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Keep Up the Pace

Hello Lions, Lionesses, and Leos,



We are entering our third month of this Lions year! Time is flying by as it always does when we are busy and having fun.

I have visited 10 of our 44 Lions Clubs and attended the District 24-E Fall Conference, and I am overwhelmed with all of the wonderful Lions that I am meeting. The sincerity, goodness, and service that each of you spread throughout your clubs and communities is truly inspirational!

Thank you for your commitment and dedication to our Lions Clubs and Lions Clubs International. You are the foundation to this wonderful service organization and we are a large family serving together!

We have committed to share Lionism this year. How many guest have you invited to help with a service project? How many times have you mentioned that you are a Lion this past month? We are doing a disservice by not inviting our friends and neighbors to be a part of our Lions Club.

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District 24-B Cabinet

District Governor
Janis Chenery

1st Vice District Governor
Joey McCaffrey

District Secretary
Peter J. Sizemore

District Treasurer
Carolyn Messimer



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Do not forget that Lion Paul Steube has invited each club that inducts five new members by October 1 to his house for his "Special North Carolina BBQ". I have volunteered to be a server!

Several projects are ongoing throughout our district—among them are the tree-planting project and the PEACE Poster contest. Please do your best to promote these worthy projects.

Lion Bob Pratt, our Beacon Editor, has a wonderful Calendar of Events that list projects events, and activities throughout the district.

Please take advantage of this calendar since it spreads the word about your event and can help with attendance!

I look forward to seeing each of you during the following weeks! Thank you again for all that you do!

My best,

DG Janis

It's not about me, It's not about you, It's about the people we serve!

1st Vice District Governor

Lion Joey McCaffrey

Hello Lions, Lioness, and Leos



Man, what an August we had with two of Mother Nature's wraths. First, we had an earthquake then a hurricane that was supposed to bypass us. I hope everyone out there made it through both of these extraordinary events safe and sound. I also hope you all have your power back so you could enjoy the Labor Day weekend.

I also had a very busy August. First, I attended the Leader Dog School. What a great place that is. I had the opportunity to see where they do all of that great work with the blind and how much love and care that they put in to their work.

It was gratifying to hear people that the school has helped tell us about how leader dog changed their lives. It was amazing. If you ever get a change to visit the Leader Dog School, I hope you will. You will not be sorry.



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Secondly, I had the occasion to attend three zone meetings. They were Region I Zone I, Region II Zone I, and Region I Zone II. The meetings were full of a lot of good information and all of the projects that will be going on doing the Lion year.

If you get a chance, you really do need to attend one or more of your club's zone meeting. I would like to thank all of the zone chairs for giving me time and opportunity to address the attendees. I would like to thank Lions Ray Mueller, Faye Pleasants, and Calvin Easter.

I think that will do it for August so we can put the memories of the month in our history.

Before I forget, if you would like me to visit your club and talk about the upcoming LAMP Project at Virginia State University on June 8-9, 2012, I would love to come to your club and discuss it with you.

Until next time, remember what Governor Janis says, **"It's not about me, It's not you, It's about those we serve"**.

1st Vice District Governor Joey

Cabinet Secretary's Corner

Lion Peter J. Sizemore



We thank the clubs who are filing their MMR and Activities Reports in a timely manner and encourage other clubs to do so also. While I enjoy reading the reports, remember that you need only to send them to Lion

Bob Pratt, the 24B Statistician and Bulletin Editor. Like you, I get to see the reports when the editor distributes the Beacon. Please send your reports to Lions Bob at rpratt08@verizon.net or 14216 Amstel View Place, Chesterfield, VA 23838-6199.

Please do keep the district up to date on your activities and planned activities by sending your reports to Lion Bob Pratt.

The following was reported in the executive summary of the LCI Board of Directors meeting held on in Seattle in June: "Removed the two signature requirement on club accounts in the Standard Form Club By-Laws to be consistent with modern banking capabilities (i.e., online banking)."

Lion Peter J. Sizemore
Cabinet Secretary



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Cabinet Statistician



This month I am wearing my district statistician hat. This job entails collecting data on monthly membership gains, losses, transfers, activity reporting and a variety of other

information that I present to the governor and her cabinet in a useful and meaningful manner. It usually takes a few days after the end of the month to assimilate the data.

While to some members, reporting may appear to be just an administrative burden. However, I can assure you that reporting your club's membership numbers and activities are very important.

The governor and her cabinet use this information to evaluate what the district is doing well and those things we need to

improve upon. As district statistician, I prepare a statistical report on the health of the district based upon the information you submit each month. Obviously, the information is only as good as data you submit.

Please remember that I only need one Monthly Activity Report regardless which form you use.

On another note, we still need your articles and events for the Beacon. The calendar of events has become very popular. There are more than 400 people on the Beacon and events calendar distribution list.

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

Lion Bob Pratt
Beacon Editor/Statistician



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Around the District

Annual Fall Conference

We will provide additional information about this exciting event and its scheduled programs to everyone in the very near future but for now:

Please make plans **NOW** to attend the Lions of Virginia District 24-B Annual Fall Conference on October 28 – 29, 2011 in Williamsburg, Virginia.

The Fall Conference will be at the Williamsburg Hospitality House, 415 Richmond Road, Williamsburg, Virginia 23185-3536.



Parking is free at the hotel and the single or double rate per night is \$99.00 (plus

tax). Please call the toll free telephone reservation number at 1-800-932-9192 or fax your hotel reservation **directly** to the hotel by **September 28, 2011** to ensure obtaining the Lions rate and room availability. When you call the hotel be sure to tell them you are with **Virginia Lions**.

We are planning a full agenda for the Lions. Many spouses will enjoy roaming around Williamsburg in the fall and taking advantage of the time to do early Christmas Shopping.

Again, please mark your calendars and plan on attending and be assured we will send you additional information and registration forms SOON!





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11th Annual Thanksgiving Luncheon

The Richmond Host – Tuckahoe Lions Club will host the 11th Annual Lions Thanksgiving Luncheon on November 18 at 12:00 pm at the Westwood Club, 6200 West Club Lane,



Richmond, VA 23226. For the past eleven years, five Richmond metropolitan Lions Clubs have gotten together to celebrate Thanksgiving by having lunch in a festive atmosphere of celebration and fellowship. The cost of the lunch is \$14.00 per person. Spouses, family members and guests are welcome and encouraged to attend. Please RSVP to PDG John Farmer at 745-9205 no later than November 9, 2011.

International Director Endorsement Election

Conciliators, Thank you for your hard work in helping MD 24 resolve issues from the International Director Endorsement Election held at the Lions of Virginia State Convention in Richmond, Virginia.

Per the instructions of the committee, ballots were mailed to 353 delegates that were certified to vote at the state convention with options of voting for PCC Shirley Wilson and none. At the conclusion of the District 24-E Fall Conference held at the Holiday Inn Tanglewood, Roanoke, Virginia a special

meeting was held with 15 in attendance. The results were as follows:

Total ballots received	278
Shirley Wilson	126
None	146
*Discarded	6

*4 ballots were discarded because they had return addresses on envelope

*2 ballots were discarded because they were postmarked after cutoff date of August 20, 2011

The Lions of Virginia does not have an endorsed candidate for International Director at this time.

Information provided by Tammie J. Brightwell, Secretary/Treasurer, Multiple District 24 Lions of Virginia



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Your Good Neighbor, the Lions of Virginia Foundation 2011 Overview



The weather events of the last week, earthquake and Hurricane Irene, have again brought attention to the wisdom of the establishment of the Lions of Virginia Foundation (LOVF). In August of 1969, Hurricane Camille brought destruction and the need for humanitarian service to Virginians.

Since its beginning in 1972, the LOVF has provided humanitarian services statewide. It has distributed 130 grants totaling \$1,063,715. The Foundation focus is on disaster relief, sight and hearing conservation and other areas of Lions Clubs International programs within the Commonwealth of Virginia. It is ready to respond to requests for assistance beyond the scope of local Lions Clubs or Districts. Your good neighbor is the Lions of Virginia Foundation.

Thank you for the sale of raffle tickets and support of LOVF. District 24B had income of \$8,942 from 36 of the 49 clubs (\$10,213 from 30 of the 49 clubs). Total income for tickets sales from all six districts was \$56,229 (\$47,542). Cost of the raffle was \$11,300 in prizes and \$3,391 cost of printing the tickets for a total cost of \$14,691 or 26%. Grants paid out for the period were \$72,000(\$43,359). Income increased 18% and expenses increased due to disaster relief by 66%. **Your special interest and support means so much.**

Each district receives 1,000 30-ticket books for distribution. If we sell all of the tickets, we would receive revenue of \$30,000. Of that \$30,000, \$20,000 would go to the club and \$10,000 to LOVF. A 66% return for your club. Thirty-six clubs in our district supported LOVF. Twelve



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clubs made contributions of \$5,083 (\$6,012 including Humanitarian awards from Farmville and BMM Lions Clubs. Total raffle sales were \$3,859(3,977) from 21(23) clubs.

As a LOVF District 24B Representative, I urge the clubs to support LOVF through the raffle, the prestigious Distinguished Humanitarian Award, a club contribution, a direct bequest to LOVF or the Lions of Virginia Legacy Fund Incorporated.

LOVF is a unique "good neighbor" that insures the greater interests of Lions Statewide. I would

be pleased to visit your club with a program on your "good neighbor" the **Lions of Virginia Foundation**. Thank you for investing in the **LOVF**.

*Parenthesis () denote previous year results.

Article submitted by **Lion Frank Carlomagno, Lions of Virginia District 24-B LOVF Representative**



Update on Monthly Activity Reporting

Lion Faye Pleasants brought to my attention that the information about submitting the Monthly Activity Report to LCI has changed.



Lion Faye contacted Linda Romano-Derr, Coordinator, Program Development at Lions Clubs International to get the following

explanation of the changes to submission of the monthly Service Activity Reports:

"Service Activity Reports may only be submitted online through the WMMR. We cannot accept paper or e-mail reports. The deadline to report is the 15th of the month although we encourage clubs to report on a monthly basis (it can get overwhelming to report everything at once with the redesigned system). Also, if you have no activities to report, please do not report them, i.e., do not send a report to say you do not have any activities."



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The club president could enter this information for the secretary if he or she does not have a computer or is unable to for one reason or another to do it on time. Given that change, the club should submit its Monthly Activity Report to LCI electronically. If for whatever reason you cannot send your report electronically, please send a paper copy to the Beacon editor.

If you have questions or need additional information, here are some points of contact at LCI:

WMMR technical assistance (including Service Activity Report - logging in, errors, how-to)
WMMR Support Center
630-468-6900

wmmr@lionsclubs.org

Service Activity Report (inquiries about reporting, ex: how do I calculate Lion hours)
Program Development department
630-468-7018

activityreports@lionsclubs.org

Membership reporting
Club & Officer Record Administration department
630-468-3830

stats@lionsclubs.org

For more information about the report, including training, please visit the [Service Activity Report](#) web page, and the related [frequently asked questions](#) section.

Our thanks go out to Lion Faye Pleasants for her "eagle eye" and willingness sharing this important information with us.

Recruitment Challenge

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Hear Ye!



Lion Paul Steube, South Boston Lions Club has thrown down the recruitment gauntlet in a challenge to any club in District 24-B that recruits five new members before October 1, 2011. He will

invite any club meeting that challenge to his house in South Boston to enjoy his self-proclaimed "some of the best BBQ I've ever eaten" Lexington- (or Piedmont-) style North Carolina barbecue. The date will be determined later. Please call Lion Paul at (434) 575-7265 or send him an e-mail message at steublau@embarqmail.com.



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Membership Matters

(I can't remember where I first saw this title, but I'll plagiarize it anyway.)

The Driveway Talk

Each Lion has her own approach to inviting prospects.

Probably we can all agree that we don't get new members without inviting prospects to a Lions meeting. But there is an infinite number of ways of inviting them.

One Lion has talked about making a sales pitch before the prospect ever attends a meeting. I may be missing something, but that doesn't seem effective to me. It gives the prospect the opportunity to erect defenses against salesmanship before actually knowing anything about Lions.

My approach has always been to say, "I have a free dinner for you next Tuesday night." "Oh, really?" thinks, and sometimes says, the prospect--certainly thinking, "I'm not really interested in Amway or Mary Kay." "Yes," I say. "It's at Ernie's at 6 o'clock." "Oh, what's

that all about?" "It's a meeting of the South Boston Lions Club. There's no obligation. Just come and have supper with us. You have to eat somewhere. Would you like for me to pick you up?" And I follow up with a phone call the day before the meeting.

You can see that this is a low-key approach that allows the prospect to deal with the idea on his own terms. He may show up. If he doesn't, you can pursue it further the next time you meet or you can call him. If he's going to eliminate himself, you'll find out at about this point and you can spend your efforts better elsewhere.

If he does come to the meeting, I invite him to another meeting. He's beginning to get an idea of who we are and what we do. At some point--probably during that first meeting--I've given him a Club brochure. If I've driven this prospect to the two meetings, I give him the Driveway Talk when I drop him off the second time--sometimes I'll ask him to lunch. I talk to him about how important Lions is to me and why. I read the Lions Code of Ethics to him. Quite frankly, sometimes I'm on the verge of getting a bit broken up with this. To me, the Lions Code of Ethics is a beautiful expression of a noble level of behavior everyone could do well to aspire to.



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I tell him how serious I am about this and that I feel that he has a servant's heart. I tell him that he doesn't need the Lions Club--but that the Lions Club needs him. I tell him that we are not a civic club, but the world's largest, and leading, service organization. I tell him that there are no movers and shakers in Lions, that the VIPs in Lions are the people we help. I tell him that we are a working organization. I tell him that I would be honored to sponsor him.

Sometimes they say Yes. What has worked for you? Let me and other Lions know. Let's discuss it.

And do one other thing for me. Tomorrow morning--before you leave the house--make up your mind to find somebody during the day to take to your next meeting. I'm

counting on you. I don't want to have to throw away all this barbecue. I'd like to hear from you at

Lion Paul M. Steube
1725 Chamberlain Street
South Boston, VA 24592
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We Serve



BLAND MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION, Inc

This is a condensed version of a letter from Lion Ann Harris, Chair, District 24-B Bland Music Foundation to District 24 B Zone Chairs and Club Presidents:

On July 30 at the District 24-B Cabinet Meeting, the Bland Music Scholarship Foundation proposed the following goals:



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- The Chair, District 24-B Bland Music Foundation plans to:
 - attend as many (or all) of the 24B competitions as feasible.
 - Secure and sign a contract agreement with Hampden Sydney College to use the Crawley Forum on **April 15, 2012 from 2-5 PM for the District Bland Contest date.** *Best efforts have been taken to ensure that the date is not in conflict with other State Band & Vocal contests in which the contestants/ students may be participating elsewhere in April.*
- The Chair, District 24-B Bland Music Foundation recommends that all clubs appoint a Bland Music chairperson to become more knowledgeable about the contest and to work with the club, zone and district on the worthwhile LOV Scholarship for talented and gifted students in the Commonwealth.
- The Chair, District 24-B Bland Music Foundation pledges to:
 - work with clubs already holding contests to limit competition to 12 and refer additional applicants to other zone clubs
 - help new clubs set up a Bland contest as needed to eliminate limitations on talent sent to District 24-B
 - assist clubs with public relations and media for promotion of the Bland Music contests,
 - assist clubs with identifying instrumental and vocal judges.
 - **Zone Contests:** Chair will work with zone chairs to ensure that at least one contest is held in each zone to reach more students in District 24-B.
- **Region Contests:** Should zones and clubs produce more contests and winners than District 24-B can judge, the Chair will work with zones in a region to hold a Regional Bland Music Competition prior to the District 24-B Contest.
- **District Support:** Coordinate with the District 24-B webmaster to add the Bland Music Scholarship Foundation link <http://blandfoundation.org/> on the Lions of Virginia 24- B website.
- **Proposed Budget Plan & Club Support:** In order to fund the District Contest and support the Lions of Virginia State Contest.



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- o The chair has developed the following budget to support the financial needs of the Bland Contest at the District and State level:

District Fees for Crawley Auditorium:	\$100
District Refreshments:	\$ 98
District Judges:	\$200
Plaques, Certificates	\$100
Monetary Prizes:	<u>\$450</u>
Subtotal	\$950
LOV Contest: 24-B 3rd Place Sponsor:	<u>\$1,500</u>
TOTAL BUDGET	\$2,448

- o The LOV 2011 State Convention Bland Donation Report:

DISTRICT	2009-2010	2010-2011	
24A	\$7340	\$9540	
24B	\$355	\$2393	
24C	0	\$3862	
24D	\$1000	\$1770.23	
24E	0	\$435	
24F	0	\$100	
Total	\$8695	\$17,237.23	

- **Total LOV Bland Budget Needs:** \$20,000 (\$18000 Scholarships, \$2000 Piano/Judges). Last year, Fifteen (15) clubs in District 24-B donated to LOV Bland or District Level Bland pledging donations totaling \$2393 and representing 30% participation.

District 24-B Club Pledges:

- The Chair, Bland Music Scholarship suggests that if we divide and share the burden of the



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expense equally among all clubs and gain 100% support, the District will be able to fund the 2011-12 budget as proposed above.

- Therefore, the chair respectfully solicits club presidents to work with its board of directors to pledge and commit support to the Bland contest. As Bland Chair, I ask that your club *to budget a minimum donation of \$51 in your Activities Funds to support the District 24-B Bland Music Scholarship Contests.*
 - Once budgeted, please forward your check directly to the Lion Carolyn Messimer, District 24-B Treasurer with the template at the bottom of this page attached.
 - Recognizing that some clubs may wish to donate in other amounts during Lions Year 2011-12, the Chair intends to recognize all clubs supporting the Bland Contest with District Bland Awards as follows:
 - **Platinum Level Support:** Club donations of \$1000 or more for 4-6th Place Awards
 - **Gold Level Support:** Club donations of \$500-999 for District and/or State.
 - **Silver Level Support:** Club donations of \$5 /member (100%) or \$100-499
 - **Bronze Level Support:** Club donations of \$51 /year for 2011-12 Budget.
- In closing, I look forward to working with the cabinet, zone chairs, and clubs while serving as the District and Bland Chair this year. Working together as a team, together each accomplishes more. Let's pledge together to make this a phenomenal year as we work together as Lions and partners in Service.

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Ann Harris

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BLAND MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION, Inc

Pledge Form

LIONS OF VIRGINIA District 24 B Bland Music Scholarship Foundation	Please remit 24 B Lions Club Bland Foundation Pledges to District 24 B Treasurer:
24 B Club Name:	Lion Carolyn Messimer, PDG Richmond West Breakfast Lions Club 10906 Newlands Avenue Richmond, Virginia 23233-1907 Home: 804-270-3454 Email: LionCarolyn@messimer.net
Address:	
City State Zip:	
Club President:	
Phone:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Platinum Level Pledge (\$1000 or more) \$ _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Gold Level Pledge (\$500-999) \$ _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Silver Level Pledge (\$100 – 499) (\$5/lion) \$ _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Bronze Level Pledge (\$51 for 2011-12) \$ _____	

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 Necrology and LOVF committees.



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Necrology Committee

In the natural course of events, every Lions club experiences the passing of one of its members. The Lions of Virginia like so many other Lions Clubs around the world conduct necrology services to recognize the contributions that these departed Lions have made to their communities and to Lionism.



The necrology service honors the deceased and expresses the sympathy of club members. This brief but moving ceremony is a fitting tribute to Lions who have served their clubs faithfully for many years as officers and members and contributed in special ways. We share the grief of parting that bears so heavily on all who knew them.

The District 24-B Necrology Chairman is responsible for organizing, scheduling, and participating in a memorial service at the Lions of Virginia State Convention for Lions that died during the current Lions year.

The necrology chair for each of the six districts of Multiple District 24 participates in the memorial service. The service begins with appropriate comments by the State Necrology Chairman, spiritual reading, and hymns. Each district chair then reads a passage.

Each district governor in turn reads the name of each deceased Lion from his or her district while the governor's spouse, assisted by the district necrology chair, places a carnation in a special vase with a lighted candle. They honor each of their deceased Lions in this manner. The memorial service is a well-attended, very moving ceremony and a high light of the state convention as well as the International convention.

The Necrology Chairman may also assist in honoring deceased members at club meetings or special occasions.

I have been a lion for over 31 years and consider it an honor to serve District 24-B as Necrology Chairman.

**Article submitted by Lion Frank Carlomagno
Chair, Necrology Committee, District 24-B**



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District Directory Changes & Corrections

Page #	Club or Lion	Change/Correction
6	District 24-E	Delete 1 st Vice District Governor Lion John T. Johnson
6	District 24-E	Add: 1 st Vice District Governor Lion Nelson Leftwich, Jr., 1724 Grand View Road, Bedford, VA 24523 C: (540) 586-1772, B: (540) 587-3245, E: nebtleft@msn.com , Bedford Host Lions Club
21	Amherst	Add: Membership Chair: Virgil Coleman, Jr., vc11@verizon.net
27	Danville Host	Add: Membership Chair: Thomas R, Early, Jr., 195 Howeland Circle Danville, VA 24541- 3715
30	Mechanicsville	Change meeting date/time to: 2nd and 4th Wednesday, 6:30 PM, Shoney's Family Restaurant, 7137 Mechanicsville Turnpike, Mechanicsville, Virginia
33	South Hill	Delete: President John Gallo
33	South Hill	Add: President Charles G. Butts, Jr. (Ann), 817 Watkins Street, South Hill Virginia 23970-1430, (H) (434) 447- 7220, Cell: (434) 447 9775, Fax: (434) 447 7155, e-mail: ARbutts@embarqmail.com
35	Mecklenburg Lioness Club	Change President Stacie Champion's e-mail address to: mrschamp04@gmail.com
35	Mecklenburg Lioness Club	Change meeting location to: Butler Library, N. Marshall Street Chase City, VA





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Club News

Richmond James River Lions Club

In May 2011, the Richmond James River Lions Club issued a challenge to other service organizations in the Greater Richmond Metropolitan area. The challenge was, "For every dollar you donate to the local Fisher House the Richmond James River Lions Club will match, up to \$10,000."

Other fraternal and service organizations in the community responded to the challenge and donated \$9,195.00. With matching funds from the Richmond James River Lions Club, the projected netted a whopping \$18,390.



The Fisher House is a national program that supports veterans and their families in a time of great need. The program recognizes the special sacrifices of our men and women in uniform and the hardships of military service by meeting a humanitarian need beyond that normally

provided by the Departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs.

Located at major Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Centers throughout the United States, the program provides housing for the families of veterans and active duty members receiving medical care at the VA hospital.

These housing facilities allow families to be near their loved one at a time when they are needed most. Families do not pay to stay at the Fisher House so the program is dependent upon the assistance and aid they receive. Each house provides a private bedroom and bath with a common kitchen, laundry facility, and dining area.

The Richmond James River Lions Club is very active with the Hunter Homes McGuire VA Medical Center located in Richmond Virginia and was looking for a way to do more. The club hosts a bingo game every second Monday every other month for veterans at the hospital.

The club provides winners with vouchers that patients can use to purchase much needed items such as razors, soap, shampoo,



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socks, and other items most people do not realize that patients need during their hospital stay. The club also provides sandwiches, chips, drinks and desserts in addition to the raffle items.

The James River Club's goal is to have every bingo player leave as a winner, with vouchers and a full belly. The veterans always show their appreciation. It was this rewarding feeling that urged us to create a project that would allow the club to do even more.

With several veterans in the club, it was a simple task to schedule a speaker to give a presentation at one of our regular club meetings. The speaker gave a presentation to club members on the local Fisher House and on some of the plans to expand the facility. The renovations will be extensive and expensive.

One of our club members got in touch with radio station WRVA-AM, in the hopes to reach the most people possible in the quickest amount of time. Jimmy Barrett, a radio personality for the station was already promoting a fundraising drive for the Fisher House so the Richmond James River Lions joined the action.

Lions Ray Guin and Glenn Pfluger went on the air to discuss the Fisher House challenge as well as provide a promotion for Lions Club International. All the money raised by the challenge would go directly to the local Fisher House in the hopes that other local fraternal organization would be more willing to donate to a local cause.

With the donated \$18,390, the local Fisher House will be able to work on some of the planned renovations or provide housing facilities for those families with a great need. All of the members of Richmond James River Lions Club were overwhelmed and deeply satisfied by the response to the Fisher House challenge. With the success of this fundraising drive the club is looking forward to another potential challenge in the coming year; we have been tossing around the idea of a challenge to the other Lions Clubs in the Greater Richmond area.

The club is currently working on sending a group of people to Jamaica for a week to service those in need of eye exams and glasses.

**Article submitted by Lion Heather M. Jones-Lancto,
President, Richmond James River Lions Club**



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Richmond Host – Tuckahoe Lions Club

Project Homeless Connect

Project Homeless Connect is a unique program that matches clients with volunteers to assist chronically homeless adults connect



to as many on-site services as possible in one day.

An event of this magnitude requires the support and cooperation of more than 40 service providers. Each agency will move its operations to a single location for a day, providing dedicated healthcare, dental and vision screenings, mental health interviews, and much more. The goal for the event is to eliminate some of the barriers people

experience as they seek to access the very services that might help them start the return journey to stable lives.

This year's Project Homeless Connect will be on November 17, 2011 at the Greater Richmond Convention Center, 403 North Third Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219.

The Lions of Virginia District 24-D Sight and Hearing Van will be on hand to provide screenings. We need volunteers to staff the van from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Last year we screened over 100 people and we provided reading glasses or provided referrals to approximately 98 percent of them. If you would like to volunteer to staff the sight and hearing van, please contact PDG Lion Jay Overbey at jroiii@aol.com.

**Article submitted by PDG Jay Overbey, Secretary,
Richmond Host – Tuckahoe Lions Club.**



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Richmond Host – Tuckahoe Lions Club

Mission Statement

During one of our guest speaker presentations, our guest speaker, Lenny asked us what the mission statement is for the Lions. Past president Marina gave an excellent response that could be considered our club mission statement. The Lions Clubs International Mission Statement which is, "To

Create and Foster a spirit of understanding among all people for humanitarian needs by providing voluntary services through community involvement and international cooperation."

**Article submitted by PDG Jay Overbey, Secretary,
Richmond Host – Tuckahoe Lions Club**

South Hill Lions Club

Resignation of Club President

I am sorry to announce that Lion John Gallo has resigned as President of the South Hill Lions Club. Lion John has taken employment several hours commuting distance from South Hill. He regrets that his new job situation will not permit him to devote the time and attention needed to meet his commitment as president.

member of the South Hill Lions Club for at least the immediate future and will be helping with activities to help us serve our community.

Please join us in extending our best wishes to Lion John in his new employment and a warm welcome to Lion Charles and his wife Ann to the president's office.

The South Hill Lions Club board of directors met on Wednesday, August 31 and appointed First Vice President Charles G. Butts, Jr. president for the remainder of the fiscal year. Lion John will be remaining as a

**Article submitted by Lion Otis Thomas, Secretary,
South Hill Lions Club**



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Human Interest Stories

Richmond Host – Tuckahoe Lions Club

Lion Dr. Hugh Riley Rankin



Hugh Riley Rankin, 81, of Richmond, died Saturday, August 27, 2011.

Dr. Rankin graduated from Somerset High School in 1948. He attended the University of Akron and University of Richmond and graduated from Ohio State Dental School in 1955.

Dr. Rankin served in the U.S. Army from 1955-57 and the Air Force from 1961-62 as captain.

He was a dentist in Richmond from 1955-99 at his office on Grove Avenue. Dr. Rankin was elected a fellow of the Virginia Dental Association and was past president of the Richmond Dental Society and Virginia Society of Professions.

He was an instructor at the dental school at MCV and was a member of Lions International. He was a member of the International Order of St. Luke the Physician, a worldwide healing ministry.

**Article submitted by Lion Royce Savelle, President,
Richmond Host - Tuckahoe Lions Club**

Crewe – Burkeville Lions Club

Blind Pedestrian Killed, Service Dog Injured

Dudley Mines Jr., age 74, and his Seeing Eye dog Romeo, a black lab, were walking near

the intersection of Bellevue Road and Old Brook Road in North Richmond on August



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24. A car rounding the corner from Old Brook onto Bellevue grazed Mr. Mines with the driver's side mirror. He fell from the glancing blow. Police said the driver of the car stopped to assist Mr. Mines but he could not reach him before a Ford pickup truck, also traveling from Old Brook onto Bellevue, struck Mines' guide dog and Mines as he lay in the roadway. Mr. Mines died from his injuries at VCU Medical Center. Richmond Animal Control picked up Romeo and

transported him to the Veterinary Emergency Center in Carytown. Veterinarians at the center treated him for a broken leg and multiple scrapes. The Richmond SPCA is paying for the medical treatment. When Romeo has recovered, he will be going back to Mr. Mines' family.

 Article submitted by Lion Donna Miskovic,
 Secretary, Crew-Burkeville Lions Club.

Welcome New Members

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

GLEN ALLEN – SHORT PUMP

Earlene J Tuck sponsored by Lion Nancy Capehart

HOPEWELL PRINCE GEORGE LIONS

Lion Kent Salisbury sponsored by Lion Coleman Jones



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In Memory



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

GRETNA LIONS

Jack G. Moore

PETERSBURG LIONS

Gilbert C. Martin

RICHMOND HOST --TUCKAHOE

Dr. Hugh R. Rankin (former member)

RICHMOND LAKESIDE LIONS

Andrew W. Snead, Sr.

Summary of Club Activities

Alta Vista: The club has 33 members. District Governor Janis Chenery visited the club on August 18. The club provided 3 eye exams and 3 pair of eyeglasses at a cost of \$439. The club dropped one member and transferred in 4 members.

Amelia: No report submitted.

Amherst: The club has 24 members. No club meeting in August. Members collected 50 pair of eyeglasses for recycling. Two members attended the zone meeting.

Appomattox: The club has 36 members.

Ashland: The club has 14 members. Club hosted the first Region II Zone II Governor's



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Advisory meeting. Collected over 100 pairs of eyeglasses for recycle and provided eye exams and glasses to three individuals. Provided hearing aid to one individual. Club continues to sell brooms, plan for participation in the Ashland Train Days Celebration, sell LOVF raffle tickets, and plan for October White Cane fundraiser.

Blackstone: The club has 14 members. Club members planned for its participation in the Blackstone Arts & Crafts Fair on September 10 – 11. The club will be selling funnel cakes and cold drinks.

Bon Air -Manchester-Midlothian: The club has 39 members. R. Calvert Esleek gave a presentation on “The Mission of Families of the Wounded Fund” on August 4 and Terri Levandoski gave a presentation on “Programs Offered by the American Cancer Society” on August 18. Club provided nine eye exams at a cost of \$450 and 13 pair of eyeglasses at a cost of \$455. Members collected 170 pair of eyeglasses for recycle.

Bowling Green: The club has 11 members. One Lion volunteered time to senior citizen assistance, three members volunteered 3.5 hours toward maintaining VDOT flower plot. Club donated \$45 to Bowling Green Harvest Festival. Club provided one pair of eyeglasses at a cost of \$100. Members collected 10 pair eyeglasses and one hearing aid for recycle.

Brandermill & Midlothian (Woodlake: The club has 38 members. Dr. Erik Craft gave a

presentation on “Thoughts on Reducing the Federal deficit” on August 11. Members also enjoyed a baseball outing on August 18. Members collected 200 pair of eyeglasses for recycling.

Brookneal: No report submitted.

Brookville-Timberlake: The club has 41 members. The club raised \$40 from the sale of brooms. Four members volunteered 22 man-hours collecting 61 pair of eyeglasses for recycle and processed 239 pair of recycled eyeglasses. One member donated blood platelets. District Governor Janis Chenery made the official governor’s visit to the club. One member volunteered four man-hours delivering three food baskets to Evington families. One member volunteered 20 man-hours providing blind counseling. Two members volunteered 95 man-hours providing mental health support on the Lynchburg Crisis Line. One member volunteered 12 man-hours at the Virginia Baptist Hospital. One member purchased and delivered school supplies to Body Camp Elementary School in Bedford. Thirty-four members volunteered 339 man-hours in service to the community.

Buckingham County: The club has 29 members. Club held its regular meeting on August 25. Lion President Frank Knott reported on the July 30th cabinet meeting and the August 23 zone meeting. Lion Beverly Worthington and her husband, the Reverend Quincy Worthington provided an informal program on our community and the



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role the Lions could play in bringing the community together as they strive to meet the needs of its residents.

Charlotte: The club has 26 members. Club held its regular meeting. No new activities to report.

Chase City: The club has 15 members. District Governor Janis Chenery made the governor's official visit to the club. Also in attendance was Lion Bob Chenery, Membership Chair Lion Paul Steube, and Zone Chair Otis Thomas. It was an inspiring meeting centered on leadership and membership.

Chatham: No membership report submitted. The club has 20 members. Members attended the Sheriff's Night Out on August 2. For the August 16 meeting, two representatives from The Dan River Foundation talked about the upcoming Dan River Festival and the Foundation. Club members collected 27 pair of eyeglasses for recycle.

Chester: Membership stands at 34.

Chesterfield Prevent Blindness: The club has 17 members. On August 11, Lion Dave Martin, Chair, Central Virginia Lions Hearing Aid Bank gave a presentation. Members collected 218 pair eyeglasses and 19 cell phones for recycling.

Clarksville Lions Club: No report submitted.

Colonial Heights Lions Club: The club has 29 members.

Crewe-Burkeville: No report submitted.

Danville Host: The club has 37 members. Lion Mike Mondal gave a presentation on the Sheriff's work force on August 11 and Lion Don Merricks gave a legislative update on August 25.

Danville Morning: The club has 13 members.

Dinwiddie: The club has 21 members. Members distributed USDA commodities to the indigent at the Old Rohoric Elementary School in Sutherland, Virginia in collaboration with the Dinwiddie County Department of Social Services and they distributed USDA commodities from the Mobile Food Bank to the indigent in partnership with the Asbury United Methodist Church in McKenny, Virginia. One Lion served as an arthritis exerciser for the Arthritis Foundation and served 60 people.

Farmville: The club has 72 members. Lion Dietrich-Hall reported on International Convention on August 2. Jane Schirmer gave a presentation on the Southside Virginia Family YMCA on August 16. Seven members volunteered 35 man-hours delivering meals for Meals-On-Wheels. The club provided two pair of eyeglasses at a cost of \$300. Members collected 177 pair of eyeglasses for recycling.

Glen-Allen-Short Pump: The club has 11 members.

Goochland County: The club has 14 members.

Gretna: Membership stands at 20.



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Hopewell Prince George: The club has 33 members.

Kenbridge-Victoria: Membership stands at 16. Club members picked up salvage food from a local grocery store for distribution by the local Salvation Army unit to hungry people. Lions donated 48 dozen eggs to the local Salvation Army Food Pantry.

Lawrenceville: No report submitted.

Lawrenceville Lioness: The club has 15 members. Ten members volunteered 30 ½ man-hours staffing the moon bounce and children's games during the national Night Out. The club donated \$50 to the Susan G, Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, \$100 to Juvenile Diabetes Foundation. District Governor Janis Chenery and several cabinet and committee members visited the club.

Lynchburg 7 Hills: Membership stands at 24.

Lynchburg Host: The club has 32 members. The club raised \$1,054.43 from the sale of brooms, mints, peanuts, and coloring books. The club provided six pair of eyeglasses at a cost of \$614. Doug Eggleston, American Red Cross, gave a presentation. Three members collected 250 pair of eyeglasses for recycling. Other members volunteered a total of six hours at the Lynchburg Museum.

Mechanicsville: The club has 12 members. Members collected 15 pair of eyeglasses for recycle. Club will place additional eyeglass and

hearing aid collection boxes in restaurants and businesses. Six members attended the zone meeting. The finance committee met to establish short and long-term financial goals. Eighteen members volunteered 33 man-hours serving the community.

Mecklenburg Lioness: The club has 18 members. On August 23, District 24-B 2nd Vice District Governor Norma Taylor and Cabinet Secretary Pete Sizemore discussed advantages of becoming Lions with the club. Members collected 15 pair of eyeglasses for recycling. The club collected 26 printer ink cartridges for recycling. The club welcomed one new member.

Petersburg: The club has 26 members.

Powhatan: The club has 45 members. Two members volunteered two man-hours collecting 51 pair of eyeglasses for recycling. On August 3, the club held its annual picnic and named Lion Mike Jones Lion of the Year. Bryan Davis, Volunteer Coordinator, Salvation Army, spoke to the club about Holiday Season Volunteer Opportunities.

Richmond Battlefield Park: The club has 26 members. Officer Chuck Finchum, Henrico County Police Department gave a presentation on public safety. Club provided three eye exams and eyeglasses at a cost of \$450. Two members attended the zone meeting on August 24.



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Richmond Host - Tuckahoe: The club has 45 members.

Richmond James River: The club has 26 members. The club presented Lion Jack Werley with a Sponsor key for recruiting two new members in the past year. Nine Lions, spouses, and friends volunteered provided light food, coupon books, and door prizes to approximately 50 bingo players at the Hunter Holmes McGuire Medical Center. The club donated \$3,468 to support volunteers at the LAMP/RAMP project, \$2,000 to a scholarship, and \$93 to Bingo with the veterans at McGuire, \$10,000 to Lions of Virginia District 24-B for PediaVision instruments thru a LCIF matching grant. It also donated \$1,000 to the Virginia Blind Bowling League, and \$1,500 to the Central Virginia Food Bank. Members collected 575 pair of eyeglasses. It provided eight eye examinations and eight pair of eyeglasses to the needy.

Richmond Lakeside: The club has 9 members.

Richmond West Breakfast Lions Club: The club has 45 members. On August 8, Gary Talley, Virginia Department for the Deaf and the Hard of Hearing gave a presentation on hearing conservation. On August 22, the special guest was the 2011 scholarship winner. Three Lions volunteered 26 man-hours building and installing a wheelchair ramp for an elderly Richmond resident. One Lion volunteered 39 man-hours as a government liaison with the Red Cross in the Virginia State Emergency Operations Center during Hurricane Irene. One Lion volunteered 15 man-hours at the National

Veterans Wheelchair Games in Pittsburg, PA. The club donated \$150 to the Tuckahoe YMCA for the YMCA Bright Beginnings Program. The club provided one eye exam at a cost of \$35 and 4 pair of eyeglasses at a cost of \$200. Members collected 346 pair of eyeglasses for recycle. The club recruited one new member. Seven members attended the zone meeting.

Rustburg: The club has 18 members. District Governor Janice Chenery made the governor's official visit to the club on August 9. The club hosted Zone Chair Ray Mueller's zone meeting on August 23. The club provided 2 eye exams and 3 pair of eyeglasses to the needy.

South Boston: The club has 28 members. GMT Chair Lion Paul Steube gave a presentation on membership and District Governor Janis Chenery made the governor's official visit to the club on August 2. Sharon Blosser, Director, Patient Services, Halifax County Cancer Association gave a presentation to the club on August 16. The club donated \$300 to the Halifax County Cancer Association on August 16. The club provided two pair of eyeglasses to the needy at a cost of \$295.40.

South Hill: The club has 25 members. Club provided eye exams and eyeglasses to five persons at a cost of \$505. Members assisted with parking cars for opening ceremonies at Dixie Softball World Series held in South Hill on July 29, 20011.

Varina: The club has 35 members. Lion Sandy Small, Richmond Battlefield Park Lions



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Club, presented a program on the organizing a Leo Club at middle schools. The club presented four \$1,000 scholarships to Varina High School graduates and one \$500 scholarship for the winner of the Lions Essay contest. The club donated \$200 to the Richmond International

Airport USO and \$1,000 to LCIF. It provided one eye examination and one pair of eyeglasses at a cost of \$75. Members collected 1,500 eyeglasses for recycling. Eight members of the club attended the first zone meeting.

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 DATE	NW	TRF	RT	DP	JUL	YTD	% CNG
ALTAVISTA	06/22/2011	0	4	0	1	30	33	1%
AMELIA						21	21	NC
AMHERST COUNTY	08/19/2011	0	0	0	0	24	24	NC
APPOMATTOX	08/25/2011	0	0	0	0	36	36	NC
ASHLAND	08/18/2011	0	0	0	0	14	14	NC
BLACKSTONE	08/22/2011	0	0	0	0	14	14	NC
BON AIR MANCHESTER MIDLOTHIAN	08/17/2011	0	0	0	0	39	39	NC
BOWLING GREEN	08/23/2011	0	0	0	0	11	11	NC
BRANDERMILL MIDLOTHIAN WOODLAKE	08/14/2011	0	0	0	3	41	38	7%
BROOKNEAL						19	19	NC
BROOKVILLE TIMBERLAKE	08/22/2011	0	0	0	0	41	41	NC



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CLUB NAME	REPORT DATE	NW	TRF	RT	DP	JUL	YTD	% CNG
BUCKINGHAM COUNTY	08/31/2011	0	0	0	0	29	29	NC
CHARLOTTE L C	08/19/2011	0	0	0	0	26	26	NC
CHASE CITY	08/29/2011	0	0	0	0	15	15	NC
CHATHAM						20	20	NC
CHESTER	08/17/2011	0	0	0	17	50	34	34%
CHESTERFIELD PREVENT BLINDNESS	08/27/2011	0	0	0	0	17	17	NC
CLARKSVILLE						17	17	NC
COLONIAL HEIGHTS	08/11/2011	0	0	0	0	29	29	NC
CREWE BURKEVILLE						12	12	NC
DANVILLE HOST	08/08/2011	0	0	0	1	38	37	3%
DANVILLE MORNING	08/11/2011	0	0	0	0	13	13	NC
DINWIDDIE	08/28/2011	0	0	0	0	21	21	NC
FARMVILLE	08/29/2011	0	1	0	1	72	72	NC
GLEN ALLEN SHORT PUMP	08/02/2011	0	1	0	0	11	12	9%
GOOCHLAND COUNTY	08/16/2011	0	0	0	0	14	14	NC
GRETNA	08/12/2011	0	0	0	1	21	20	5%
HOPEWELL PRINCE GEORGE	08/12/2011	1	0	0	2	34	33	3%
KENBRIDGE-VICTORIA	08/19/2011	0	0	0	0	16	16	NC
LAWRENCEVILLE						28	28	NC
LYNCHBURG 7 HILLS	08/20/2011	0	0	0	0	24	24	NC
LYNCHBURG HOST	08/22/2011	0	0	0	0	32	32	NC
MECHANICSVILLE	08/26/2011	0	0	0	1	13	12	8%
PETERSBURG	08/22/2011	0	0	0	1	27	26	4%
POWHATAN	08/24/2011	0	0	0	0	45	45	NC
RICHMOND BATTLEFIELD PARK	08/19/2011	0	0	0	0	26	26	NC
RICHMOND HOST - TUCKAHOE	08/25/2011	0	0	0	1	46	45	2%
RICHMOND JAMES RIVER	08/17/2011	0	0	0	0	26	26	NC
RICHMOND LAKESIDE	08/17/2011	0	0	0	1	10	9	10%
RICHMOND WEST BREAKFAST	08/29/2011	0	0	0	0	45	45	NC
RUSTBURG	08/29/2011	0	0	0	0	18	18	NC
SOUTH BOSTON	08/28/2011	0	0	0	0	28	28	NC
SOUTH HILL	08/12/2011	0	0	0	0	25	25	NC
VARINA	08/25/2011	0	0	0	0	35	35	NC
TOTALS		2	5	0	30	1173	1151	-2%

*The clubs highlighted in **yellow** did not submit a Monthly Membership Report to Lions International for the month of August. 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.

SEPTEMBER

12	RICHMOND WEST BREAKFAST	7:00AM
	AMELIA	6:00 PM
13	CHESTER	7:00 PM
14	RICHMOND HOST-TUCKAHOE	NOON

OCTOBER

3	RICHMOND BATTLEFIELD	7:00 PM
4	RICHMOND LAKESIDE	NOON
	PETERSBURG	6:30 PM
5	GLEN ALLEN-SHORT PUMP	5:00 PM
	GOOCHLAND	7:00 PM
10	DINWIDDIE	6:00 PM
12	HOPEWELL-PRINCE GEORGE	7:00 PM



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13	CHESTERFIELD PREVENT BLINDNESS	7:00AM
	DANVILLE HOST	1:00 PM
18	FARMVILLE	NOON
	AMHERST	6:00 PM
20	BON AIR-MANCHESTER-MIDLOTHIAN	6:30 PM
26	POWHATAN	6:00 PM
27	BUCKINGHAM	7:00 PM

NOVEMBER

1	KENBRIDGE-VICTORIA	6:30 PM
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



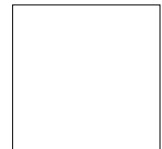


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Known for working to [end preventable blindness](#), Lions participate in a vast variety of projects important to their communities. These projects range from cleaning up local parks to providing supplies to victims of [natural disasters](#).

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