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## The Official Newsletter of Lions of Virginia District 24-B

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### *Office of the Governor*

**Dear Lions, Lioness and Leos,**

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*District Governor*  
*Janis Chenery*

*1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor*  
*Joey McCaffrey*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor*  
*Norma Lee Taylor*

*District Secretary*  
*Peter J. Sizemore*

*District Treasurer*  
*Carolyn Messimer*



Our Fall Conference was a huge success! Thank you for participating and making it so much fun. The Costume Party was a great kickoff event!

Scarlett and Rhett Butler, Charlie Chaplin, the Wicked Witch, Jimmy Hoffa, Cleopatra, Caesar and a host of others showed up. We gave prizes for the three most unique costumes. Of course, you know Mr. Butts won first place! It shows that we all still have a touch of our teenager days within us! You can see pictures in this issue.

We had some well-chosen classes—International Director Bob Corlew taught “Lions and the Law” covering risk management, use of funds and the need to incorporate our clubs. Past International Director Wayne and Lion Marge Davis spoke on “Why Lions Leave Clubs”. Our guest speaker at lunch was Commander. Paul Galanti, USN-retired, a seven year Vietnam POW, he got a standing “O” for his very stirring presentation.

As you know, Friday November 12 is Veterans Day: Please fly your flags. We must thank our military men and women for being there for us. We live in the best country in the whole world and they keep it safe for us!



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I am humbled to serve you and thank you for all you do-- DG Janis

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## *1st Vice District Governor*

Lion Joey McCaffrey



What a great month October has been and a very busy one for me personally from the zone meeting to all of the club visits I had travelled to visit. Not only have I gotten the opportunity to meet with some of my good friends but I also got the chance to make some new ones.

What a great ending to the month with a great District Fall Conference the district held in Williamsburg from Friday, October 28 through Sunday, October 30. I hope all of you got a chance to get down there to hear the great speakers that District Governor Janis had lined up and all of the seminars that the committees organized.

I would like to give a special thanks to 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor Norma Taylor and her husband PDG Robert Taylor, Lion Arlen Kraft, and Lion Denise Bradshaw and all of the other Lions who help make the

hospitality room a big success. It was great to see and talk to all of my old friends up there and I hope everybody enjoyed himself or herself.

Before I go, I am starting to work on my cabinet for next year and I am going to need help from all of the great Lions of District 24-B to make next year a great one. If you would like to be part of our District Team next year, feel free to call me. In addition, I am open to any ideas or suggestions for next year so please just let me know. We are all in this together. If I have asked you to do something, please seriously consider it.

Well, I think that is all for now. I hope to see all of you soon and remember, IT IS NOT ABOUT ME IT IS NOT ABOUT YOU TI IS ABOUT THE THOSE WE SERVE

Yours in Lionism,  
1st Vice District Governor Joey McCaffrey



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## *Cabinet Secretary's Corner*

**Lion Peter J. Sizemore**

We thank all of the secretaries who are reporting to Lions International and the district in a timely



manner. Please remember that you must submit the Monthly Membership Report (MMR) to LCI and send the Activities Report to the Bulletin Editor, Lion Bob Pratt.

With the Thanksgiving celebration occurring so near the end of November, it could be easy to be so engaged in celebrating that we may overlook the monthly MMR and Activities Reports. We are strongly suggesting that more clubs start sending in the MMR to LCI in the first week of

the month. That way, you will know the report will be on time. The secretary can then go to the LCI website at anytime before the end of the month and make changes as needed. By doing this, the club's report will always be on time.

For those clubs that have or are sponsoring a Peace Poster Contest, you must submit one winning poster (per contest sponsored) to the district governor postmarked no later than November 15.

Thanks to all Lions and Lioness who took part in the recently completed Fall Conference.

Lion Peter J. Sizemore  
Cabinet Secretary

## *Beacon Editor*



The fall weather has definitely made its appearance in the early morning hours. Daylight Saving Time has given us another

hour of daylight in the evening.

For those of you who missed the District 24-B Fall Conference last month, you missed an exceptional event. Credit District Governor



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Janis and the district staff for a memorable weekend.

The conference had something for everyone. It was not all business considering the costume contest and lively auction on Friday evening. It was a great opportunity to attend educational seminars, meet and greet Lions and their spouses and guests from our own district and other districts, and meet current and past international directors. The speakers were inspirational.

As we move into the second quarter of this Lions year there yet remains much to do. We want to hear what is going on in your club or zone. Tell us about your planned activities

and events but more importantly tell us about the results of your events. Inquiring minds want to know. Do not forget to send pictures.

Lastly but most importantly, club secretaries please submit your LCI Monthly Membership Reports on time. We continue to see approximately fifteen percent of our clubs not reporting each month.

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

Lion Bob Pratt  
Beacon Editor/Statistician

## *Around the District*

### *District 24-B Fall Conference*

The District 24-B Fall Conference kicked off on Friday evening, October 28 with a Halloween Costume Contest and a fundraising auction at the Hospitality House Hotel in Williamsburg, Virginia. It was a night of entertainment and fun for everyone. Whether you wore a costume or came as yourself, it was a night to remember. We had the pleasure of the company of characters ranging from Cleopatra, Julius Cesar, a gangster, a witch, to Superman, Charlie Chaplin, and many others. The auction was not only a lot of fun but raised over \$700 for the district. Overall, it was a fabulous evening. I will let the pictures speak for themselves.



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## The Costume Contest and Auction





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## *The Luncheon and Banquet*

The business end of the conference was no less exciting. International Director Robert Corlew started the day with a very educational seminar on "Lions and the Law". We learned several interesting things about the legal aspects of conducting Lions events. International Director Corlew discussed LCI

insurance coverage and when clubs should purchase additional insurance.

The District 24-B Cabinet meeting immediately followed the seminar. The governor and her cabinet covered a wealth of important information. Commander Paul Galanti, U.S. Navy retired gave a very



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emotional and thought provoking speech on his experiences as a Vietnam prisoner of war.

retired to Vice District Governor Joey McCaffrey and Norma Taylor's joint hospitality room.

The rest of the afternoon was filled with seminars on Free Web Site Design, State Approved 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Student Hearing Program, Get Qualified on PediaVision Equipment, Why Members Are Leaving Their Lions Clubs, and Leadership and the Lions Code of Ethics.



The banquet was a momentous beginning with the singing of "God Bless America". The dinner was delicious and Past International Director Wayne Davis gave a motivating presentation to the assembled group. International Director Robert Corlew followed with his own good wishes. He also won the raffle, which he graciously returned to the district coffers.



The master of ceremonies adjourned the meeting and Lions, spouses, and guests



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## Region II Zone I Meeting



Lion Calvin Easter, Chair Region II Zone I will conduct his second zone meeting of the year on

Tuesday, November 29, 2011 at the Shoney's Family Restaurant, Dumbarton Square Shopping Center, 7101 Staples Mill Road, Henrico, Virginia.

There will be a social period from 6:00 pm – 6:15 pm. The business meeting will begin at 6:15 p.m. You may order dinner from the menu. Attendees please



RSVP to Zone Chair, Calvin Easter at (804) 740-3167 or send him an e-mail message at [wmeloncwe@aol.com](mailto:wmeloncwe@aol.com). It is very important that each club have its club officers or proxies at the meeting. Lion Calvin will be looking for you at Shoney's!

## White Cane Fundraisers



The month of October is Fall White Cane Days in District 24-B. For those clubs that conducted White Cane fundraisers in your club area, I hope they were successful and congratulate each of you.

The weather could not have been better the last two week- ends. **Please forward your collection figures to me as soon as possible!** I will forward results to the district and

submit your results for publication in the Beacon.

Please send me your club's results by calling me at (434) 237-5743 or send me an email message at [sd.sam@verizon.net](mailto:sd.sam@verizon.net).

Zone chairs if you have the results of your clubs' results, I would appreciate it if you would let me know.

Thanks!  
Lion Dave Thomas, PDG  
District 24-B White Cane Chairman



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## Presentation Materials

Are you planning an activity, event, or seminar? Lion Paul Steube, South Boston Lions Club made ten easels for the PediaVision training at the Fall Conference in Williamsburg. Lion Anne Harris agreed to keep the easels and ten foam boards. She will store the materials at the Varina Lions Club storage shed for future use by any club in the district. You may borrow them at any

time for any reason or length of time. Please note that these easels are very basic and were constructed quickly and at the lowest cost for the conference. They will require tender loving care. If you would like to borrow the easels and/or foam boards, please contact Lion Ann Harris, Varina Lions Club at (804) 226-2828 or send her an e-mail message at [AnnLHarris@comcast.net](mailto:AnnLHarris@comcast.net).

## *Committee of the Month*

Each month we will highlight the duties and responsibilities of one of the district committees. We hope that this will provide greater incite and education to our Lions and inform you of what goes on behind the scenes. This month we will focus on the Extension committee.

## Credentials Committee

The credentials committee is composed of the district governor, as chairperson, the cabinet secretary/treasurer and two other non-officers of the district appointed by the district governor; however, the district governor may designate any other committee member as chairperson.

The credentials committee's primary responsibility is to verify club delegate credentials. In carrying out this responsibility, the credentials committee has the power to perform the duties as established by or as set forth in Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised.

Each chartered club in good standing in Lions Clubs International and its district is



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entitled in its annual district convention to one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate for each ten (10) members, who have been enrolled for at least one year and a day in the club or major fraction thereof.

The committee bases delegate eligibility on membership records as shown by the records of Lions Clubs International on the first day of the month last preceding the month of the convention. The major fraction referred to is five (5) or more members.

Each certified delegate must be present at the convention at the time of voting and he or she is entitled to cast one (1) vote only for each office candidate and one vote on each

question submitted to the respective convention.

All eligible delegates must be members in good standing of a club in good standing in this district.

Clubs and individual Lions may acquire good standing by paying any delinquent dues at any time prior to the close of credential certification, as such; closing time shall be established by the rules of the respective convention.

Article submitted by Lion Robert J. Pratt, Chair, Credentials Committee, 24-B



## Bland Music Scholarship Foundation, Inc

The Lions of Virginia **Bland Music Scholarship Foundation, Inc.** (Bland Foundation) was incorporated as a 501 (c) (3) on July 1, 2007 to promote cultural and educational opportunities for the musically talented young people in Virginia (primarily of high school age). Lions changed the program from an already existing, ongoing charity to a charity foundation (Federal ID # 11-3789354).

**James Bland**, an African-American, was a popular composer in the late 1800's. In 1948, the Lions of Virginia were instrumental in having Bland's composition, "*Carry Me Back to Old Virginny*", adopted as a state song. To honor this prolific writer of Americana, the Virginia Lions wanted to create a "living monument".



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In 1948, they established the Bland Program to do just that. Since its inception in 1948 and under the aegis of the Lions organization, the LOV and Bland Foundation continue to provide performing opportunities as well as scholarships to gifted music students, both vocal and instrumental.

The purpose of the Bland Foundation is to promote cultural and educational opportunities for the musically talented young people in Virginia (primarily of high school age). We achieve this goal through progressive competitions, beginning in February, at the local Lions club level, and culminating in May in a competition among 12 finalists.

The Bland Foundation oversees the running of the competitions and provides \$18,000 to the 12 finalists. Winners must use the scholarships for college tuition, music lessons, summer music programs or other music education endeavors. As tuition and lessons are extremely expensive, the Bland Foundation provides needed assistance to these talented, hardworking music students and their families.

**District 24 B:** The 2012 Bland Music Scholarship Contest is off to a great start. Clubs and Zones that are planning contests

on the dates indicated and include Bon Air-Manchester-Midlothian and Richmond James River, Mechanicsville (**Feb 9<sup>th</sup>**), Hopewell, Lynchburg (Region I Zone I), South Boston (**Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>**), Chase City (Region III Zone II) Lions Clubs. Please make sure you inform your contestants of these District and State Contest Dates at the time of their application, as we want them to be available to compete at District and State if they are the local winners of the contests.

- 🚩 District 24 B: **April 22, 2012** at Hampden Sydney
- 🚩 LOV State Convention: **May 18, 2012** in Chesapeake

If your club or zone is interested in a program on Bland, please contact Lion Ann Harris for dates and times for a visit.

**Bland Website:** The official 2012 Handbook, Rules, Application, and other documents needed for Club, Zone and District contests can be easily located on the Bland Foundation website: <http://blandfoundation.org/>. The documents are in the right margin of the web page, Click on each link to open and print the documents you need.



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LOV 2011-2012 Bland Forms (in MS Word Format)

[Official Bland Handbook](#)

[Application/Registration and Rules](#)

[Judges Score sheet](#)

[Our Mission](#)

[Tally Sheet - Instrumental](#)

[Tally Sheet - Vocal](#)

[Timing Sheet](#)

[Winner Report Form](#)

**Bland Certificate (PDF)** (Fill in all information as needed) [Blank Certificate Template](#)

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Article Submitted by Lion Anne Harris, Chair, District 24-B Bland Memorial Music Scholarship Committee

## *Hearing Conservation and Education*

The Farmville Lions Club has funded and worked with Longwood University this year to develop an excellent Power Point slide program on hearing education to be used in schools and to be presented by Lions to PTAs, civic clubs, senior groups, churches, etc. Lion Dr. Bill Schall, a retired Dean of Education at Longwood and a Farmville Club member has worked diligently with Dr. Lissa Power deFur of Longwood and its graduate students to develop a program approximately 1 hour in length that explains sound, hearing, and protection of our hearing senses that may be presented to all ages. Bill presented a seminar on the program at the District Fall Conference

October 29. The Farmville Lions are making the program available to Virginia public schools and other Lions clubs.

Most of you are aware of the potential damage to human hearing by extended and very loud noise, and are working with the Virginia Lions Hearing Foundation and Research Center (VLHF) to present programs to 4th grade students to educate them on how to protect their hearing. VLHF provides education booklets and earplugs to Lions who present the program to schools, civic groups, etc. The Farmville Lions/Longwood University program supplements the work of VLHF and is a program that can be used



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by professional educators as well as laymen. Lions need to encourage school districts in Virginia to adopt and teach this program of hearing education and conservation. **"It's about those we serve."**

The VLHF needs Lions' continued and increased annual financial support to

support their hearing medical research program and their educational programs, and thanks you for your help with its work and your past contributions.

Article submitted by Lion John Deacon, Chair, District 24-B Hearing Conservation Committee

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## Club News

### *Lunch Buddy Program*



Virginia.

The National Guard was a big part of our community providing volunteers for the reading program, economic support, and several other needs in our community. The Air National Guard was reassigned to Langley Air Force Base and they are sorely missed. With the cutbacks in the schools, losing part time help, the National

Guard's departure, the Lunch Buddy Program has been nonexistent.

Heather Hancock, a Special Education Teacher, at Seven Pines Elementary School, thought she would try to start the Reading Program in hopes of reviving this much-needed program. During the summer, she sent a letter to several organizations in the area and to Lion Tom Cocker, President of the Varina Lions Club, who is also her father asking for volunteers.

Our club took up the banner and signed up the following people: Lion President Tom Cocker, his wife Brenda, Lion Secretary Bob Thompson, his wife Sandy and our own Zone Chairman Lion Faye Pleasants.

They went to the school, had to go through a background check, and told that the program



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would take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays at lunchtime in the cafeteria. You are to be there at 11:50 AM and leave about 12:35 PM. Volunteers can come every Tuesday and/or Thursday or just 2 days a month when the children are in school all day during the school year.

The object of this program is to help the students with reading. The students will sit with their lunch buddies and the volunteer picks out books to read and if the students choose, they can go pick books out they like. During the lunch hour, the volunteer lets the students read and they follow along and help the student with words that they do not know how to pronounce thus building up the reading skills of the student and reads while they eat their lunch.

Tuesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> was the first day and Brenda Cocker and Lion Faye Pleasants reported for school at the appointed time and according to both had a great time with the students.

Lion Faye had two students a boy and a girl and was quite pleased both with her reception and with how well the two youngsters did. She said that the boy was not attentive at first but after settling down seemed to enjoy reading with her. The girl took to reading right away and although

she had trouble with a couple of words, she enjoyed the session.

What a great program to get involved with. Lion Faye says, she thinks she may have a few members of another club willing to join in this worthy volunteer project and says they need more Lions to help at Seven Pines Elementary School.

The school may expand the program if it goes well this year and we cannot think of a better way to reach out to our community and once again prove our motto "We serve" is a meaningful motto to live up to.

Why don't you Lions in 24B check with your elementary schools and see if you can get a program like this going in your area. This would be just another way to reach out to your community. Who knows maybe some youngster will grow up to be a member of our great Lions organization? It is also a possibility that the parents of the student might become a Lion when they learn about what we do in our community.

Lion John Pleasants  
Varina Lions Club

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## Sharing the Vision

On October 10, 2011, the Clarksville Lions Club sponsored an eye screening at the Clarksville

Elementary School, 1696 Noblin Farm Road, Clarksville, Virginia A 23927-3101. Club



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members worked with the Mecklenburg County school nurses to provide the screenings. The club performed eye screenings for 182 children and the family of one child has requested assistance for eyeglasses from the Clarksville Club. Six Lions volunteered for this most worthwhile cause.

This project was a part of Lions Clubs International's Lions Global Service Action Campaign. Lions have the opportunity to participate in four special service action campaigns. The campaign for October is

"Sharing the Vision". It helped to raise awareness of the importance of healthy vision. The club planned the event in connection with World Sight Day. World Sight Day, observed around the world, involves preventing visual impairment or restoring sight.

**Article submitted by Lion Marian Corpus, President, Clarksville Lions Club**

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## *Brookville-Timberlake*

Lion Ray Mueller would like everyone to know that the Brookville-Timberlake Lions Club web page is now up-to-date. It

includes some important dates. Please look at the new web page at [www.orgsites.com/va/bkvltlake](http://www.orgsites.com/va/bkvltlake).

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## *Community Health Fair*

Six Lions Clubs of Region I Zone I jointly sponsored a Community Health Fair on October 26 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Templeton Senior Center, 225 Wigginton Road, Lynchburg, Virginia. This is an extraordinary example of what Lions can do when they work together!

bone density, cholesterol-glucose, and diabetic foot examinations, fall prevention evaluations, flu shots, pulmonary function, sight & hearing, PSA, and skin analysis. In addition to the screenings, there were an additional 20-25 exhibits providing information addressing over 30 health issues.

The fair had ten screenings/evaluations that will address blood pressure, blood sugar,



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Let's give the Lions of Region I Zone I a big "Tip of the Hat" to Region I Zone I Lions for

a job very well done!



Have you had your flu shot?





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## *Goochland Lions Club*

The Goochland Lions Club held its annual BBQ in September and it was a success. The Goochland Lions sold over 550 BBQ tickets and over 2,390 raffle tickets for gift certificates for Bass Pro Shops and Food Lion stores. Lions from six other clubs in the area purchased tickets and attended the BBQ. The Goochland Lions thanks those Lions

from other clubs and area sponsors for the successful BBQ this year. The BBQ is the major fundraiser for the Club and it supports all of the programs provided to the community.

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Article submitted by Lion Robert Hammond,  
Goochland County Lions Club



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## *Items of Interest*

### *Hearing Conservation*

The most important keys to hearing protection and hearing loss prevention are awareness and education.

### **Ear Wax Removal**

You can use cotton swabs to clean around the outside folds of your ears, but you should be very careful not to inadvertently push the wax in further or you can damage the eardrum. The lining of the ear canal produces wax and in normal amounts, it does not cause a problem<sup>1</sup>.

For most people, cleaning your inner ear in the shower should be more than adequate when it comes to removing excess wax. The best thing is just to let the water go in your ear (make sure the water is warm, as cold and hot water can cause you to have vertigo), and then tilt your head to the side and dump it out<sup>2</sup>.

If earwax build-up is an issue for you, use an over-the-counter earwax remover that, when applied as directed, will help soften the wax so it washes out easier. You can also try

tilting your head to one side and adding a few drops of mineral, baby or olive oil to your ear while in the shower. Wait 1 to 2 seconds for it to dislodge and dissolve the wax, and then tilt your head in the opposite direction, so it can run out of the ear. If neither of these methods works, make an appointment to see a doctor.

### **Purpose of Ear Wax**

Doctors do not exactly know why we have earwax, but it is generally believed to be part of the ear's self-cleaning process. Whether it helps balance the PH or has antibacterial properties, it is unknown. Some people do not make any wax and some people make a lot of wax, and it is not really known why. It does have several practical purposes, however. We should have some wax because wax is poisonous to small bugs. When people used to sleep on the ground or on the floor, bugs could not get very far into their ears<sup>3</sup>. Wax also catches dirt and debris, preventing it from entering your inner ear.

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<sup>1</sup>Dr. Randolph Schnitman, M.D., specializes in



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Otolaryngology in Beverly Hills, California. He graduated from State University of New York, Downstate Medical Center of Medicine in 1983.

<sup>2</sup>**Dr. Brett A. Levine, M.D.**, specializes in Otolaryngology in Torrance, California. He is a graduate of the Keck School of Medicine of the University of Southern California.

<sup>3</sup>**Dr. Sheri Billing, AUD, M.A.**, specializes in the diagnosis and treatment of congenital hearing loss or

hearing loss caused by nerve damage by means of hearing aids, assistive listening devices, auditory training, and the development of listening skills. Dr. Billing received her Bachelor of Arts in Communicative Disorders from the University of Mississippi and her Masters of Art's in Audiology from Indiana University. She earned her Doctor of Audiology degree from the School of Audiology of the Pennsylvania College of Optometry.

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## Welcome New Members

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

**BROOKNEAL**

Edith P. Bomar

Woodrow F. Short, Jr.

**BROOKVILLE – TIMBERLAKE LIONS CLUB**

J. Daniel Edgar sponsored by Lion Gary G. Woodson

**CHESTER LIONS CLUB**

William W. Anderson sponsored by Lion Carelyn Sheppard

Renee A. Bradshaw sponsored by Lion Carelyn Sheppard



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Darrel D. DeVass sponsored by Lion Carelyn Sheppard

Jason A. Locklear sponsored by Lion Carelyn Sheppard

Joseph M. Norton sponsored by Lion Carelyn Sheppard

Lori E. Norton sponsored by Lion Carelyn Sheppard

Peter A. Rizzuto sponsored by Lion Carelyn Sheppard

Mark D. Waitkus sponsored by Lion Carelyn Sheppard

## **MECHANICSVILLE**

Ronald W. Carroll sponsored by Lion J.  
Frank Cooke

## **RICHMOND WEST BREAKFAST LIONS**

Jan Kessler (transfer)

David A. McNeal sponsored by Anne  
McNeal

## **RUSTBURG**

Frederick Robert Burton, Sr. sponsored by  
Lion Roger Akers

## **SOUTH BOSTON**

Clarence Henry Hinnant sponsored by  
Lion Richard T. Shepherd

Lawson W. Osbourne sponsored by Lion  
Michael Crockett

## **VARINA LIONS CLUB**

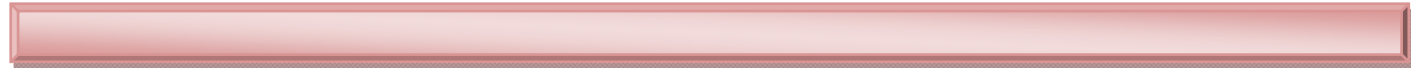
James N. Garrett, Jr. sponsored by Lion  
Robert M. Thompson

Steve Johnson, Jr. sponsored by Lion  
Henry H. Ragland



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Lawson W. Osborne sponsored by Lion  
Michael Crockett



## IN MEMORY



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

**CHESTER LIONS CLUB**

Carl P. Chandler

**RICHMOND HOST-TUCKAHOE**

Norman D. Graham



### *Summary of Club Activities*

**AltaVista:** The club has 33 members. Allen presented a program on Abbott Nutritional Products on October 6. The club provided one eye examination and one pair of eyeglasses to the needy at a cost of \$150. Members collected 36 pair of eyeglasses for recycling.

**Amelia:** The club has 21 members. No activity report submitted.

**Amherst County:** The club has 24 members. DG Janis made her official visit to the club on October 18. Three Lions trained for eye and health exams on October 24. Four Lions volunteered at the health fair for a total of 20 man-hours. The club ordered Christmas trees and collected an additional \$600 from the golf tournament. The club provided one pair of eyeglasses to the needy at a cost of \$40.



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**Appomattox: The club has 36 members.** No activity report submitted.

**Ashland: The club has 14 members.** The club held a recognition dinner on October 26, 2011 with the Leo Club new officers and their parents of the Leo's. Twenty-eight persons attended including 1st Vice-District Governor Joey McCaffrey, Region II Zone II Chair Lion Faye Pleasants, District 24-B Award Chair Lion John Pleasants, Leo Club Advisor, Dennis Atkins, and Patrick Henry principle Dr. Jeff Crook. Club members collected over 500 pairs of eyeglasses for recycle. The Leos will be helping with the sales during Ashland Train Days and they will participate in the Annual Ashland Holiday Parade by entering a float. They will also fill stockings for orphans for the Holiday Season. The club donated \$1,000 to the Hanover Free Clinic for eye examinations and eyeglasses.

**Blackstone: The club has 14 members.** The club had no activities for October.

**Bon Air -Manchester-Midlothian: The club has 39 members.** Mr. Wayne Frith presented a program on "Preventing Substance Abuse in Our Community" on October 6 and DG Janis Chenery made the official governor's visit to the club on October 20. Three members volunteered a total of nine man-hours working the Telephone Bank membership Campaign on WCVE Public Radio on September 26 and six members volunteered for a total of 48 man-hours at the One Sight Regional Children's Clinic for Richmond. The club generated \$3,318.21 from its White Cane fundraiser on

October 6 and 7. The club donated \$50 to the National Forestry Service on October 31 to plant 50 trees for the Lions International Believer's Award. The club provided nine eye examinations at a cost of \$490 and 14 pair of eyeglasses at a cost of \$450 to the needy. Members collected 340 pair of eyeglasses for recycling.

**Bowling Green: The club has 11 members.** Zone Chair Faye Pleasants visited the club on October 11. Two members volunteered a total of 2.5 man-hours working at the VDOT Flower Plot on September 30 and October 10. Six members volunteered six man-hours at the Bowling Green Harvest Festival on October 15. The club collected 11 pair of eyeglasses for recycle.

**Brandermill & Midlothian (Woodlake): There are 36 members in the club.** Writer and humorist Chuck Hansen spoke to the club on October 13. Members participated in its Annual Bowling Night on October 24. The club served more than 90 customers at its Crab fest fundraiser on September 10. The club provided eye examinations for six residents. Club members collected 709 eyeglasses for recycling.

**Brookneal: The club has 19 members.** The club participated in the Womanless Beauty Pageant held at the William Campbell High School auditorium on October 1 in conjunction with the Brookneal ladies Club. The show was a sellout. Club members collected 45 pairs of eyeglasses for recycle.



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**Brookville-Timberlake:** The club has 41 members. Jennifer Mayberry gave a presentation on "How to Handle Fire & Emergencies" on October 6 and members participated in the zone meeting hosted by Zone Chair Ray Mueller. The club raised \$20 from broom sales and \$34.50 from club pin sales in September. The club donated two food baskets to Evington families at a cost of \$72.00. Thirteen members volunteered a total of 60 man-hours at the Sight and Hearing Screenings October 25 and 26. Twelve members volunteered twelve man-hours at the Zone Health Fair. The club provided one pair of eyeglasses to the needy at a cost of \$129. Club members collected 55 pair of eyeglasses for recycle. One member provided blind counseling during the month. One Lion donated blood platelets.

**Buckingham County:** The club has 28 members. The club held its October 27 meeting at the *Haunted Home* of Lion President Frank Knott. Members celebrated Halloween with an enjoyable evening among the ghastly ghosts and goblins. Members signed a copy of its Buckingham County Day 2011 booklet and it will mail it to a fourth grade class in Illinois. This was in response to a letter from a teacher who requested information for a class project by the students to collect information about the history, culture, etc. from all 50 states. The club provided seven pairs of new eyeglasses to needy residents of Buckingham.

**Charlotte:** The club has 26 members. Club members provided eye examinations and eyeglasses for four needy area residents.

**Chase City:** The club has 14 members. No activity report submitted.

**Chatham:** The club has 20 members. The club has 20 members. On October 1, the club sold about \$400 worth of brooms at the Callands Festival. On October 4, a historical archaeologist presented an interesting program with a table of specimens found locally. The board approved an eye examine for one person and support for glasses for six other persons. American flags were posted on Main Street in Chatham on October 10 for Columbus Day. On October 18, the club had an excellent program by an ophthalmologist. The club did not submit a LCI Monthly Membership.

**Chester:** The club has 34 members. No activity report submitted.

**Chesterfield Prevent Blindness:** The club has 17 members. No activity report submitted.

**Clarksville Lions Club:** The club has 17 members. The Club joined with community nurses to conduct eye exams and vision screenings for all kindergarten and third grade students at Clarksville Elementary School on October 10, 2011. This event was part of the "Sharing the Vision" Campaign. The club conducted 182 eye screenings. The school referred one child to our Lions Club for glasses.

**Colonial Heights Lions Club:** The club has 29 members. No activity report submitted.



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**Crewe-Burkeville:** The club has 12 members. The club did not submit a LCI Monthly Membership Report or activity report.

**Danville Host:** The club has 37 members. No activity report submitted.

**Danville Morning:** The club has 13 members. The club did not submit a LCI Monthly Membership Report or activity report.

**Dinwiddie:** The club has 21 members. Club members distributed USDA food commodities to the indigent at the Old Rohoric Elementary School in Sutherland, Virginia. This was in collaboration with the Dinwiddie County Department of Social Services. Other members distributed USDA commodities from the Mobile Food Bank to the indigent in collaboration with the Asbury United Methodist Church in McKenny, Virginia. One Lion serves as an Arthritis Exerciser Instructor for the Arthritis Association. Three Lions volunteered five hours each performing vision screenings to pre-Kindergarteners and the third graders of Southside Elementary School in Dinwiddie, Virginia.

**Farmville:** The club has 72 members. No activity report submitted.

**Glen-Allen-Short Pump:** The club has 12 members. The club provided one eye examination and one pair of eyeglasses at a cost of \$75. Members collected 855 pairs of eyeglasses, 28 cell phones, and 2 hearing aids for recycling.

**Goochland County:** The club has 15 members. No activity report submitted.

**Gretna:** The club has 20 members. The club did not submit a LCI Monthly Membership Report or activity report.

**Hopewell Prince George:** The club has 33 members. No activity report submitted.

**Kenbridge-Victoria:** The club has 17 members. One Lion volunteered 40 man-hours leading a group of volunteers in performing maintenance on homes of elderly, handicapped, and disabled members of the Edisto Indian Tribe in Ridgeville, S.C. Two members volunteered 16 man-hours picking up salvage food from a local grocery store for the local Salvation Army food pantry. This is an ongoing activity. A blind Lion led a 7-mile walk-a-thon to support Lions programs. The event generated \$395. The club president attended a regional weekend leadership training program. The club provided eyeglasses for three people at a cost of \$300.

**Lawrenceville:** The club has 28 members. No activity report submitted.

**Lawrenceville Lioness:** The club has fifteen members. Twelve members sold 140 dozen Krispy Kreme donuts at a profit of \$374. Five members generate \$79 while volunteering a total of eight man-hours at a bake sale at the Taste of Brunswick. Other members earned \$400 while working at the Seafood Festival



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**Lynchburg 7 Hills:** The club has 24 members. The club did not submit a LCI Monthly Membership Report or activity report.

**Lynchburg Host:** There are 32 members in the club. No activity report submitted.

**Mechanicsville:** The club has 13 members. In September, twelve members volunteered 24 man-hours to assist veterans at the McGuire Veterans Medical Center with their monthly bingo activity. The club contributed \$200 toward canteen books for prizes for the veterans and contributed \$163 in food for 35 veterans. Total contributed was \$363. On October 12, Jim Purton, a volunteer puppy raiser for Canine Companions for Independence gave a presentation. In addition, the club donated \$200 to the organization. Club members collected 36 pairs of eyeglasses and 2 hearing aids for recycle. The recruited one new member and gained two transfer members.

**Mecklenburg Lioness:** The club has 18 members. Lionesses volunteered approximately 108 man-hours collecting for the upcoming raffle basket fundraiser. The Raffle Basket drawing will be at the local bazaar on December 3.

**Petersburg:** The club has 26 members. The club did not submit a LCI Monthly Membership Report or activity report.

**Powhatan:** The club has 45 members. The club provided one eye examination and two pairs of eyeglasses at a cost of \$380. Members collected

91 pair of eyeglasses for recycle. Twenty-four Lions volunteered 64 man-hours during the White Cane fundraiser, which generated \$1,945. The club donated \$250 to the Fisher House Project. Fourteen Lions volunteered 186 man-hours conducting 525 vision screenings for the Powhatan /county Public Schools and Blessed Sacrament-Huguenot Academy School.

**Richmond Battlefield Park:** There are 25 members in the club. The club approved the purchase of one pair of eyeglasses for a needy resident. The president and secretary attended the fall conference on October 28-29. DG Janis Chenery visited the club on October 3. Charter Night speaker Ken Lindsey spoke at the regular club meeting on October 17.

**Richmond Host - Tuckahoe:** The club has 45 members. The club donated 30 heavy-duty backpacks to the students at the Virginia Rehabilitation Center for the Blind and Vision Impaired. The custom-made backpacks are designed to carry the large Braille books, and other adaptive equipment. Representatives from the club personally handed out the backpacks to the students at the school, on October 13, 2011.

**Richmond James River:** The club has 26 members. The club held its quarterly social for Lions and spouses on October 8. Twelve members and spouses volunteered for the bi-monthly bingo service project at McGuire Veterans Medical Center. The club fed and assisted 51 veterans. The club donated \$480 to the Jamaica Sight Mission, \$200 to member designated charities, and \$105 to



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veterans bingo. Members collected 537 pair of eyeglasses for recycle. It also provided six eye examinations and six pair of eyeglasses for needy residents.

**Richmond Lakeside: The club has nine members.** DG Janis Chenery visited the club on October 4. The club is selling fruitcakes and Aunt Sarah Pancake House coupons as fundraisers. It donated \$250 to the Henrico Christmas Mother Program and \$200 to the Burkeville Lodge in September. The club provided one pair of eyeglasses to a needy resident at a cost of \$50.

**Richmond West Breakfast Lions Club: The club has 45 members.** Lion Bob Pratt gave a presentation on the Salvation Army Holiday Volunteer Opportunities. On October 24, Detective Al Martin, Henrico County Police Department spoke to the club on four types of fraud-credit cards, telephone solicitations, money laundry and home repairs. On October 4 and 17, club members volunteered to build wheelchair components at the Project: Homes (formerly ElderHomes) warehouse. They volunteered a total of sixteen man-hours installing wheelchair ramps on October 6 and 20. One Lions volunteered four hours cleaning and inventorying the Project: Homes warehouse. One Lion volunteered 32 man-hours performing administrative work for the Project: Homes staff. Thirteen club members attended the fall conference on October 28-29. The club kicked off its annual peanut sales fundraiser on October 24. Several Lions registered to work at the Christmas

Bizarre Bazaar. More than 20 Lions, spouses, and guests attended a family style picnic at Lion Pete Sizemore's house on October 1. Several members will participate in the Joint Thanksgiving Luncheon in November.

**Rustburg: The club has 18 members.** The club did not submit a LCI Monthly Membership Report or activity report.

**South Boston: The club has 30 members.** Lion Bob McCullough presented a program on "Operation Sharing Lionism" on October 4. Ms. Jeux Simmons gave a presentation on the Halifax Regional Hospice on October 18. The club donated \$200 to the Halifax Regional Hospice on October 18.

**South Hill: The club has 25 members.** The club provided eye examinations and eyeglasses for seven needy residents at a cost of \$655. The club conducted its White Cane fundraiser. Club members assisted with vision screening for seventh graders at the Park View Middle School on October 4 and assisted with eye screenings for third graders at the South Hill Elementary School on October 18.

**Varina: The club has 38 members.** The club held a membership drive and Shrimp Feast at the October 4 regular club meeting. Dr. Gary Rhoads gave a presentation on October 18 on the prospect of developing a satellite campus in the Varina area.



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## 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	OCT	YTD	% CNG
ALTAVISTA	10/21/2011	0	0	0	0	33	33	NC
AMELIA	10/20/2011	0	0	0	0	21	21	NC
AMHERST COUNTY	10/17/2011	0	0	0	0	24	24	NC
APPOMATTOX	10/21/2011	0	0	0	0	36	36	NC
ASHLAND	10/27/2011	0	0	0	0	14	14	NC
BLACKSTONE	10/23/2011	0	0	0	0	14	14	NC
BON AIR MANCHESTER MIDLOTHIAN	10/7/2011	0	0	0	0	39	39	NC
BOWLING GREEN	10/18/2011	0	0	0	0	11	11	NC
BRANDERMILL MIDLOTHIAN WOODLAKE	10/31/2011	0	0	0	1	36	37	1%
BROOKNEAL	10/31/2011	2	0	0	0	21	19	10%
BROOKVILLE TIMBERLAKE	10/17/2011	1	0	0	0	41	42	2%
BUCKINGHAM COUNTY	10/31/2011	0	0	0	0	28	28	NC
CHARLOTTE L C	10/18/2011	0	0	0	1	26	25	4%
CHASE CITY	10/2/2011	0	0	0	1	14	15	7%
<b>CHATHAM</b>	<b>No Rpt</b>	0	0	0	0	20	20	NC
CHESTER	10/3/2011	8	0	0	2	40	34	15%



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CHESTERFIELD PREVENT BLINDNESS	10/24/2011	0	0	0	0	17	17	NC
CLARKSVILLE	10/23/2011	0	0	0	1	17	16	6%
COLONIAL HEIGHTS	10/18/2011	0	0	0	0	29	29	NC
CREWE BURKEVILLE	No Rpt	0	0	0	0	12	12	NC
DANVILLE HOST	10/5/2011	0	0	0	0	37	37	NC
DANVILLE MORNING	No Rpt	0	0	0	0	13	13	NC
DINWIDDIE	10/2/2011	0	0	0	0	21	21	NC
FARMVILLE	10/6/2011	0	0	0	0	72	72	NC
GLEN ALLEN SHORT PUMP	10/5/2011	0	0	0	0	12	12	NC
GOOCHLAND COUNTY	10/18/2011	0	0	0	0	15	15	NC
GRETNA	No Rpt	0	0	0	0	20	20	NC
HOPEWELL PRINCE GEORGE	10/14/2011	0	0	0	0	33	33	NC
KENBRIDGE-VICTORIA	10/23/2011	1	0	0	0	17	17	NC
LAWRENCEVILLE	10/3/2011	0	0	0	0	28	28	NC
LYNCHBURG 7 HILLS	No Rpt	0	0	0	0	24	24	NC
LYNCHBURG HOST	10/17/2011	0	0	0	0	32	32	NC
MECHANICSVILLE	10/24/2011	1	2	0	0	13	13	NC
PETERSBURG	No Rpt	0	0	0	0	26	26	NC
POWHATAN	10/28/2011	0	0	0	0	45	45	NC
RICHMOND BATTLEFIELD PARK	10/27/2011	0	0	0	1	25	25	NC
RICHMOND HOST - TUCKAHOE	10/31/2011	0	0	0	2	43	45	5%
RICHMOND JAMES RIVER	10/20/2011	0	0	0	0	26	26	NC
RICHMOND LAKESIDE	10/20/2011	0	0	0	0	9	9	NC
RICHMOND WEST BREAKFAST	10/12/2011	2	0	0	0	46	45	1%
RUSTBURG	No Rpt	1	0	0	0	18	18	NC
SOUTH BOSTON	10/31/2011	1	0	0	0	31	30	1%
SOUTH HILL	10/25/2011	0	0	0	0	25	25	NC
VARINA	10/10/2011	3	0	0	0	38	35	8%
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>17</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1162</b>	<b>1152</b>	<b>0%</b>

\*The clubs highlighted in yellow did not submit a Monthly Membership Report to Lions International for the month of October. Membership totals for these clubs is the end of month totals from the last submitted report.



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## *District 24-B Governor's Club Visit Schedule*

Governor Janis is very excited about being able to visit your club and to getting to know the club's members. She is also very interested in being of assistance in helping your club in its service. If you have the need to discuss the schedule, please contact Lion Paul Steube who is coordinating the visitation schedule.

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Best wishes on a successful and enjoyable 2011-2012 Club year.

### **NOVEMBER**

10	APPOMATTOX	6:45 PM
14	CREWE-BURKEVILLE	6:30 PM
15	CHATHAM	6:30 PM
16	(JOINT MEETING) ASHLAND, BOWLING GREEN & MECHANICSVILLE (Hanover Country Club, 14214 Country Club Drive, Ashland, VA	6:30 PM
28	CLARKSVILLE	6:30 PM

### **DECEMBER**

8	LYNCHBURG 7 HILLS	NOON
12	BLACKSTONE	5:30 PM
22	CHARLOTTE	6:30 PM
27	MECKLENBURG LIONESS	7:30 PM



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