As Lions we should share information and work together. As a group of clubs, we can do more that we can accomplish as an individual club.

Continue to plant seeds, some of them will grow.

Lion Homer



## GLOBAL SERVICE TEAM

By PDG Beth Stevens

For over 30 years, Lions Clubs around the world have proudly sponsored the Lions International Peace Poster contest in schools and organized youth groups in their communities. This art contest for kids encourages young people world-wide to express their visions of peace. The theme of the 2021 – 2022 Peace Poster Contest is "We Are All Connected." While overcoming challenges brought on by an unprecedented global pandemic, we're celebrating the things that keep us connected - to each other, to our communities, all together around the world. Students, ages 11, 12 or 13 as of November 15, 2021, are eligible to participate. Each poster is judged on originality, artistic merit, and expression of the theme.

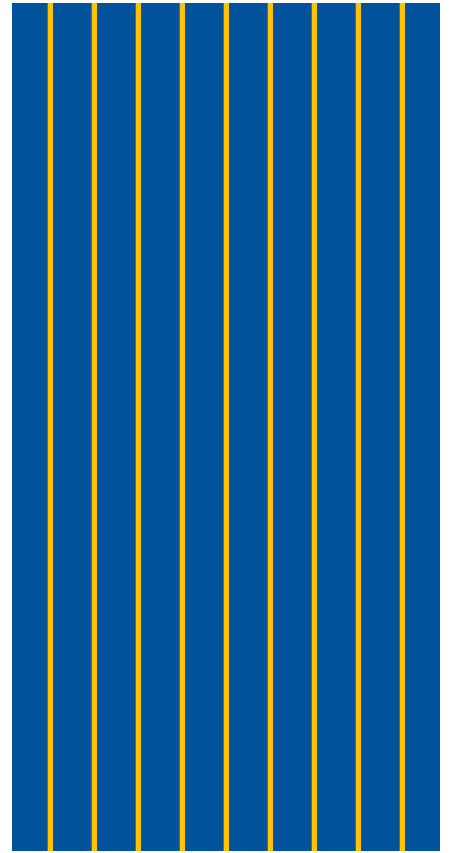


Posters advance through several judging levels: local, district, multiple district and international. At the international level, judges from the art, peace, youth, education and media communities select one grand prize winner and 23 merit award winners. The grand prize winner receives \$5,000 and a trip to a special awards ceremony. Each of the 23 merit award winners receives a cash award of \$500 and a certificate of merit. There is also a Peace Essay Contest for Blind and Vision Impaired children with the same theme, age requirements, and grand prize. Check out the 2020 – 2021 Peace Essay Contest winner reading his essay on the Lions YouTube Channel. He will inspire you. If your club is looking for a new service project to engage your community, this project fits the bill. Your club must order one Peace Poster Kit for each contest you wish to run. The deadline for kits is October 1, 2021. Order Kits online: <https://lionsclubsinternational.myshopify.com/products/ppk1> or by calling club supplies at 1-800-710-7822. Although November 15 is the postmark deadline for clubs to submit one winning poster (per contest) to the District Governor; our District Peace Poster Chair, Lisa Tharp, requests posters be sent to her by November 5, 2021. Posters will be displayed and judged at Fall Conference. A Peace Poster Project Planner will be e-mailed to your club soon.

I want to give you an update on the Lions Sports Explosion Weekend, the camp for blind and vision impaired students, planned for October 2021. Unfortunately, the decision has been made to postpone the debut of the camp until October 2022. This decision wasn't made lightly. It was based on advice of medical professionals and Old Dominion staff. This doesn't mean the committee will stop working on the project. The flyers and registration forms will be published in a future Roar issue. If you'd like to volunteer on the district committee, please contact PCC Chet Kramer.

Just a reminder that September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month and October is Vision Awareness Month. Traditionally Lions participate in World Sight Day on October 8th but plan a project that works for your club. You can get project ideas on the Lions Clubs International website under the project service planners' area. Finally, please remember to report your service in MyLion.

As an organization, Lions struggle with self-promotion. Below are some ideas you could utilize to sell your club.



- When fundraising attach a sheet to the purchased item that: lists what your club does as charitable work and/or list the places your club donates to, asks if they want to become a Lion (make the way you ask unique/stand out), explains what Lions Club are and do
- Generate a business card with your clubs meeting date/time and location on the back inviting them to dinner.
- Visit/meet with local businesses in the area. Ask them for a donation....not of money but of one volunteer to join the club. Businesses would be more likely to give a new member versus a monetary donation.
- Have pens made with your Clubs meeting information and contact information on it. Pens travel, get put down, someone else picks them up.
- Shirts. We all get club shirts with the Lions logo on the pocket. Aim for something more visual.
- Wear your pin - you hear it all the time and it sounds simple. 24 - I has a club whose members tattle on each other if they are not wearing their pin outside of Lions functions. (This club is one of the largest club in 24 - I)
- Invite a local newspaper reporter/radio personality/news anchor to speak at your meeting. Engage them. Ask them directly what your club needs to do to get an item on their platform.
- Team up with the local Boy Scouts when they do their food drives. When they hand out their collection bags to the community ask them to put a bag inside that your club has had made up to collect eyeglasses. The bag can contain information about Lions/Your Club/ Asking them to join.
- Set up posts on social media – Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat, etc. but also seek out websites that allow you post your clubs information with the keyword “Service”: Next Door, VolunteerMatch.org, Meet Up, Idealist.org, HandsOn Network

If your club would like to speak on Leadership and Leadership opportunities please email PDG Heather Jones-Lancto, [heameljon@yahoo.com](mailto:heameljon@yahoo.com)

## HALF AN HOUR FOR YOUR LIONS CLUB

*Mack Stevens Global Membership Coach*

**Draw your Lions Club's Reality** – 10 minutes 34 seconds

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tVqLjufEmws>

**Serving from the Heart** - 5 minutes 21 seconds

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qxrNCRhxggho>

**Empathy and Perspective for your club** - 14 minutes 18 seconds

<https://youtu.be/IJyNoJCAuZA>



### 2021 District 24-I Fall Conference

November 19th-20th, 2021



District 24-I and the Farmville Lions Club welcomes you to the Historic Town of Farmville, Virginia for a time of fellowship, information, and fun. We have been working hard to make this event one you will remember.

The event kicks off on Friday, November 19th at 6:00 – 8:00 pm with a Social at the Hotel Weyanoke's Taproot Tavern where heavy hors d'oeuvres will be provided. A Cash bar will be available.

The Fall Conference resumes Saturday morning at Longwood University's Blackwell Hall. As the General session opens, we will have the honor of hearing from President Taylor Reveley from Longwood University and the Honorable David Whitus, Mayor of Farmville with a welcome to our fair town. The session will conclude with 3-5 minute teaser talks about the various service projects that will be on exhibition after lunch.

Next, we offer breakout sessions with a very exciting line up of training classes:

1. **Engaging Our Most Valuable Resource** – Session will focus on promoting Lionism while engaging members to sustain retention and be appealing to the next generation of Lions.
2. **Delegating Versus Dictating** – Session will focus on leadership principals for effective club leadership.
3. **Turning Current Traditions into New Traditions** – Session will focus on the need to honor old traditions while being open to establishing new traditions that will make club meetings fresh and exciting.
4. **Succession Planning** – Session will focus on the need for strategic planning and development of rising leaders.

Any Lion that brings at least 2 items for the Rock Solid project will be entered into a chance to win a \$100 Visa Card. The Drawing will be held at lunch.

Each registered participant will receive door prize tickets in the registration packet for gifts supplied by various vendors. Winners will be announced at lunch.

After Lunch we will have a scavenger hunt and you will have time to experience an expo-style showcasing of unique service projects, fundraisers, and support opportunities for successful projects. The conference is designed to give Lions an opportunity to network with vendors, the district leadership team, and Lions from around District 24 - I so we can share ideas that can be taken back to your clubs.

The scavenger hunt will consist of questions that can only be answered by visiting exhibit booths. Each entrant will be given prize tickets based upon the number of correctly answered questions. The Winner will be announced during dinner.

Join us from 6:00 – 8:00PM for a Dinner Buffet “**The Lazy Summer Barbecue**” with blue grass band The Appalachian Express – a cash bar will be available

Club Peace Poster submissions will be judged during the day and the winning submission announced at dinner.

District Raffle – Lions will have an opportunity to participate in a 50/50 raffle with proceeds going to the district service project fund. Tickets are \$2 each, 3 for \$5, or 7 for \$10.

Please join us as we celebrate all that is good in Lions and find new ways to offer more service to our communities!

District Governor Greg Cole and his team have made every effort to reduce the cost of the Fall Conference this year. Registration is \$10 which includes lunch and dinner is only \$15. All conference events except dinner are included in the registration fee.

Hotel Weyanoke has a block of rooms for 11/19 and 11/20. Standard room is \$99. Reservations 434-658-7500

**Make Checks Payable to:** Farmville Lions Club

**Registration forms should be sent to:**

2021 Lions Fall Conference

c/o Lion Zach Preston

PO Box 128 Farmville VA 23901

**Conference Questions?** Contact **Lion Steve Lindsey** (434-390-1781) [slindsey1288@gmail.com](mailto:slindsey1288@gmail.com) or **Lion Zach Preston** (434-710-2344) [zachpreston4232@gmail.com](mailto:zachpreston4232@gmail.com).

## **PREMIUM BOX LUNCH**

Deli Platter (Sliced Oven Baked Roasted Turkey, Sliced Roast Beef, Deli Ham and Tuna)

Cheese Tray (Cheddar and Swiss)

Choice of Two side salads

Individual Bags of Chips

Assorted Baked Breads and Rolls

Relish Tray (Lettuce, Tomato, Onion, Pickles, Pepperoncini)

Assorted Crave-worthy Cookies

Choice of Two Beverages Lemonade, Iced Tea, Iced Water

## **DINNER MENU**

Barbeque Chicken

Sliced Brisket

Coleslaw

Cornbread Fiesta Muffins

Macaroni and Cheese

Baked Beans

Assorted Crave-worthy Cookies

Gourmet Dessert Bars

Choice of Two Beverages Lemonade, Iced Tea, Iced Water



## **CENTRAL VIRGINIA LIONS HEARING AID BANK NEWS**

The Central Virginia Lions Hearing Aid Bank (the Bank) is pleased to announce that it placed 70 hearing aids with 53 deserving citizens for the last fiscal year that ran from July 1, 2020 through June 30 2021.

The Bank's board of directors had decided back in 2019 to allow hearing aid applicants to receive 2 aids instead of just one – if the testing audiologist certified that the person showed a significant need for 2 aids – for the same fee as for one aid.

In a recent meeting, the board decided to eliminate the \$50 application fee that the Bank had been charging. Now the only fee that an applicant pays is a \$50 co-pay, or registration fee, regardless if they receive one aid or two, and that fee goes to the fitting audiologist, not the Bank. As almost all of the aids we place are 12-channel digital aids, that means our applicants are receiving top-of-the-line aids for almost nothing.

Here is a breakdown of the areas where the aids were placed last year, by number of applicants that received one or two aids:

Region 1, Zone A - Amherst County, Appomattox, Brookville-Timberlake, Buckingham County, Lynchburg 7 Hills, Rustburg – 4 persons

Region I, Zone B - Brookneal, Chatham, Danville Host, Danville Morning, Gretna, South Boston – 11 persons

Region II, Zone C - Amelia, Blackstone, Charlotte County, Crewe-Burkeville, Farmville, Kenbridge-Victoria – 2 persons

Region II, Zone D - Chase City, Clarksville, Lawrenceville, South Hill – 0 persons

Region III, Zone E - Bon Air-Manchester-Midlothian, Brandermill-Midlothian-Woodlake, Chesterfield Prevent Blindness, Powhatan, Richmond James River – 12 persons

Region III Zone F - Chester, Colonial Heights, Dinwiddie, Hopewell-Prince George – 8 persons

Region III Zone G/ Zone H - Goochland County, Mechanicsville, Richmond Battlefield Park, Richmond West Breakfast, Varina – 16 persons

The Bank currently has over 700 used aids from which to choose to have re-conditioned and placed with applicants. The aids are constantly being culled to replace older aids with newer ones to ensure that applicants receive the most up-to-date instruments.

Since the Bank relies almost exclusively on donations from the clubs in our service area, we greatly appreciate the donations that have been made in the last year.

If your club would like to have a speaker at one of your regularly scheduled club meetings, we would be happy to send someone to speak to talk about the services of the Bank and how they can benefit the less fortunate people in your area.

We recently lost a board member and need a replacement. The board meets 2-4 times per year for about an hour, so the time commitment is not large.

The Central Virginia Lions Hearing Aid Bank is committed to providing hearing aids to those persons in our coverage area who are unable to purchase them through normal retail channels. Please let the people in your area know that we are here to help them. If you haven't told the Social Services department in your city/town/county, please tell them about us.

Our website address is [www.lionshabva.org](http://www.lionshabva.org), and has all the forms necessary for an applicant, as well as information about the club.

# WHERE ARE THEY NOW?



## The Jim and Linda Gregory Family

### Greetings from Sunny Florida!

In 2004, my husband and I were invited to a meeting of the Newport News (Host) Lions Club. We attended and were drawn immediately to the people who belonged to the club. Their commitment and enthusiasm for the organization was very apparent. As we were leaving the meeting, Jim turned to me and said, "I think we should join!" "Okay," I replied. "One question....what do they do?" Well, we did join and quickly learned what Lions do!

Over the next 11 years, we were honored to serve in multiple capacities for our club and for District 24D. Then in 2011, our son, Jesse, and his wife, Lindsay, welcomed a baby boy, Matthew Wyatt, into their family. He wasn't their first child, by any means. When they married, Lindsay already had 5 kids! We came down to visit when Matthew was 3 weeks old and met all of our new grandkids. To the surprise of no one, it was love at first sight for us! For the next 3.5 years, we put a lot of miles on our vehicles, traveling up and down I-95 to Florida.

In 2015, we made the difficult decision to move permanently to Florida. Family needed us more than Virginia did! Since we moved down here, our son and daughter-in-law have added another grandchild to the family. Emily Juliette was born in 2016 and quickly became the light of our lives!

Since moving down, we have definitely devoted a lot of time to children (two more of our kids have moved down here since we came down, so now 4 of our 5 kids are Florida residents) and grandchildren (we have 12 grandkids now and 9 of them live in Florida!) But we haven't forgotten our commitment to Lions.

Jim and I transferred our membership to the Hudson Bayonet Point Lions Club in 2015. When we joined the club, we had four active members (including Jim and me). Today, we anticipate the club will have at least 20 members by the end of this Lions' year. During our years as Florida Lions, Jim has served 2 terms as president and one year as treasurer of the club. I have served 3 terms as secretary and one year as president. Jim also decided to pursue a dream he had while still in Virginia: in 2020, he successfully ran for 2nd Vice District Governor of District 35I. He is currently the 1st Vice District Governor. In the meantime, I am serving my second one-year term as District 35-I's Global Leadership Team Coordinator and am the 1st Vice President of the District 35-I Sight Committee. We are having so much fun!

While moving away from Virginia was one of the most difficult decisions we have ever had to make as a married couple, it has turned out to be a good choice for us. Being here has allowed us to nurture our grandchildren and to grow as Lions. We miss Virginia so much and always will, because it will always be "home", especially to me. Sometimes life takes you on unanticipated highways. And it's good to know that even when you land where you never dreamed you would, you can still make a difference in people's lives. Isn't that what Lions are all about?

Lion Linda Gregory



## Jo K. Nelson, PDG 2006-07

PDG Jo Nelson has been working for Total Action Against Poverty in various capacities since 2008 when she became the workforce development program manager, and then assistant director and currently serves as Director of This Valley Works. Before her time at TAP, Jo worked in various positions including Director of Development at Virginia's Explore Park and the River Foundation, Human Services Curriculum Instructor at Central Virginia Community College, and Executive Director of the Central Virginia Area Agency on Aging.

Jo Nelson received her B.S. in Business Administration and a Master of Arts in Counseling from Louisiana Tech University, and has taken master's level coursework in personnel management and organizational behavior from the University of Southern Mississippi. Aside from her work with TAP, Jo was an active community service volunteer in the Lions Clubs International's Lynchburg Host Lions Club prior to relocating to Roanoke and had served on the Lions of Virginia Foundation Board of Directors where she received the LOVF Distinguished Humanitarian Award.

More recently, PDG Jo spends much of her spare time kayak fishing in fresh and salt water with her life partner Robert Sowder.

## Mike Keelean Family

Just a short update on the busy life of the Morrisville (just outside of Raleigh), NC:

Jean and I are doing well and are in our seventh year here. We live about a block via the greenway path system from Debbie, Jim and the three grandkids so are very involved in their lives. The twins, Tessa and Ethan, started middle school this morning and Ian is in his second year of high school (driver's training in September). We furnish extensive pick-up and drop-off services which keeps us up to date. Between rock climbing-Ian, gymnastics-Tessa and Ethan, martial arts-Ethan and Scouts for all of them they are very busy. Debbie works part time as a Genetic Counselor from home and Jim continues as a lab director for various biological labs and has his own consulting company. Needless to say we have all adopted "cozi ( an online scheduling program) that so to speak keeps us all on the same page.

I just celebrated my 76th birthday and Jean and I will celebrate our 50th anniversary in early September. Both are in relatively good health and are active in several bridge groups in this area, playing on average once a week. Before Covid we averaged twice a week. As you might expect there are a lot of retirees in the area (many have moved here to be close to their grandkids) so we fit in quickly. I have been a member of the Neuse River Model Railroad club in Raleigh for going on 5 years as well as built out a fairly large layout upstairs at home. Again most of the members are retirees so it's a combination trains and socialization deal.

I have been impressed with the continuing active pace that the VBBL club has maintained. You all have clearly maintained the spirit of Lionism and I'm proud to be a member, all be it an inactive one. Keep up the good work and please don't forget me when you have the annual raffle. I enjoy supporting your efforts!!

Love to all, Mike Keelean



## PDG John Kelsey

**1984-85** *Richmond Manchester Club*

PDG John moved from Richmond to Clinton, Tennessee many years ago, and has remained an active Lion. He has been a member of the Clinton Lions Club for more than 20 years. His club is very active screening eyes in local Elementary schools. In 2016, Lion John Kelsey received the LOY at the District 12N breakout session at the 98 MD12 Convention. (Pictured above.) Last year the Clinton Lions Club celebrated their 80th Charter Night Anniversary and Lion John and Donna attended the event.

Lion John has served as a Tennessee Zone Chair and serves as on Credentials at the MD and LCI level. PDG John still attends LCICONS and the most recent were Las Vegas 2018 and Milan 2020. He is planning to attend the Convention in Montreal in 2022.

Lion John, now 85, has been retired for 20 years. He suffered a stroke in 2019, and his daughter Donna lives with him in Clinton. His son lives in Houston and is planning to retire soon.



# Virginia Beach Lions are "On the Spot!"

If you showed up at Pembroke Mall on Saturday, August 7th, you were in for a surprise. Back to school "tax free" Saturday brought loads of parents and students inside out of the drenching rain to look for bargains and give-aways. They were not disappointed because over 60 partners in education with the Virginia Beach Public Schools, school division departments and youth organizations had sat up tables and displays. They were promoting their services and offering freebies. At the same time, the Office of Family and Community Engagement gave away hundreds of donated bookbags and school supplies.

Six Virginia Beach Lions Clubs, Princess Anne, Oceanside, Virginia Beach Host, Fil-Am, Thalia, and Town Center Blind Lions, were there "on the SPOT" vision screening 235 students, giving away 100 disposable water bottles, and hundreds of books. While waiting for vision screening with one of the two Spots, Lion Homer Cook engaged young people in a game of Chess.

As students were screened for vision, we referred them to the audiologist group partnered with us, Coastal Hearing and Balance Solutions. Audiologist, Kim Croteau Sparks screened at least half the students for hearing.

Aside from offering our services, we exchanged ideas with other participants and were exposed to the scope of partners supporting the Virginia Beach Public Schools. All in all, a pretty good day for Lionism!

Lion Nancy Watters, Secretary

Thalia Lions Club



**District 24-I**

**2021-22 Calendar of Events**

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

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>MD 24 ,District 24I events,</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Confirm</b>
Aug 3, 2021	11:30	Tappahannock Lions Club <b>DG</b> Visit	Roma's Restaurant	√
Aug 3, 2021	3 pm	Site Visit Winter Conference Location	Williamsburg, VA	√
Aug 3, 2021	6:30pm	Williamsburg Host request <b>DG</b> Visit	HI Gateway Williamsburg	√
Aug 6, 2021		<b>Amherst Lions \$10K Raffle Drawing</b>	<b>Madison Hts Community Ctr.</b>	
Aug 7, 2021		<b>Zone O:Back to School Fair Screening</b>	<b>Pembroke Mall</b>	
Aug 9, 2021	11:30a m	VA Beach Host Lions– <b>DG</b> Visit	The Breakers Motel	√
Aug 9, 2021	6:30 pm	Clarksville Lions Club – <b>DG</b> Visit	Clarksville, VA	√
Aug 12, 2021	6:30 pm	<b>Zone F: Meeting with DG</b> Greg Cole	CHLC: Dante's Restaurant	√
Aug 14, 2021	10 am	VA Beach TC Blind – <b>DG</b> Visit	St Albans Episcopal Church	√
Aug. 14, 2021	5 pm	<b>New Kent Lions Shrimp Feast</b>	<b>Providence Forge Recreation</b>	√
Aug 17, 2021	6:30 pm	Suffolk Lions Club – <b>DG</b> Visit	Lee Jordan Club House	√
Aug 23, 2021	6:00 pm	<b>Zone G/H Meeting with DG</b> Greg Cole	Gayton Rd Christian Church	√
Aug 26, 2021	6:00 pm	<b>Gretna Lions Club DG</b> Visit	Mama Rosa Restaurant	√
Aug 28, 2021	1 PM	<b>COG meeting @ LOV State Office</b>	Roanoke, VA	√
Sept 1, 2021	6:29 pm	<b>Zone L Meet with DG @Craddock Lions</b>	Roger Brown's Sports Bar	√
Sept 9, 2021	6:00 pm	<b>Appomattox Lions 82 yrs with DG</b>	Railyard Restaurant	√
Sept 9-11, 2021		<b>USA Canada LIONS LEADERSHIP FORUM</b>	Des Moines, Iowa	
Sept 11, 2021	1PM	<b>Region 2, Zone C and D Meet w/ DG</b>	Mildred's Meals Kenbridge	√
Sept 12, 2021		<b>Lancaster County Golf Tournament</b>	Indian Creek Golf & Yacht Club	
Sept 14, 2021	5:30 pm	<b>Zone M Meet w/ DG @ Norfolk LittleCrk</b>	Mom & Pops Restaurant-Norfolk	√
Sept 16, 2017	5 pm	<b>Goochland County Lions Club BBQ</b>	Dover Lake @ Manakin Sabot	√
Sept 17, 2021	7 am	<b>James City Charity Golf Tournament</b>	Ford's Colony Golf	√
Sept. 21, 2021	6:15 pm	<b>Varina Lions Club DG</b> Visit	Varina Ruritan Building	√
Sept 23, 2021	6:00 pm	<b>ZONE A Meet w/ DG (host TBD)</b>	Lynchburg area	<b>Pending</b>
Sept 25, 2021	2PM	<b>Suffolk Car Show &amp; Zone N Meeting</b>	Nansemond Academy	√
Sept 25, 2021	6 PM	<b>SEVA Filo Am Club Dinner Dance</b>	Crown Plaza Hotel	√
Oct 1-3, 2021		<b>District 24 L Fall Conference MD24 COG meeting: DG Joel Kendall</b>	Hospitality House Fredericksburg	√
Oct 7, 2021	6 PM	<b>New Kent Lions DG</b> Visit	Don Miguel's Restaurant	
Oct 14, 2021	6:30 pm	<b>Zone I Meet w/ DG @ Northumberland</b>	Tommy's Restaurant	
Oct. 16, 2021	11-1pm	<b>Save the date: Qtr2 Cabinet Meeting</b>	<b>To be announced</b>	
Oc20, 2021t	6PM	<b>Zone O Meet w/ DG @ Thalia Lions</b>	Broad Bay Country Club	
Oct 23, 2021		<b>Amelia Lions Car Show</b>	Amelia Courthouse, VA	
Oct 27, 2021	6 PM	<b>Powhatan Lions Club</b>	County Seat Restaurant	<b>Pending</b>
<b>November to January</b>				
Nov 5-7, 2021		<b>District 24 C Fall Conference MD 24 COG meeting</b>	HI Valley View, Roanoke DG Eric Mills	√
11/ 10-13 / 21		<b>Pin Traders Club of VA: Annual Swap</b>	Doubletree Koger Midlothian, VA	
11/19-20 /21		<b>District 24-I Fall Conference Host Club: Farmville Lions</b>	Hotel Weyanoke, Farmville Longwood University	√
Jan 14-15, 2022		<b>MD 24 COG Pre Convention Meeting</b>	<b>Delta Hotel, Chesapeake</b>	√

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

**Key: V = confirmed**

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

# FUNNY CAPTION CONTEST

Think of a funny caption for each picture – relate it to lions and email it to Lion Mack Stevens - [Mackstevens@cox.net](mailto:Mackstevens@cox.net) keep it clean & no names please PRIZE \$25 Amazon Card in Oct. Newsletter



INCLUDE THE WORDS: not pretty



INCLUDE THE WORDS: a new laptop



INCLUDE THE WORDS: Secondhand Smoke



INCLUDE THE WORDS: Club of Distinction

## SERVICE SPOTLIGHT

The **Norfolk Ocean View Lions Club** took on a Norfolk Adopt-A-Spot cleanup project this year, cleaning up the Lennox Creek and Road area. We have cleaned this area four times so far this year, the latest accompanied by five “cubs” invited by Lion Andrea. We have had as many as nine Lions involved in cleanups.



The **Tappahannock Lions Club** met on August 3, 2021 with our guest speaker, DG Greg Cole. It was an informative meeting. DG Greg laid out his plans and his vision for the upcoming Lions year. The Tappahannock Lions Club presented a sixth park bench to [MainStreet.org](http://MainStreet.org) for the new park to be located in Tappahannock. Club members collected 300 pounds of plastic for recycling toward a Trex bench in the months of July and August.

In September and October 2021, club members will be conducting both sight and hearing screenings at all three of the Essex County Schools and the King and Queen County Schools using the Welch Allyn Spot screeners.





# James City Lions Williamsburg Walking Tour for the Blind



Twenty-two students and faculty from the Virginia Rehabilitation Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired were treated to a Williamsburg Walking Tour on 21 July 2021. The annual event is intended to help students refine their “cane skills” over various terrains while learning interesting facts about our favorite city. Williamsburg Walking Tours, owned by Trish and David Thomas, has conducted these tours for the visually impaired for the past five years (2020 excepted). Members of the James City Lions Club have assisted the tours as “guides” each year.



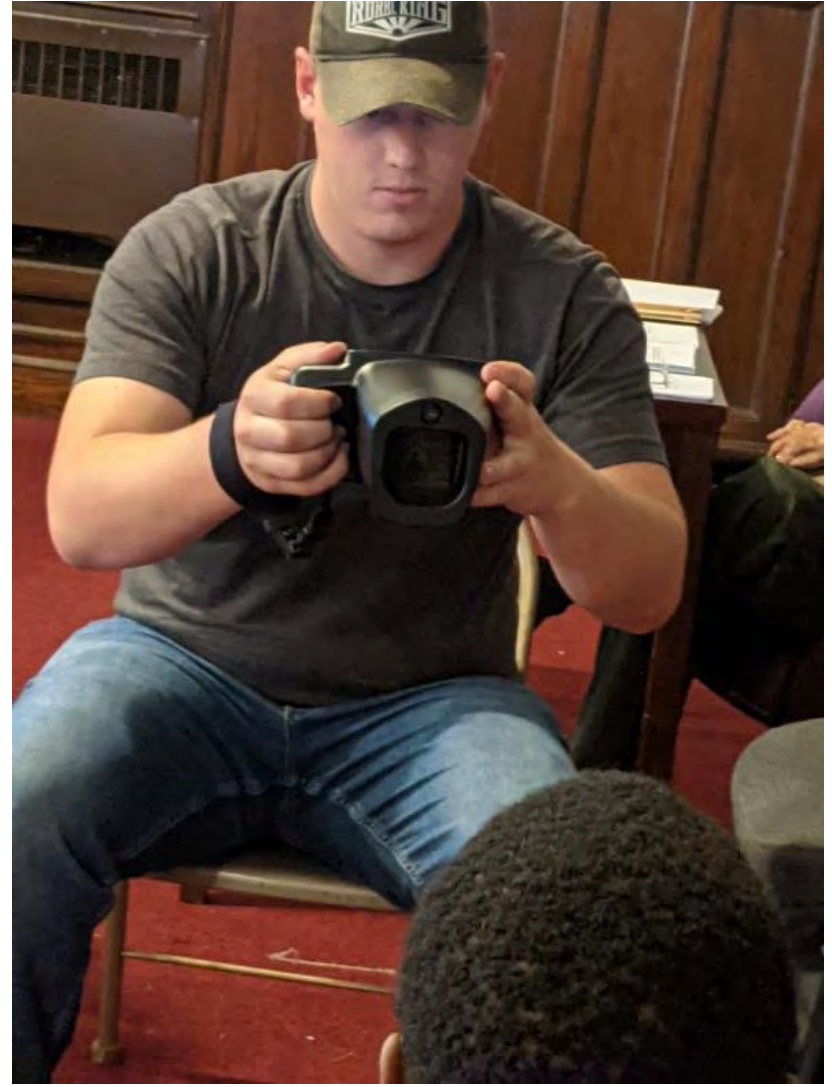
## NEW KENT SHRIMP FEST

**Town Center - Blind Lions** hosting the Lemonade stand to help CHKD raise money for their cancer research and to help children with pediatric cancer.



On 14 Aug 2021 at the Town Center-Blind Lions Club Meeting DG Greg Cole in his club visit discussed his plans and vision for the lions of District 24 I. As one of his duties DG Greg inducted Lion Ashley Durbin into the Town Center-Blind Lions Club. DG Greg Cole also charged PDG Scott Durbin with helping Ashley to be a Proud Lion and oversaw the pinning of the new Lion by her father.

**Portsmouth Host Lions Club** screened 42 children at the Wesley Center on Elm Ave in Portsmouth. We are excited to be back in the community after being shut down for Covid.



Lions,

Lions KidSight USA Foundation is rolling out its back to school program – Project SEE CLEARLY 2021. I am pleased and proud to announce that we have developed an “EVENT & MEDIA PACKET” containing many documents to assist you in planning your upcoming children’s vision screening events. Items like sample forms, press releases, event planning outlines, Lions KidSight logos and many more exciting resources are available for you to download at this Google Drive link. You do not have to have a Google account to download the documents.

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1rRHAoICd9UtQE4RtdGV0DFMNPkhGxiLe?usp=sharing>

There will soon be a link to this downloadable event & media kit from a greatly re-imagined and rebuilt Lions KidSight USA website in the coming weeks.



Our nation’s kids need us to stand up. So, you may use the resources available from this link to get children’s vision screening restarted in your community.

In addition to these resources we have produced a super video you may use to promote vision screening programs by Lions. After you view this 6 ½ minute video you may share it with all Lions, parents, teachers, administrators, health professionals – anyone who is interested in protecting children’s visual welfare. Here is the YouTube link to the video: <https://youtu.be/p-5TR7yuib0>

Thank you for what you are doing to improve the lives of the children in our communities.

I would ask that you give this as wide a distribution in your Districts as possible and encourage your Lions Clubs to follow the Best Practices guidelines we present.

If there are any questions, please contact me or visit our website: [www.LionsKidSightUSA.org](http://www.LionsKidSightUSA.org)

PID Hauser Weiler

MD 24 Sight Chair





**Clubs that want to designate donations to the District should fill out this form and include it with your check payable to Lions District 24 – I, Send it to Lion Evonne Green District Treasurer 1420 Ski Lodge Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23453. Please mark the amount that should be designated toward the line items your club wishes to support.**

**Contributions to Lions District 24-I  
2021-2022**

Club Name _____	Date _____
Contact _____	
Phone _____	
Email _____	

Make district contributions to **Lions District 24-I**  
Mail to **Lion Evonne Green, 1420 Ski Lodge Rd, Virginia Beach VA 23453**

**Administrative**

102	Adm/Discretionary	\$ _____
100	Admin	\$ _____
110	Fall Conf	\$ _____
112	Winter Conf	\$ _____
132	Trading Pins	\$ _____
134	DG Gift	\$ _____
120a	P/R	\$ _____
120e	Dist Website	\$ _____
126	Newsletter	\$ _____
140	GLT	\$ _____
		_____
		_____
		_____
		_____

**Total** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Activity**

202	Act/Discretionary	\$ _____
200	Act Admin	\$ _____
203	GST general fund	\$ _____
204	Hunger	\$ _____
210	Vision	\$ _____
230	Diabetes	\$ _____
205	Childhood Cancer	\$ _____
206	Environment	\$ _____
220	Hearing	\$ _____
212	Children's Services	\$ _____
242	Youth Outreach	\$ _____
240	Bland	\$ _____
248	LAMP	\$ _____
246	Answering Service	\$ _____

**Total** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Payments to other charities or organizations should be sent directly to them.  
See page 60 of District Directory for addresses.  
If not listed in the directory please contact them directly or Lion Evonne Green

**DISTRICT 24-I**  
**Lions Safari Club Visitation**  
**Program Rules, Awards, Guidelines**  
 July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022



**Purpose:** to provide an opportunity for District 24-I Lion members to meet and make friends with Lions in other clubs, zones, regions, and the District, and to observe how funds were raised and donated, ultimately creating a stronger bond of friendship among the Lions and Clubs throughout the District.

**What constitutes a Visit:**

Minimum number of Lions required for a *Lions Safari* Visiting Team

<b>Lions Club Total Membership</b>	<b><i>Lions Safari</i> Visiting Team</b>
1-10 members	Minimum of two (2) Lions per visit
11-25 members	Minimum of three (3) Lions per visit
26- 45 members	Minimum of four (4) Lions per visit
46 or more	Minimum of five (5) Lion per visit

- Lions Clubs will only earn credit once for visiting a specific club during the Lions Club year July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022.
- Visit can be scheduled with the club to be visited during regular meetings, Charter, Installation, and other celebrations, or during a DG visit.
- Visits during a ZONE or REGION meeting are allowed.
- Visits must be coordinated with the host club for all meetings at least 2 weeks prior, unless otherwise specified.

**Visitation Awards:**

**District Governor's *Lions Safari* Banner Patch:** To earn a DG Banner Patch all clubs must visit at least three (3) clubs in a different Zone and one (1) or more within own Zone. Minimum of four (4). The Eastern Shore clubs are allowed three (3) in own Zone and one (1) outside their Zone. **Attending meeting by Zoomcounts.**

**Contest Winner's Trophy and Ward's Corner Foundation Endowment Award:** To earn the winner's Trophy and be awarded the Ward's Corner Foundation Endowment Award of \$500 to be used by the winning club for a charitable donation, Clubs will earn points for the following:

1. Visit Clubs in a minimum 3 Zones of the 6 Regions.

2. How to earn <b>Safari points</b>
Earn 1 point per mile one way travel distance. <i>Using MapQuest fastest Route</i>
3. <b>Bonus</b> Points:
Earn 50 Points for crossing Chesapeake Bay Bridge
Earn 10 Points for crossing the Coleman Bridge over the York River
Earn 20 Points for crossing the Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel Earn
25 Points for a visit in excess of 100 miles one way.
Earn 20 Points for each Visit in more than 1 REGION.

**Program Guidelines:**

**1. Responsibility of Visiting Club:**

- the Club's Safari Chair should coordinate the planned visit with the Club to be visited President or Secretary or the Zone or Region Chairs holding a meeting, **at least 10 days prior** to date requested to give host club caterer, hotel or restaurant advance notice of number of additional Lions in attendance.
- when scheduling a **Lions Safari** visit a Club should have the minimum number of Lions attend and stay for the entire meeting.
- the visiting Club's members should arrive promptly and be present when the call to order bell rings.
- each visiting Club member should be prepared to pay cash or check or use a credit card **if applicable** for their meal.
- the Club's **Safari** Chair should bring the completed **Lion Safari** Report Form to the meeting for signature by a host club leader.
- the Visiting Club must send or email the signed and completed form within 2 weeks to the **Lions Safari** 24-I Committee Chair listed at the bottom of the form.
- the visiting club will receive 50 points for each visit.

**2. Responsibility of Visited (Host) Club:**

- the Club being visited should agree to the date of visit request for a **Lions Safari** visit whenever possible unless prior plans interfere with request.
- Both Visiting and Visited Clubs should follow the Lions Code of Ethics.
- Visited Club should never impose special fees or impose fines above usual limits.

3. **Conflict resolution:** Should visiting clubs fail to arrive prior to the call to order bell due to highway, accident, or weather conditions, traffic backups on bridges and in tunnels decision to earn points will be decided on an as needed basis by the visited host Club, the Lions Safari 24-I Committee Chair, and District Governor if necessary.

The District Governor hopes you will join the journey, gas up your cars, Carpool, and get on the road again, while singing this jingle by Willie Nelson as you travel along.

On the road again  
Just can't wait to get on the road again  
The life I love is meetin' Lions with my friends  
And I can't wait to get on the road again  
On the road again  
Goin' places that I've never been  
Learnin' things that Lions may always use again  
And I can't wait to get on the road again

## IN MEMORY

**Victor B. Stacy**

*Amherst County Lions*

**Wardell Carter**

*Lancaster County Lions*

**Robert E. McQuillen**

*Gloucester Lions*

**Douglas L. Johnson**

*Williamsburg Host Lions*



## WELCOME OUR

# NEWEST LIONS

### Lancaster County Lions

Melissa Folan

### Newport News Host Lions

Joseph W. Fuller IV

Cassie Prisco

### South Hill Lions

John L. Fitzgerald

Lynn A. Fitzgerald

### Northumberland County Lions

Nancy E. Brown

## Lions District 24-I's September Orientation Zoom

Last Month's Orientation Meeting was less than perfect. I accidently used my school account in setting up the Zoom. It had a restriction that made it impossible to use. Quickly we changed gears and made a new zoom. We were able to provide Orientation to 6 people. I know we lost at least 2 people so we are planning another Orientation for September 23. If you are a new member, a member who hasn't seen an orientation lately or maybe you would like to run one for Your club, please join us. If you know someone who just wants to know more about Lions please share the link.

Time: Sep 23, 2021 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82932022710?pwd=UTZhOWR0QjRCQWZNR0tIbGpRTWJVQT09>

Meeting ID: 829 3202 2710

Passcode: LIONS

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**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2021**

Mill Quarter Golf Course  
 1525 Mill Quarter Road  
 Powhatan, Virginia 23139  
 804-598-4221

**TIME:** Registration begins at 10:30, **Shotgun starts at 12:00 NOON**

**FORMAT:** Captain's Choice - 4 Men/Ladies/Mixed Teams; White tees for Men; Gold tees for Seniors (55+); Red tees for Woman & men over 75

**COST:** \$95.00 per player includes: Greens Fee, Golf Cart, Practice Balls, Beverages, Hot Dogs, Chips, Tournament Awards (1st, 2nd & 3rd place team prizes, closest to the pin, longest drive, longest putt) Mulligans will be available for purchase.

Serving BBQ dinner by Wildwood BBQ at the picnic tables at the conclusion of play.

**SEE BELOW FOR OTHER ENTRY OPTIONS**

CONTACT FOR INFORMATION: **JIM BLANDFORD** (804-513-3878) **TERRY PAQUETTE** (804-690-0177)

Team Captain Name, Telephone and email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Players:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_

Each team Captain will make sure that his/her team has paid and registered prior to playing. Checks payable to **POWHATAN LIONS CLUB FOUNDATION** and return with your registration to:  
**JIM BLANDFORD, C/O FINE CREEK REALTY, 2405 ANDERSON HIGHWAY**  
**POWHATAN, VIRGINIA 23139 • PHONE 804-598-1525**

\*Registration must be no later than **OCTOBER 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021** to ensure your participation\*

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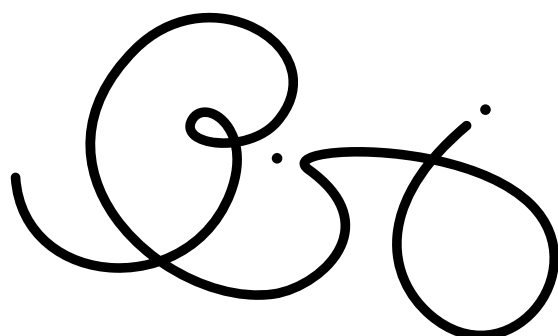
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