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Office of the Governor



Dear Lions, Lioness and Leos,

New Year to each of you! In 2011, 24B started the year with the Warrior Spirit, grew Lionism, and reached a new level with service. Many clubs have planted trees, partnered with other clubs on projects, provided many pairs of eyeglasses and eye exams, built wheelchair ramps, cooked Boston butts, sold brooms, participated in our district functions, and really became a Lion family!!

We had our first Zone Health Fair too! We are working on the Health Project scheduled for Petersburg in the summer of 2012. Two clubs purchased a PediaVision this year, and started screening in December. Other clubs will have PediaVision machines very soon! You have done so many wonderful things!

We are on a roll for 2012!! All clubs should have a tree or some trees planted by March 31. Our sight and hearing van committee is busy and will have some results very soon. Our plans for an eyeglass-recycling center are also underway. There isn't any stopping 24B with our mission to serve and fill the needs of our communities. We have many hands and smiles to get things done when we come together.

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District 24-B Cabinet

District Governor
Janis Chenery

1st Vice District Governor
Joey McCaffrey

2nd Vice District Governor
Norma Lee Taylor

District Secretary
Peter J. Sizemore

District Treasurer
Carolyn Messimer



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Please make your plans and reservations to attend the Winter Conference on February 18, 2012 in Farmville, Virginia. We will have educational classes, fellowship, fun classes for our spouses, great food, and entertainment!

I thank you for all of your service and your continued support of your club and Lionism. As I visit your clubs, I continue to get overwhelmed at all that you do! As I have visited your clubs, my eyes have been opened as I see all of the service, fundraisers, and

friendships that are nestled as a Lions Club in all of the communities throughout 24B.

Again, I look forward to seeing you in Farmville at our Winter Conference in Farmville on February 18, 2012. Have a very safe and Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

DG Janis

1st Vice District Governor

Lion Joey McCaffrey



Hello and seasons greetings to all of the Lions, Lionesses, and Leos of District 24-B. I hope everyone had a very pleasant Christmas and that Santa brought you everything you wanted.

I had a very busy December. I worked most of the month and I did not get much done so let me bring you up to date on current events. I have not received any new information from Virginia State University officials on the progress of the LAMP Project. I plan to call them after the first of the year to

obtain an update. June will be here before we realize it.

As to other activities, District Governor Janis has assembled a team to research the requirements for obtaining a sight and hearing van for District 24-B. I will be a member of that team.

That is it for this month. I am still looking for a few good Lions to fill out my team for next year so if you would like to part of my Lions year just give me a call. I would love to hear from you.



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From our family to yours, we wish you a safe and Happy New Year and always remember, It's not about me, It's not about you, it's about the people we serve!

Lion Joey McCaffrey
First Vice District Governor

Thank you for all you do! Yours in Lionism,

Cabinet Secretary's Corner

Lion Peter J. Sizemore



As we begin the second half of the 2011-12 Lions year, may we take a few minutes to look ahead of things to come so we can better plan for the remaining months

of the Lions year.

Lions of Virginia Proposed Amendments:

If you have a proposed amendment to the Lions of Virginia Constitution & By-Laws, you must submit your proposal to the District Constitution & By-Laws Committee so that the committee **receives** it by **January 19, 2012.**

2012-13 Club Officers: Clubs will need to begin thinking of appointing the club's

nominating committees for the 2012-13 club year. In compliance with the Standard Form Lions Club Constitution and By-Laws, the club's nominating shall be held in March or as determined by the board of directors. The election meeting shall be held in April or as determined by the board of directors. Each of these meeting shall be published by regular post or electronic means or by personal delivery to each member of the club at least fourteen (14) calendar days prior the date of the meetings.

The timely manner that the clubs submitted their annual per capita annual dues was most appreciated.

Remember that January 13 is the birthday of Melvin Jones, the founder of Lions Clubs



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International. It all started with his vision of helping others.

Lion Peter J. Sizemore
Cabinet Secretary

We look forward to seeing you in Farmville for the Winter Conference on Saturday, February 18, 2012.

Beacon Editor **Lion Robert J. Pratt**



Season's Greetings to everyone! Like First Vice District Governor Joey, I have been very busy during the holiday season. It seems like a blur from the cross country drive from

California in late November helping my daughter relocate here in Virginia to volunteering with the Salvation Army's Angel Tree Program, working Bizarre Bazaar for my own club, attending a zone meeting, giving a club presentation, and volunteering with Project: Homes.

Having my computer down for a week put me behind on getting the Beacon and Calendar of Events prepared for distribution on time. However, I managed to get through

all of that in good shape. However, there is no respite in this New Year. There remains a great deal of work yet ahead of us.

The District 24-B Mid-Winter Conference and Cabinet Meeting is a mere five weeks away. There is district, zone and club business that requires all our attention. If you attended the Fall Conference, you have another exciting, educational, and fun-filled event. If you missed the fall conference, then you definitely do not want to miss this conference.

We continue to have an unacceptably high number of clubs that are not submitting its Monthly Membership Reports to LCI electronically or by mail. In November, fifteen clubs failed to submit reports. In December, the number of clubs failing to report dropped to seven but that is still



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unacceptable. Let's make a concerted effort in this New Year to reverse this trend. If your club is having difficulties in submitting your monthly reports, I am available to provide whatever assistance I can to help you submit your report accurately and in a timely manner.

We have a number of activities and events in the Calendar of Events but many of them are lacking important details. Club officers please take a moment to review your club's events in the calendar. If there is missing information such as times, locations, description of the event, cost, if any, and the name, telephone number and/or e-mail

address of your point of contact, then you have work to do. Please send me that information immediately so we can provide the information that readers need.

That is it for this edition. Take part, take interest, and attend club, zone, and district meetings to voice your opinion and participate in the administration and operation of your Lions District.

Thank you for your continued support and assistance. Yours in Service,

Lion Bob Pratt
Beacon Editor/Statistician

Around the District

DISTRICT 24-B MID-WINTER CONFERENCE AND CABINET MEETING

February 18, 2012

Mark your calendars for an important, informative and fun event.

The Farmville Lions Club will host the District 24-B Mid-Winter Conference and Cabinet Meeting at the Fuqua School, 605 Church Street Farmville, VA 23901 on February 18, 2012. We invite everyone to

attend and participate in this important event.

The events planned for the Lions are:

- Cabinet Meeting
- Lunch
- Seminar 1
- Seminar 2
- Seminar 3
- Reception (spouses/significant others)



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- Dinner with entertainment (spouses/significant others)

There are special events planned for the spouses, family members, significant others, and guests:

- Oil painting class (even if you don't think you can paint, you will leave the session with a painting you have done. This is a really fun and exciting experience.
- Jewelry making class
- Lunch with the Lions
- Reception
- Dinner with entertainment

The Mid-Winter Conference, District Cabinet meeting, spouses, and significant others events will all be held at the Fuqua School.



Fuqua School, Farmville, Virginia

Lodging for the conference will be at the beautiful Hampton Inn, 300 Sunchase Boulevard Farmville, VA 23901-2894. It is

only a very short distance from the conference location.

For those who wish to make hotel reservations, please call either the hotel or the Hampton 800 reservation. Rooms are limited, so make your reservations as soon as possible! The last day to receive the conference rate will be February 3, 2012.

To receive the special rate, be sure to use the conference code, which is **LBC**

Hampton Inn
300 Sunchase Blvd.
Farmville, VA 23901
404-392-8826

Or

Hampton Inn National Reservations
1-800-hampton (426-7866)

Complete details and registration information will be available next week!

The Farmville Lions Club looks forward to your attendance and support at this special event.

International President Tam has assembled a Women's and Family Membership Development Task Force to collect ideas for growing women and family membership.

The Task Force is comprised of the current female international directors and two female board appointees. Throughout the



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2011-2012 fiscal year, these women will be attending and participating in women’s workshop events and symposiums worldwide.

will be pulling together and distilling their findings to develop recommendations on next steps.

The vision for the task force members is to gain insights for promoting, advancing and developing opportunities for women and family membership in Lions. The Task Force

You can read more about this project at [Family & Women's Newsletter](#).

Did You Know That...?

Famous Lions



Anne Sullivan

At the 1935, convention in Cedar Point, Ohio Lions chose to make not one, but two exceptions to their constitution and by-laws with regard to women members by honoring Helen Keller as the “First Lady of Lionism” and making her an honorary Lion. They then followed that up by making Anne Sullivan an honorary Lion as well, calling her the “Second Lady of Lionism.”



Admiral Richard E. Byrd

One of the most famous Lions of the 1920s was polar explorer, Admiral Richard E. Byrd, a member of the Washington, D.C. Lions Club. When Admiral Byrd and his noted aviator Floyd Bennett flew over the North Pole on May 9, 1926, they carried the Lions flag with them.

Other famous persons who were Lions include former U.S. Presidents Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan, and writer Earle Stanley Gardner.



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District 24B WINTER CONFERENCE & CABINET MEETING

Hosted by the Farmville Lions Club
Farmville, VA
February 18, 2011

Register &
Receive



Free
Conference
Pin

Seminars - Events for spouses
Lunch - Banquet
Entertainment

SAVE THE DATE
PLAN NOW TO ATTEND



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District 24-B Regional and Zone Chair Appointments

Region Chair Appointments

During December, District Governor Janis Chenery appointed Lion Ronald (Ron) White of the Amherst County Lions Club to the office of Region I Zone I Chair. She appointed Lion Ron to the Zone Chair position to replace Lion Ray Mueller who accepted the position of Region I Chair. Lion Ron brings many years of experience to the office of Zone Chair.

As Zone Chair, Lion Ron will work with the clubs in Region I Zone I that include Amherst County, Appomattox, Brookville-Timberlake, Buckingham County, Lynchburg Host, Lynchburg 7 Hills and Rustburg Lions Clubs.

District Governor Janis is most appreciative of Lion Ron for agreeing to become Region I, Zone I Chair.

During December, District Governor Janis Chenery also appointed the following four Region Chairs:

- Region I: Lion Ray Mueller of the Brookville-Timberlake Lions Club
- Region II: Lion Royce Savelle of the Richmond-Host Tuckahoe Lions Club
- Region III: Lion Nat Hutcheson of the Clarksville Lions Club
- Region IV: Lion Philip (Ray) Guin of the Richmond James River Lions Club

District Governor Janis appointed the Region Chairs ostensibly to work on major projects and to assist the efforts in the zones of each region.

These four Lions bring many years of experience and accomplishments to the district and District Governor Janis is most grateful for their agreement to serve in their new position.





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District 24 B Bland Contest Calendar

The New Year is ringing in to the "sounds of music". Please note the dates for the Bland Contests around the District and make plans for an evening out to enjoy listening to the instrumental and vocal talents of our community youths. Mark your calendars and plan to attend.

All Clubs and Zones holding contests should advertise the event to the public and copy the ideas of the best by charging an admission fee like South Boston:

Bland Contest Admission: Bring Used Eye Glasses and Hearing Aids for Recycling.

Club and/or Zone	Dates	Location / Time
South Boston Lions	Feb 3, 2012	The Prizery @ 7PM
Mechanicsville	Feb 9, 2012	Covenant Woods @ 7-9 PM
Region 1 Zone 1	TBA	Liberty University
Chester Lions Club	TBA	
BAMM /BMW/James River	Mar 18, 2012	Brandermill Community Church 2 PM
Hopewell Prince George Lions	Mar 18, 2012	Powers Memorial Church @ 2PM
Region III Zone 2	TBA	South Hill
24 B District Contest	Apr 22, 2012	Hamden Sydney College @ 2 PM
LOV Contest	May 18, 2012	Chesapeake: LOV Convention 7 PM



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Machine to help Danville Children's Eyesight

By: [TIFFANY HOLLAND](#) | [GoDanRiver.com](#)

Published: December 30, 2011



"The reason we volunteer is to impact people's vision," said Chris Anderson, president of the Danville Host Lions Club, a volunteer organization to help disabled people.

With the help of Danville Regional Foundation, the club will soon have a profound effect on children's vision in the community.

With foundation funding, the Host Lions Club purchased a PediaVision solution machine that performs a five-second eye test on adults and children as young as 6.

The piece of equipment costs close to \$10,000, but organizers thought the purchase would be able to change the futures of a lot of children in the Dan River Region.

"We can screen kids before they get to school," said Bob Chenery, who chairs the project. "If we can screen all the kids here at 1 or 2, we can wipe out amblyopia. I know it is a bold statement but I think we can do that."

Amblyopia, or "lazy eye," is one of the problems PediaVision can detect. It can also screen for other eye problems and measures eyesight. The exam takes just a few seconds and an assessment is made by the PediaVision machine and can be printed out



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to take to an ophthalmologist if it determines there is a problem.

The Host Lions Club wants to target children in the community so every child's eyesight can be evaluated before they enter school.

A lot parents cannot afford an eye exam, said Anderson, so the club wants to help them out. "If kids are behind when they enter school, it is very hard for them to catch up," said Chenery. He said he got the idea for the PediaVision machine when he was heard about them being successful at another Host Lions Club community. After running into someone from the Danville Regional Foundation, who told him that funding may be possible, he decided to pitch the idea to other members at a meeting.

"There were three ophthalmologists at the meeting," said Chenery. "And it was like candy to them."

Chenery said the club hopes to get more PediaVision machines and they will begin training people to use them next month. They want to go to local day cares and work with the schools to implement the eye testing, which will be free.

The organization also works to help lower-income children get glasses and pay for doctor's appointments. They are currently trying to reach out to childcare organizations to get every child in the region examined.

"We want anyone who has a need, any day, any time," said Anderson. "The only way to help is to know to go there. So just tell us."

District Directory Changes & Corrections

Page #	Club	Change/Correction
28	Farmville	Change: 1 st Vice District Governor Joey McCaffrey's address
		New Address: 14720 Loren Drive, Chester, Virginia 23836



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Club News

Goochland Lions Santa Program

For nineteen years, the Goochland Lions Club has played Santa Claus. The program was started by Charter member Lion Spencer Winn started the program in 1992. Lion Lanny Palmer took over the reins in 2007. Members of the club and the community made donations to support this worthy cause. This year, the club adopted five families

through the Goochland Christmas Mother Program. Club members delivered gifts of toys, clothes, and food on December 23, 2011. Lion Palmer played Santa and six Goochland Lions, family members and friends assisted him. Following the event, Lion Lanny and his wife, Carolyn, hosted a holiday party.

Powhatan County Lions Celebrate Christmas

The Powhatan County Lions Club participated in the Powhatan Christmas Parade with a float that had over 20 middle school students from Powhatan Middle School's character building program and Lion Claus, portrayed by Lion Jeannie Camp.





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Kenbridge – Victoria Tree Planting



Lion Mac poses with Lion President Richard Speights

Recently, the Kenbridge-Victoria Lions Club planted two crepe myrtle trees in parks in Kenbridge and Victoria. The club planted

the trees as a part of the Lions International Tree Planting Campaign.

The club decided to dedicate the trees to its two surviving charter members. There will be a commemorative plaque with each tree. The club will dedicate the trees when the plaques are ready.

The tree in Victoria's park will be dedicated to Mac Edmondson who has been a lion for over 60 years and is a past district governor.

The tree in the Kenbridge Park will be dedicated to Doctor Dan Baugh.

District 24-B Mid-Winter Conference and Cabinet Meeting

Farmville Lions Club

Dear Fellow Lions of District 24B,

The Farmville Lions Club is very excited about hosting the 2012 Winter Conference.

We have an exciting day planned for you, and your guest!

Not only will there be informative meetings and speakers, but there will also be fabulous



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entertainment, extraordinary food, fun and fellowship, and even lots for your guests to do!

We have made every effort to keep the cost down for you. Please plan to come for the day, or stay the night. Make a commitment to attend! Come to meet old and new friends!

Register early to receive the newest conference pin!

2012--This is a great year to be a Lion! We are waiting to welcome you!

Lion Kerry Mossler

President, Farmville Lions Club

Did You Also Know That...?

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International Present
Ewen W. Cameron

Lions Clubs International (LCI) established Virginia as District 24 in March 1922, with only three clubs organized in the state. However, by May 31, six clubs, Lynchburg, Richmond Host (January 20, 1922), Norfolk (February 9, 1922), Roanoke (March 31, 1922), Danville (May 19, 1922), and Portsmouth (May 26, 1922) Lions Clubs were chartered and in full operation.

The first district governor of Virginia District 24 was Lion W. L. Petty, Norfolk Lions Club. Lions International President Ewen W. Cameron appointed him. Although Lion Petty started out vigorously, business reasons compelled him to resign on April 26, 1922. In tendering his resignation, District Governor Petty recommended as his successor, the deputy district governor, Lion Ben A. Ruffin, Richmond Host Lions Club.

International President Cameron appointed Lion Ruffin to serve the unexpired term; however, at the international convention in Hot Springs, in June 1922, Lion Ruffin was elected an international director.



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Ashland Lions Club 60th Charter Night



Date: FEBRUARY 22, 2012

Time: 5:30 P.M. – 6:30 P.M. SOCIAL

6:30 P.M. – 8:30 P.M. DINNER

Location: HANOVER COUNTRY CLUB

Country Club Road

Ashland, Virginia

Cost: \$20.00 per person

Please join us as we celebrate 60 years of service to the Ashland and Hanover community.

Please RSVP by February 15, 2012

Please fill out the registration form and mail it back to either:

PDG Lion Richard Evans, 10205 Navarre Court, Henrico, Virginia 23238

PDG Lion Pete Taylor, 14195 Independence Road, Ashland, Va. 23005

We will have a very special speaker during our celebration. Each person attending will receive a special Anniversary Pin celebrating our 60 years of service.



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Lions of Virginia 2012 International Convention Shirts

Lions, Lionesses, and Leos,

Lions of Virginia 2012 International Convention Shirts are now on sale. I have attached photographs of the various shirts and the order form.



Please note that anyone can order the Lions of Virginia International Convention Shirt. We will distribute the shirts at the Lions of Virginia State Convention. We will mail shirts to anyone not attending the convention.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

Tammie J. Brightwell
Multiple District 24 State Secretary Treasurer
5004 Colonial Avenue, Roanoke, VA 24018
540-774-2495
540-314-0312 (cell)
540-989-5225 (fax)





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Welcome New Members

District Governor Janis Chenery and all the members of District 24-B extends a hearty welcome to the following new Lions:

BON AIR-MANCHESTER-MIDLOTHIAN

Lion Elinor Watt Moore sponsored by Lion Forrest K. Pollard

BRANDERMILL & MIDLOTHIAN (WOODLAKE)

Lion Patricia F Moyer sponsored by Lion Wayne R. Moyer Sr.

BROOKVILLE TIMBERLAKE

Lion Kathy J. Sablatzky sponsored by Doris R. Klutz

Lion Neil Sablatzky sponsored by Lion Dewayne Klutz

CHATHAM

Lion Sandra Meadows sponsored by Lion Elton Pruitt

Lion Jeanette Wilson sponsored by Lion Elton Pruitt



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GLEN ALLEN SHORT PUMP LIONS CLUB

Lion M. Fetterhoff sponsored by Lion Edward E. Fetterhoff

HOPEWELL PRINCE GEORGE LIONS CLUB

Lion Kay S Almorode sponsored by Lion Roger D. Drumheller

IN MEMORY



The District extends its condolences to the family and friends of our deceased Lions and we celebrate their lives and deeds.

LYNCHBURG HOST

Lion B. J. Knight



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Summary of Club Activities

Altavista Lions Club The club has 34 members. The club did not submit a Monthly Membership Report. Mr. Hamilton presented a program on "The State of the Town" on December 1. The club held its Christmas Party on December 15. The club paid for one eye examination and one pair of eyeglasses at a cost of \$137.

Amelia Lions Club The club did not submit a Monthly Membership Report for December. There were no activities for December.

Amherst County Lions Club The club has 24 members. Lion Helen Mueller presented a program on Diabetes to the club on December 6. The club held its Christmas Social on December 20. Fifteen Lions volunteered forty-five man-hours with the Amherst Christmas parade on December 2. The club raised \$2,473 from Christmas tree sales and \$1,390 from its Christmas raffle. The club donated \$500 to the First Baptist Church of Monroe Food Bank, \$500 to the Immanuel UMC Food Bank, and \$750 to the Hunters for the Hungry. The club paid for three eye examinations at a cost of \$120 and four pair of eyeglasses at a cost of \$350 for the needy. Members also collected 50 pair of eyeglasses for recycling.

Appomattox Lions Club The club has 36 members. The club did not submit an Activity Report for December.

Ashland Lions Club The club has 14 members. The club held its annual Christmas Party on December 7, 2011. Lions, spouses, and two guests from the Ruritan Club that sponsors the Hanover Christmas Mother attended. The club donated \$200 to the Hanover Christmas Mother.

Blackstone Lions Club The club has 14 members. The District Governor, Lion Janice Chenery, made the governor's official visit. She spoke to members about the PediaVision Program. All enjoyed the annual Christmas party for members and family.

Bon Air-Manchester-Midlothian Lions Club The club has 40 members. On December 1, First Vice Governor Lion Joey McCaffrey presented a program on "The Leader Dog Program" and "The Lamp Project". The club held its Annual Christmas Party on December 10. The peanut sale fundraiser netted an estimate \$7,500 as of the fourth quarter and the Christmas Auction Silent & Bid earned an estimated \$1,850. The club provided four eye examinations to the needy at a cost of \$200 and fourteen pair of



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eyeglasses at a cost of \$490. Club members collected 52 pair of eyeglasses and 193 hearing aids. The club held a silent auction for one week at beach home donated by Lion Bob Gregory. Each lion wrapped two presents and put them under the Christmas tree at the annual Christmas party.

Bowling Green Lions Club The club has 11 members. One club member volunteered one man-hour working at the V-DOT plot. Club members collected 12 pair of eyeglasses for recycling.

Brandermill-Midlothian - Woodlake Lions Club The club has 37 members. The club held its Annual Christmas Party on December 8. Members volunteered 30 man-hours with the Christmas Mother Program at Wal-Mart. The club paid for six eye examinations for the needy.

Brookneal Lions Club The club did not submit a Monthly Membership or Monthly Activity Report for December.

Brookville – Timberlake Lions Club The club has 41 members. Chris Bryant, Lynchburg Family Alliance and Presbyterian Home & Family Services, presented a program on December 1. On December 18, club members participated in the Annual Evington Children’s Christmas Party for twenty-five children on December 18. In

November 2011, the club raised \$17 from White Cane, \$174 from sale of Fall LOVF Raffle tickets, \$50 from broom sales, \$30 from the sale of club’s “Roaring Lion” pins, and \$39 from the sale of other club pins. Twelve members volunteered 48 man-hours at the Campbell County Rescue Santa Pancake Breakfast on December 17. Twenty-two Lions and two family members volunteered one hundred and ten man-hours at the Brookville – Timberlake Lions Club Annual Children’s Christmas Party. The club donated \$150 to the Sandusky Middle School and Brookville Middle School winners of 2011 Peace Poster contest. The club paid for two pair of eyeglasses to the needy at a cost of \$223.00.

One Lion volunteered sixteen hours at the Lynchburg Crisis Line Telecare and two Lions volunteered thirty-four man-hours providing mental health support. One Lion helped winterize a disabled friend's home. Two Lions provided aid to blind persons. One Lion donated platelets (4 hours).

Seventeen Lions volunteered 108 man-hours as follows: Two Lions volunteered 12 man-hours with Boy Scouts of America, one Lion met with the Campbell County Planning Commission (4 hours), twelve Lions attended and participated in the Campbell County Fire & Rescue community Santa Pancake Breakfast (48 hours), two Lions (one



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dressed as Santa) assisted 28 Carrington House Nursing Home residents during their Christmas bingo games (4 hours), one Lion volunteered five man-hours preparing for the club's Children's Christmas party, two Lions participated in a community organizational meeting (6 hours), one Lion rang a Salvation Army kettle bell (2 hours) and another Lion counted collected kettle donations (24 hours), one Lion sat with family members during a fellow Lion's surgery (3 hours), and two Lions assisted at two funerals (11 hours).

Buckingham County Lions Club The club has 28 members. The club provided five pairs of new eyeglasses to Buckingham County residents who needed the assistance. Club members continued their recycling efforts with paper, aluminum, and plastic.

Charlotte Lions Club The club has 25 members. The club paid for eye examinations and eyeglasses for four area citizens.

Chase Lions Club The club has 15 members. The club did not submit an Activity Report for December.

Chatham Lions Club The club has 22 members. On December 6, the club had a very informative program on diabetes presented by one of our own members. The

club approved a gift to its caterers. Members collected 14 pairs of glasses and raised \$261.00 net from servicing gumball machines. For the December 20 program, the speaker explained how he uses chicken wire and a string of lights to make a basketball size object and an air-driven "rocket" to place these lighted objects in trees on his front yard. This yard was the first place winner of the Designer's Choice Award in Chatham.

Chesterfield Prevent Blindness Morning Lions Club The club has 16 members. The club held its annual Christmas Breakfast meeting on December 10. Club members collected 160 pair of eyeglasses for recycling.

Clarksville Lions Club The club has 16 members. The club did not submit an Activity Report for December.

Colonial Heights Lions Club The club has 29 members. The club did not submit an Activity Report for December.

Crew-Burkeville Lions Club The club has 12 members. The club did not submit an Activity Report for December.

Danville Host Lions Club The club has 37 members. The club did not submit an Activity Report for December.



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Danville Morning Lions Club The club has **13 members**. The club did not submit an Activity Report for December.

Dinwiddie Lions Club The club has **21 members**. Club members assisted with distributing USDA food commodities to the indigent in collaboration with the Dinwiddie County Department of Social Services at the Old Rohoric Elementary School in Sutherland, Virginia. Members also distributed USDA commodities from the Mobile Food Bank to the indigent in collaboration with the Asbury United Methodist Church in McKenny, Virginia.

Farmville Lions Clubs The club has **70 members**. Mrs. Peggy Epperson presented a program on the Farmville/Prince Edward Library on December 6. Lion Baxter Carter presented a Special Merry Christmas meeting on December 20. The club's broom sale fundraiser has earned \$2,660 to date. Seven club members volunteered thirty-five man-hours with Meals on Wheels Drivers. The club donated \$750 to the Farmville/PE Library on December 6. The club provided one eye examination at a cost of \$50 and five pair of eyeglasses at a cost of \$750 to the needy. Members also collected 150 pair of eyeglasses for recycling.

Glen Allen – Short Pump Lions Club The club has **13 members**. The club did not have

any programs for November but it did induct a new member. It also donated \$100 to the Food Bank. The club paid for an eye examination and one pair of eyeglasses for one person at a cost of \$75. Club members collected 855 pair of eyeglasses for recycling. In December, the club members participated in the Angel Tree program sponsored by the Salvation Army.

Goochland County Lions Club The club has **15 members**. For nineteen years, the Goochland Lions Club has played Santa Claus. The program was started by charter member Lion Spencer Winn in 1992. Lion Lanny Palmer took over the reins in 2007. Members of the club and the community made donations to support this worthy cause. This year, the club adopted five families through the Goochland Christmas Mother Program. Members delivered gifts of toys, clothes, and food on December 23, 2011. Lion Palmer played Santa and six Goochland Lions, family members and friends assisted her. Following the event, Lion Lanny and his wife, Carolyn, hosted a holiday party. The Goochland Lions Club selected five families to receive toys, food and gifts for Christmas. These were needy families identified as needing help during the holiday season. Seven Lions help make deliveries to these families in the Goochland area on December 23, 2011.



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Gretna Lions Club The club did not submit a Monthly Membership or Monthly Activity Report for December.

Hopewell – Prince George Lions Club The club has 36 members. The club did not submit an Activity Report for December.

Kenbridge-Victoria Lions Club The club has 17 members. Lions donated 18 dozen eggs, 60 pounds of turnips and greens from personal garden and chickens. The Salvation Army Unit distributes food to the entire county. Lions picked up salvage food from a local grocery store for distribution to the needy by the local Salvation Army Unit. Recently, the club planted two crepe myrtle trees in parks in Kenbridge and Victoria. The club planted the trees in conjunction with the Lions International Tree Planting initiative. Members decided to dedicate the trees to its two surviving charter members. It will provide plaques and dedicate the trees when the plaques are available. The club will dedicate the tree in Victoria's park to Mac Edmondson who has been a lion for over 60 years and is a past District Governor. The club will dedicate the tree in Kenbridge Park to Doctor Dan Baugh.

Lawrenceville Lioness Club The club has 15 members. The club held its annual Christmas banquet. Two members attended

the zone meeting in South Hill on November 29. One member volunteered one and a half hours with the Chamber of Commerce to plan the Santa Breakfast.

Lynchburg 7 Hills Lions Club The club did not submit a Monthly Membership or Monthly Activity Report for December.

Lynchburg Host Lions Club The club has 31 members. On December 1, Reverend Jonathon Falwell provided a Christmas message. Club members volunteered eleven man-hours staffing the Salvation Army Kettle on December 13. On December 17, five members participated in the Community Market Sales. Other members volunteered six man-hours at the Lynchburg Museum. The club earned \$1,332 from the sale of brooms, mints, peanuts, and coloring books. The club paid for three eye examinations and four pair of eyeglasses for the needy at a cost of \$396. Club members collected 23 pair of eyeglasses for recycling. The club donated \$300 to the Salvation Army Food Program and \$100 to the area food pantry.

Mechanicsville Lions Club The club has 16 members. On December 1, 2011, the Mechanicsville Lions Club, along with volunteers from the Mount Vernon Church, provided refreshments for our Veterans. A special "thank you" goes to the Mount Vernon Church for making over 300



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packages of "homemade" cookies for our veterans and their families. The Club not only contributed an assortment of refreshments and goodies, but it also donated \$200 for canteen books as prizes at their Bingo game. It was a great way to start of the Holiday Season by celebrating with our Veterans and their families.

Mecklenburg Lions Club The club has **eighteen members**. Program Chair Lioness Pat Ryan had number drawings for prizes, then introduced local Church Musician, Mrs. Charlotte Newcomb, who led Lionesses in singing holiday songs including many action melodies for a jolly, fun-filled evening. Members sold nine raffle baskets at the local bazaar, which netted \$820.18 profit.

Petersburg Lions Club The club did not submit a Monthly Membership or Monthly Activity Report for December.

Powhatan Lions Club The club has **45 members**. The club held its annual Christmas meeting on December 7. Guests included the Powhatan Christmas Mother and Father as well as spouses, family and friends. The club presented the Christmas Mother with a check for \$1,000. Fourteen Lions participated in the Powhatan Christmas Parade with a float that had over 20 student's Powhatan Middle School's character building program and

Lion Claus, portrayed by Lion Jeannie Camp. Some members of the club joined with the James River club to assist with Bingo at the McGuire VA hospital. Eight Lions provided pickup trucks to collect food given by Powhatan School students and deliver the food to the Christmas Mother Collection point. The club donated \$1,000 to the Powhatan Christmas Mother and Father Program. Due to the holiday, the treasure report and eyeglass recycling program will be included in next month activities.

Richmond Battlefield Park Lions Club The club has **24 members**. The club held its regular meeting at Italian Kitchen in Mechanicsville.

Richmond Host Lions Club The club has **42 members**. The club held its Annual Christmas Party for the Blind in conjunction with the Virginia Association of Workers for the Blind at the Ramsey Memorial United Methodist Church on December 14. The club provided four pair of eyeglasses to the needy at a cost of \$200. Members collected 200 pair of eyeglasses for recycling.

Richmond James River Lions Club The club has **26 members**. The club has its Christmas Party Social with spouses & friends on December 13. We share holiday time together and have a lively gift exchange. The club provides light food & drink, coupon



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books, bingo prizes, a caller, and assistance to bingo players. To celebrate the season all players received a special bag of toilet articles and holiday goodies as well as a \$5 coupon book. All bingo winners received a stuffed animal in addition to four coupon books. Five members of the Powhatan Lions Club, as well as several Lion spouses and Lion Bruce Copal's granddaughter Jessica volunteered in serving about 53 bingo players. The club's major fundraiser is through hosting bingo every Friday night at the Bishop Ireton Center (Knights of Columbus). This effort requires a total of 30+ work hours weekly. The club donated \$400 to various recipients. The club provided the needy with eight eye examinations and twelve pair of eyeglasses. Members collected 1,013 pair of eyeglasses for recycling.

Richmond Lakeside Lions Club The club has 9 members. Lion Paul Miksovic gave a presentation to the club on "Introduction to Lionism" for three prospective members on December 6. The club held its Christmas Social on December 20. The club paid for eyeglasses two needy residents at a cost of \$100.

Richmond West Breakfast The club has 47 members. On December 12, the club held its annual Christmas Breakfast with spouses. The group sang Christmas Songs and had a visit from Santa Claus. On December 16,

several members and their spouses participated in a tour the holiday lights around Richmond. The club has three fund raising projects going, peanut sales (Results will be in the January report), Christmas Bizarre Bazaar, and the University of Richmond women's basketball concession sales. PDG Lion Carolyn Messimer presented the club with a check for \$1,400 from one vendor and the club expects to receive another \$600 to \$700 for work done. The board voted to donate \$250 to a foundation set up in the name of a local high school youth who was injured in a swimming accident.

Rustburg Lions Club The club has 19 members. The club did not submit an Activity Report for December.

South Boston Lions Club The club has 26 members. The club did not have any meetings in December. The club concluded its Annual Christmas Fruit sale fundraiser. Members volunteered four man-hours on Head Start Pediavision screening on December 19.

South Hill Lions Club The club has 25 members. The club did not submit an Activity Report for December.

Varina Lions Club The club has thirty-eight members. The club did not submit a



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Monthly Membership Report for December. The club celebrated its Charter Night/Christmas Party on December 6, 2011 with approximately 57 persons. The club

donated \$500 and thirty-eight toys to the Henrico Christmas Mother Program. Members provided five eye examinations and five pair of eyeglasses at a cost of \$750.

Calendar of Events

The Calendar of Events lists activities and events for the current and next month. For a complete listing of district activities and events, see the attached District 24-B Calendar of Events and on the District 24-B web page at <http://www.lions24b.org/index.htm>.

Lions of Virginia District 24-B Membership Statistics

CLUB NAME	REPORT	NW	TRF	RT	DP	DEC	NOV	% CNG
ALTAVISTA	12/20/2011	0	0	0	0	34	34	NC
AMELIA	No Report					21	21	NC
AMHERST COUNTY	12/29/2011	0	0	0	0	24	24	NC
APPOMATTOX	12/29/2011	0	0	0	0	36	36	NC
ASHLAND	12/18/2011	0	0	0	0	14	14	NC
BLACKSTONE	12/23/2011	0	0	0	0	14	14	NC
BON AIR MANCHESTER MIDLOTHIAN	12/8/2011	1	0	0	0	40	39	1.20%
BOWLING GREEN	12/27/2011	0	0	0	0	11	11	NC
BRANDERMILL MIDLOTHIAN WOODLAKE	12/7/2011	1	0	0	0	37	36	NC
BROOKNEAL	No Report					20	20	NC
BROOKVILLE TIMBERLAKE	12/28/2011	2	0	0	0	41	39	0.95%



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BUCKINGHAM COUNTY	12/28/2011	0	0	0	0	28	28	NC
CHARLOTTE L C	12/13/2011	0	0	0	0	25	25	NC
CHASE CITY	12/28/2011	0	0	0	0	15	15	NC
CHATHAM	12/3/2011	2	0	0	0	22	20	1.10%
CHESTER	No Report					40	40	NC
CHESTERFIELD PREVENT BLINDNESS	12/29/2011	0	0	0	1	16	17	0.94%
CLARKSVILLE	12/29/2011	0	0	0	0	16	16	NC
COLONIAL HEIGHTS	12/20/2011	0	0	0	0	29	29	NC
CREWE BURKEVILLE	12/28/2011	0	0	0	0	12	12	NC
DANVILLE HOST	12/6/2011	0	0	0	0	27	27	NC
DANVILLE MORNING	12/5/2011	0	0	0	0	13	13	NC
DINWIDDIE	12/31/2011	0	0	0	0	21	21	NC
FARMVILLE	12/15/2011	0	0	0	2	70	72	1.02%
GLEN ALLEN SHORT PUMP	12/19/2011	1	0	0	0	13	12	1.08%
GOOCHLAND COUNTY	12/3/2011	0	0	0	0	15	15	NC
GRETNA	No Report					20	20	NC
HOPEWELL PRINCE GEORGE	12/28/2011	1	0	0	0	36	35	1.02%
KENBRIDGE-VICTORIA	12/28/2011	0	0	0	0	17	17	NC
LAWRENCEVILLE	No Report					28	28	NC
LYNCHBURG 7 HILLS	No Report					24	24	NC
LYNCHBURG HOST	12/21/2011	0	0	0	1	31	32	1.03%
MECHANICSVILLE	12/11/2011	0	0	0	0	16	16	NC
PETERSBURG	No Report					26	26	NC
POWHATAN	12/14/2011	0	0	0	0	45	45	NC
RICHMOND BATTLEFIELD PARK	12/6/2011	0	0	0	0	24	24	NC
RICHMOND HOST - TUCKAHOE	12/30/2011	0	0	0	1	42	43	1.02%
RICHMOND JAMES RIVER	12/30/2011	0	0	0	0	36	36	NC
RICHMOND LAKESIDE	12/19/2011	0	0	0	0	9	9	NC
RICHMOND WEST BREAKFAST	12/29/2011	0	0	0	0	47	47	NC
RUSTBURG	12/31/2011	0	0	0	0	19	19	NC
SOUTH BOSTON	12/27/2011	0	0	0	0	26	26	NC
SOUTH HILL	12/28/2011	0	0	0	0	25	25	NC
VARINA	No Report					39	39	NC



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