



The 24-Beacon

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Governors Message...

Fellow Lions, Lioness, and Leos

As we begin a new Lions Year, I first want to thank all the members of 24-B for your support and confidence in me to be your District Governor for 2009-2010. It is a great honor and I feel it is a privilege to be your Governor.

Let's get to the theme from Eberhard Wirfs; the International President for 2009-2010. Move to Grow and the correlation between the ginkgo tree and Lionism. When observing the leaf you see a living thing, two parts united, lasting for millions of years, and stronger than mankind.

Have you ever seen a ginkgo tree? The ginkgo has a long history with acceptance ancestors extending back some 280 million years. It is one of the few plants living today that has such a lineage dating back to the Paleozoic Era. It is very resilient with an average lifespan of 1000 years and unique in that it has both male and female varieties within the same plant.

You are probably asking yourself, "So why the ginkgo tree"? The ginkgo is a symbol of love and hope. It is also a monument to peace and environmental protection and even considered a vision aid. The ginkgo tree has been declared the millennium tree. When taking into consideration its other characteristics of esteemed heritage, longevity, adaptability, utility, sustainability, and global abundance, it's easy to see the correlation between the ginkgo tree and Lions Clubs International.

Compared to the origins and lifespan of the ginkgo, Lions Clubs International is still in its infancy. So, we have to **Move** and we have to **Grow**. We have to motivate and rejuvenate clubs that have become dormant. This means bringing in young members who may have new and fresh ideas. The family membership plan should be used whenever possible to bring in family members at a reduced cost in dues to gain members.

The first order of business that President Eberhard Wirfs performed was to install a new lion. He called upon the President of the Hofheim am Taunus Lions Club and his spouse; Margit Wirfs, to come up on the stage. He then proceeded to induct his own spouse, Lion Margit Wirfs as the newest Lion of his club whereby setting an example for the rest of us. He stated he was nervous as he fumbled with her Lions pin, but also said he firmly believes she will make a great leader and instructed his club president to "put her to work immediately" which brought about great laughter and applause.

I will visit each individual club this Lions year to discuss ways to prevent membership losses and hopefully introduce some ideas to gain membership.

One thing I want each Lion to remember is that the most important person in the Lions Organization is the club member. Without the club members, there would be no Lions Clubs International.

With that I look forward to meeting each and every Lion this year. Hopefully, we will have a great year together.

Yours in Lionism,

DG Clarence Robert Taylor
(Better known as Lion Robert)

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2009-2010**

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UPCOMING EVENTS

July 6-10, 2009	Int'l Convention Minneapolis, Mn.
July 24-26, 2009	LAMP/RAM Wise, Virginia
August 1, 2009	1 st Cabinet Meeting Burkeville Lodge Lunch is \$10.00 9:30 AM – Social 10:00 AM – Meeting RSVP – Calvin Easter
Sept. 24-27, 2009	USA/Canada Forum Memphis, Tennessee

New Members

Al Craig	Ashland
Galina Tarasevitsch	Brookneal
Amber Vogelgesang	Dinwiddie
Terri Wilson	Farmville

Deceased Members

Judith Grigg	Buckingham
Lucy Gunther	Clarksville
John Glenn	Farmville
Oscar Parham	Petersburg

Life Members

Ray Newman	Clarksville
Joseph McCaffrey	Hopewell Prince George
Edward Meyer	Tuckahoe
Weldon Carlton	Varina

Upcoming Meetings

Region II Meeting

When	September 9, 2009
Where	Calabash Seafood Lee Davis Highway Mechanicsville, Va.
Time	Cocktails: 6:30 PM Meal: 7:00 PM
Cost	\$13.00
Contact	Lion Jim Cridlin

DISTRICT STATISTICS

June 30, 2009

Region I

Start Members	449
Adds	44
Drops	50
Deceased	6
End Members	437
Net Change	-12

Region II

Start Members	293
Adds	17
Drops	28
Deceased	7
End Members	275
Net Change	-18

Region III

Start Members	277
Adds	18
Drops	24
Deceased	3
End Members	268
Net Change	-9

Region IV

Start Members	342
Adds	29
Drops	31
Deceased	7
End Members	333
Net Change	-9

District Totals

Start Members	1,361
Adds	108
Drops	133
Deceased	23
End Members	1,313
Net Change	-48



LIONS HAPPENINGS

Altavista –The club attended the new officer's installation sponsored by the Hurt Lions Club. The club raised \$830 at a yard sale. The club collected 36 pairs of eyeglasses. Membership stands at 36.

Amelia – Membership stands at 25.

Amherst – A donation to the School book reading program was made to two of the four Elementary schools in Amherst....Books and reading materials are brought with this money to help with the reading skills of the elementary schools. The club is very busy getting ready for the 3rd annual Amherst Lions Golf Tournament which is on August 7, 2009 held at Poplar Grove Golf Club.....we are busy getting sponsors and lining up the teams we expect another successful event. The club collected four pairs of used eyeglasses. They provided a hearing aid at a cost of \$400. The club donated \$500 each to Pleasant View Elementary School and Temperance Elementary School. Membership stands at 14.

Appomattox – The Appomattox Lions Club is celebrating its 70th anniversary during 2009 and marked this milestone with donations of more than \$25,000 in 2008-09. The Appomattox Community Park, a community-sponsored initiative, was the recipient of a \$10,000 commitment to build a pavilion. The club hopes to raise an additional \$25,000 to complete this project in the next eighteen months. The club's primary fundraiser, the Food Festival, will be held on Friday, August 21 from 3:30-8:30pm in downtown Appomattox. About 3,000 people are expected to attend. Tickets are \$20 (children 10 and under are free) for an all-you-can-eat feast and may be obtained by mail prior to August 10. Send check to Appomattox Lions Club, PO Box 546, Appomattox, VA 24522. Planning is also underway for a Golf Tournament at Falling River Country Club on Monday, September 14, at 1:00pm, to benefit the Pavilion Project. Contact is John Redding, (434)352-0532. Membership stands at 39.

Ashland – The club held their Installation night at the Hanover Country Club with spouses. Installation Officer was Lion Bill Daniels. We also inducted a new member Lion Al Craig. New member orientation was held June 17, 2009. VDG-E Lion Susan received a Certificate of excellence as the outgoing Club Secretary. Membership stands at 14.

Blackstone –Membership stands at 14.

Bon-Air/Manchester/Midlothian – The club held there 75th anniversary celebration on June 19, 2009

with 2nd Vice President of Lions Clubs International Lion Sid Scruggs. Three individuals from the club received a Melvin Jones Fellowship. PDG Lion Jay Overbey installed the club officers. The club donated \$250 each to Bon Air Volunteer Fire Department and Forest View Volunteer Rescue Squad, \$200 to Foundation fighting Blindness, \$400 to CVLHAB, and \$500 to LCIF. The club provided 10 pairs of eyeglasses at a cost of \$350 and four eye exams at a cost of \$200. The club collected 91 pairs of used eyeglasses and one hearing aid. Membership stands at 41.

Bowling Green – The club collected \$50 more for White Cane. Five members gave 5 hours for the VDTO Flower Plot care, two members gave four hours for putting up the New Lions Club Road Sign. The club donated \$40 each to Bland Memorial Fund, Prevent Blindness, Leader Dog, and Burkeville Lodge. \$50 was donated to Habitat for Humanity, \$75 to the Lions Hearing Foundation and \$145 to Old Dominion Eye Foundation. The club also provided two pairs of eyeglasses at a cost of \$200 and collected 15 pairs of eyeglasses. Membership stands at 12.

Brandermill/Midlothian/Woodlake - Membership stands at 38.

Brookneal – Membership stands at 18.

Brookville-Timberlake – 20 club members gave 315 man hours for project for community services. There were 250 individuals that benefited from this. The club also donated \$1,000 to Scholarships, Scouts and Peace Poster Contest. Five members gave 120 hours and these activities benefited 70 individuals. The club collected 98 pairs of used eyeglasses as well as supporting the recycling center. 12 members gave 135 hours for these activities which benefited 135 individuals. Membership stands at 42.

Buckingham County –Provided six pair of eyeglasses to Buckingham residents. Membership stands at 27.

Charlotte – The club had Ms. Melessa Harvey, from the Randolph-Henry High School FFA Agriculture Issues Team. On July 4th the club will have a booth at the annual 4th of July Celebration at Red Hill, home of Patrick Henry in Brookneal, Virginia. The club provided 10 pairs of eyeglasses and 10 eye exams. The club had a very successful White Cane. The club also moves to their summer schedule starting in June. Membership stands at 22.

Chase City –. Membership stands at 15.

Chatham - Our Club posted Flags at designated places along Main Street for Flag Day (15th). We approved glasses for one and collected 128 pairs of glasses for Lions Eyeglass Recycling. With the Chatham Volunteer Fire Department, we co-sponsored an American Red Cross blood donation event and received 24 units of blood. Also, we had an excellent program on Robotics Competition and “**Gracious Professionalism**”, and a visit by Lion Bob Chenery and by Zone Chair Lion Janis Chenery to install officers. Donations: \$170, Leader Dog; \$100 each, Old Dominion Eye Foundation, VA Hearing Foundation, Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center, VA Rehab. Center for the Blind, LCIF, Lamp Fund, Chatham Rescue Squad, Chatham Vol. Fire Dept., The VA Assoc. of Workers for the Blind, “M. T. Sorrell, Inc.”, Boys & Girls Clubs of the Danville Area, Canine Companions for Independence, “Doves, Inc.”, Southeastern Guide Dog; \$200 each, Oak Grove Residential Care, Chatham Presbyterian Church; \$250 each, Three (3) Scholarships for 2009 Chatham High School Graduates. Donations made earlier in the year: \$250 to Chatham First and \$160 to Friends of Barnabas. Total \$3130.00. Membership stands at 21.

Chester – Membership stands at 54.

Chesterfield Prevent Blindness – Their White Cane raised over \$454. The club collected 102 pairs of used eyeglasses. They held their Charter Night mid-June. President Lion Bob Rightmyer allowed Lion Andy to have his Pittsburg moment. Special guests were Officer David Zehab and his wife Linda. The club presented Officer David with the Chesterfield Prevent Blindness Citizen of the Year Award. Club Secretary Lion Andy Dick presented Lion Bob with the Past Presidents Award for the year 2008-2009. Membership stands at 16.

Clarksville – A program was presented by Margaret Holden of Camp Happyland. \$1,424 was raised by White Cane, \$1,740 was raised by LOVF Ticket Sales, and \$2,837 was raised selling Birthday Calendars. 8 members gave 20 hours working with the Red Cross Blood Drive. The club donated \$100 each to Clarksville Elementary and the Bland Memorial Contest, \$500 to the Clarksville Volunteer Fire Department, and \$655 to LOVF. The club provided two pairs of eyeglasses at a cost of \$174, YTD they have collected over 260 pairs of used eyeglasses. The club held their New Officers Installation and inducted a new member, 2nd VDG-E Janis Chenery was the Installation Officer. Membership stands at 21.

Colonial Heights – Lion Ralph presented a program on the Life of Helen Keller. DG Lottie House installed their club officers. The club provided two pairs of eyeglasses and two eye exams at a cost of \$240. The club also collected 45 pairs of used eyeglasses. Membership stands at 29.

Crewe-Burkeville – Membership stands at 15.

Danville Host – the club had their incoming officers installed by PDG Mercer Motley. Lion Mark Lewis presented a program on Lions Activities. Nine members gave six hours to Feed the Homeless. Membership stands at 33.

Danville Morning – Membership stands at 13.

Dinwiddie – Lion Dr. Mark Moore inducted 2 new members at our last meeting, Lion Rochelle Buan and Lion Marie Tench. We have another new member Amber Vogelgesang, giving us a total of 23. They were sponsored by one of our new members Lion Irma Davenport. We have another set of 3 generations of Lions in our club. Dinwiddie Lions Club received \$438.00 for White Cane Day. Membership stands at 23.

Farmville –Stephanie Vieira presented a program on Heartland Heroes. Lion Darlene Bratcher did a Quarterly Informational Meeting. Five members gave 40 hours for Meals on Wheels, one member gave 12 hours as a Hospital Volunteer, and one member gave three hours at the Stephen Ministers. The club provided four pairs of eyeglasses at a cost of \$600 and provided one hearing aid at a cost of \$575. The club also collected 78 pairs of eyeglasses and one hearing aid. Membership stands at 82.

Glen Allen-Short Pump – Membership stands at 15.

Goochland County – The Goochland County Lions Club participated in the Cancer Society's annual Relay for Life held last month in Goochland. Our club made a donation and team members raised additional donations for the event which was held at the Goochland Elementary School. Lion Donnie Brooks provided his RV for our "headquarters" and Lion Sam Barkley cooked for our team members. Membership stands at 17.

Gretna – Membership stands at 23.

Gretna Junction – Membership stands at 14.

Highland Springs-Sandston – The club held their Installation of officers with PDG Lion Jay Overbey as the Installation Officer. Membership stands at 8.

Hopewell/Prince George – Membership stands at 35.

Hurt – The club again hosted the Officers installation for Hurt, Gretna, and Altavists Lions Club, with 2nd VDG-E Janis Chenery doing the installation. Membership stands at 5.

Kenbridge/Victoria – A total of 30 man-hours will give in the Food Lions pickup for the Salvation Army. Fundraisers netted the club \$312. The club donated \$230 to LOVF. The club provided one pair of eyeglasses at a cost of \$120. Membership stands at 19.

Lawrenceville – Membership stands at 33.

Lawrenceville Lioness – The club held their new officers installation dinner, with Lioness Sue Wright as the installation officer. Lion President Harold Parrish spoke to the club about upcoming projects. The club received \$300 from the Lawrenceville Lions Club for their help at the Seafood Festival. Membership stands at 13.

Lynchburg 7 Hills – Membership stands at 20.

Lynchburg/Fort Hill – Membership stands at 12.

Lynchburg Host – The club raised \$1,380 in Broom Sales, \$20 in Mints, \$412 in Peanut sales, \$61 in Coloring Books, and \$60 in LOVF Raffle Tickets. Rose Pruitt, Health Nut Nutrition, Inc., presented a program on healthy living. 8 Lions participated in the Broom Sales, 5 lions participated in sales at the community Market. Lions Louis Driskill, Frank Harris and PDG Dave Thomas presented an orientation meeting to some new members at the South Boston Club. Three members attended the BMM 75th Anniversary Celebration. The club donated \$500 each to Leader Dog, VLHF, LAMP/RAM, and ODEF, \$750 each to Prevent Blindness Mid Atlantic and Eyeglass recycling Center, \$200 each to KumBaYah, American Diabetes Association, Special Olympics, and Lynchburg Daily Bread, and \$400 to YMCA Youth Camps. Membership stands at 36.

Madison Heights – Fund raiser raffle at Sweet Briar College in May- Raised total \$13,676.62. The club provided two pairs of eyeglasses at a cost of \$220.00. Membership stands at 27.

Mechanicsville – The club has donated over \$14,700 toward Community Service Activities, with over 1,000 man hours donated with 18 individuals and helped 75 individuals. \$13,500 donated to Youth Opportunities, 500 man hours, with 15 individuals and helped over 100 people. A total of \$35,100 was donated to Health, Hearing, and Sight, totaling 1,700 man hours by 22 individuals. The club also donated

over \$64,000 to various community activities throughout the year and gave 3,200 man hours. The club held their new Officer's Installation with PDG Lion John Farmer as the installation officer. Two individuals were presented with a Melvin Jones Fellow. 10 members worked three hours each at Bingo for the Vets and they donated \$175 in food and \$200 for Canteen books. The club has collected 500 pairs of used eyeglasses. Membership stands at 21.

Mecklenburg Lioness – Two members worked one hour each on the adopted road triangle. Membership stands at 21.

Petersburg – The club held their Installation of officers with PDG Lion Pete Taylor as the Installation Officer. Membership stands at 27.

Powhatan County – The club held their installation of officers with PDG Lion Rich Evans as the Installation Officer. 26 members worked 64 hours during their White Cane collections, they collected \$1,505. The club donated \$500 to the Powhatan Volunteer Fire Department. The club provided 4 pairs of eyeglasses at a cost of \$700. They also collected 51 pairs of used eyeglasses. Membership stands at 45.

Richmond Battlefield Park – A program was presented by Lynn Wilson and Nichole Anderson on the Henrico County 2026 Plan. The club held their officer's installation with PDG Lion Jay Overbey as the installation officer. The club raised \$1,865 during their recent White Cane Days. The club also collected three pairs of used eyeglasses and two hearing aids. Membership stands at 26.

Richmond Host – A program was presented by Willie Ice – Dietician from the Rehab Center spoke on Diabetes. PDG Lion Carolyn Messimer installed the Club officers. The club collected 200 pairs of used eyeglasses. The club Donated \$500 each to Prevent Blindness, Old Dominion Eye Foundation, \$750 each to Blind Bowling League, Spinoza, LOVF, and Virginia Rehab Center Volunteer Council, \$1,000 each to Festival for Sight, VLHF, CVLHAB, Community Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, \$2,000 each to Virginia Assoc of Workers for the Blind (Burkeville Lodge, Virginia Rehab center, Scottish Rite (Children's Language Center), Leader Dog, the Virginia Voice, \$1,500 Prevent Blindness, \$4,083 for Eyeglasses, \$227 for the 24-D Sight and Hearing Van. A total of \$15,500 came from their memorial fund and \$9,910 was from their regular funds. Membership stands at 42.

Richmond James River – Programs this month include Bingo with the Vets at the Veterans Hospital. Our club supplies coupon books for bingo prizes, door prizes, food & snacks, drinks, and aid to bingo players. Six Lion volunteers served approximately 65 bingo players this session. A program was presented by Lion Bruce Copal on the history & information about the Hollywood Cemetery. The club held their new officers Installation Night with Lion Harry I. Schutte, Jr., Charter Member, installing our new officers. The club donated \$2,000 each to School Scholarships and the Lion Hearing Aid Bank, \$1,000 to LCIF, \$1,250 for eyeglasses, \$500 to the Manchester Rescue Squad, and \$133 for food for Bingo with the Vets. The club provided six pairs of eyeglasses and collected 312 pairs of used eyeglasses. Membership stands at 27.

Richmond Lakeside – The club held their 61st charter night. The club raised \$250 in the selling of Aunt Sarah's Coupons and \$450 in the LOVF Raffle sales. The club donated \$200 to Richmond Blind Bowling League and \$300 to Burkeville Lodge. The club provided two pairs of eyeglasses at a cost of \$240. Membership stands at 10.

Richmond West Breakfast – The club held their annual **Tail Twister Appreciation Day**. They did not have a guest speaker on this date. The club took this opportunity to pay homage to the great and most omnipotent Tail Twister. The man with no equal! A program was presented by Dr. Lina Amini, M.D. She specializes in glaucoma, cataract and implant surgery, and complicated anterior segment disease. The Club will host the 2009 William C. Chandler Lions International Youth Camp from July 13 – 16, 2009. Membership stands at 49.

Rustburg – Membership Stands at 24.

South Boston – The club held their Installation of officers with PDG Lion Jay Overbey as the Installation Officer. A program was also presented by the Halifax Historical Society. The club donated \$200 for aid to the elderly and a safety program and it benefited two individuals. The club donated \$150 to the scouts and it helped 20 individuals. The club has collected 545 pairs of used eyeglasses and five members gave 41 hours toward Sight conservations, they also donated \$850. The club donated \$200 to LCIF and to other Lions Foundations. The club provided two pairs of eyeglasses at a cost of \$333. Membership stands at 35

South Hill – The club provided one pair of eyeglasses and one eye exam at a cost of \$105. The club also

raised another \$159 from their Springfest. Membership stands at 23.

Tuckahoe – The club held their Charter Night and installation of Officers with DG-E C. Robert Taylor as the installation officer. A guest was introduced at their regular meeting that was the Scholarship Recipient, Brittany Benkovics of the Hermitage Training Center. The club donated \$300 to LCIF and \$400 toward a Scholarship. The club provided 8 pairs of eyeglasses and two eye exams at a cost of \$316. The club collected 140 pairs of eyeglasses and 19 hearing aids. Membership stands at 29.

Varina – The club provided 7 pairs of eyeglasses and 7 exams at a cost of \$525. The club also collected 36 pairs of used eyeglasses. Membership stands at 33.

A LION'S ANTHEM

Lions Clubs are service Clubs
Our work is never done.
We give our all to make the World
Better for everyone.

The sun never sets on Lions Clubs
We cover the World so wide.
Where ever you go you'll always know
The Lions are by your side.

We help the deaf, we help the blind
And everyone we can.
We do not stop there, we show we care,
That's the Lions plan.

And as we go about our work,
We like to sing and play,
We have our fun and enjoy ourselves,
While helping every day.

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Our work is never done,
We give our all to make the World
Better-----For-----Everyone.

Submitted and Authored By

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Veterans Project

The Mechanicsville Lions Club has been providing monthly entertainment for our hospitalized Veterans for almost three years now. On the first Thursday of each month a dedicated group of Lions from the Mechanicsville Lions Club carpools over to McGuire Veterans Hospital in order to provide some much needed recreation for the patients.

The Club donates \$200.00 in canteen booklets each month to be used for prizes in their Bingo game. At their own expense the members carry homemade foodstuffs, such as: Cookies, doughnuts, fresh fruit, drinks, and coffee to be served as refreshments for those patients playing. To see the smiles on their faces, their expressed gratitude, and the sense you are developing friendships with these Veterans is reward in itself.

Word has gotten out about this wonderful project and we are getting additional help and support from the Lions of Glen Allen -Short Pump, young family members, and a local Church that Lion Frank Cooke attends.

I would like to recognize the regulars from Mechanicsville for their constant support both financially and by their attendance at this monthly Club Project:

- Lion John Holmes
- DG Lion C. Robert Taylor
- Lion Ann Johnson
- Lion Frank Cooke & wife Karen
- Lion Jay Baumgardner
- Lion George Kroger
- Lion Brenda Cridlin

If any Clubs are interested in participating or would like to sponsor a regular night at McGuire Veterans Hospital, I will be more than happy to provide you with the contact information.

In Lionism,
Lion Jim Cridlin - Committee Chair

Lion John O'Donnell Honored

Richmond Host held a special service honoring John O'Donnell Wednesday June 24 at 6:00 PM at Byram's Restaurant 3200 block West Broad St. John's wife Rosie was present and received John's "Leave A Legacy" Award from the Memorial Trust Fund.

From the Editor's Desk...

Why on earth would anyone possibly want to be the District Bulletin Editor?

Let me introduce myself. I've been the 24-B Beacon editor seven times ranging from back in 1988 for PDG Robbie Dotson to PDG "Papa" Earle Wilson in 2003. I've been the Cabinet Secretary for two District Governors and I've been a Tailtwister for most of the 25 years I've been in Lions. I've chaired two Lions of Virginia State Conventions. I was The District Governor of 24-B in 1993-94. So, why on earth would I possibly want to be the Bulletin Editor again?

Quite simply... *Because of you!*

The "You" is the amazing amount of friendships I've enjoyed over the years. The "You" is the heartwarming stories from the clubs on how they've made life better for someone less fortunate. The "You" is the way we share moments of Love as well as despair while "We Serve." The "You" is the articles "you" provide, the comments "you" make and the time you take to express your concerns or opinions about how We Serve. This newsletter is yours.

I'd like thank DG Robert for giving me this opportunity. It's been a few years since I've really had my hand on the pulse of our District. Don't hesitate to e-mail articles, on your club and its activities. VDG's Susan and Janis here's your chance to share your thoughts and plans for your upcoming terms. Region and Zone Chairs, tell us what is happening in your area.

The abeaconforyou@yahoo.com e-mail has been passed on to me with a large number of e-mails addresses ready to go. Please send me any additional ones of people that want to receive the "Beacon." Deadline is the 5th of each month for articles and submissions and I'll send "The Beacon" out via e-mail as soon thereafter as possible. Thank "YOU."

Yours in Lionism,

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MD 24 LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

The Multiple District Leadership Institute has been scheduled for September 11-13, 2009, and will be held at the [Holiday Inn Valley View Airport Roanoke, Virginia](#).

The registration form is being revised and as soon as we have the revised form we will send it out to those clubs with individuals that would like to attend.

Mark this on your calendar if you would like to attend. It is a wonderful opportunity to learn and make some new friends throughout the district.

Each district can have up to 5 attendees. If a district does not have the full five, then the slots are opened to other Districts that may have more than 5 that are willing to attend.

The District picks up half the cost of the Institute and the attendee picks up the other half. **The cost to each individual is \$100.** Checks should be made payable to MD 24 – Leadership Institute.

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Host Needed!

This young man will arrive in mid August and provides his spending money and health insurance and is expected to participate in school, family and volunteering. He is a scholarship student sponsored by the state dept which is a very prestigious scholarship. He does not have to go to a specialty school. I have hosted for a number of years and find it very rewarding. I can place him anywhere in Virginia. I am committed to helping this young man. He will arrive in August for the school year. I need a family to host him, provide him a loving environment, a bed to sleep and a place to study.

I have hosted a lot over the years and oversee about 30 kids in Virginia from 40 different countries. He is a FLEX student as he is a scholarship student. Each year, the FLEX program accepts a child who may have a challenge; his eyesight is his. I thought

contacting the Lions club would do well as many people may think that because he is impaired that he is unable to function which you know is untrue. Thanks and yes, hook me up to anyone who could help get the word out.

Becky Bell
www.ciee.org
804-254-8789 or 928-1948

Yevheniy Pohorilko (FLX09025)



Yevheniy is a 17 male from Ukraine. He is visually impaired, and has genetically-inherited progressive cataracts in both eyes. He reads Braille and is able to read large text when it is very close to him. His hobbies include listening to music with friends, and playing soccer. He is very musical, and along with singing he also plays the violin. He has a pet parrot, and loves him very much. He enjoys spending time with his family in the countryside. He is very close to his parents. He describes his father as “cheerful and talkative”, and he appreciates his mother’s cooking very much! He considers his friends very special, and would do anything for them. Yevheniy is excited to make American friends, and is very optimistic about his time in the US. **PETS: OK Allergies: NONE Dietary restrictions: NONE GPA: 4.0 SLEP: 45**

Deadline for submission

For “The Beacon”

Is the 5th of the month

***To be added to the e-mail
subscription list,***

Send you request to:

PDG Jay Overbey

abeaconforyou@yahoo.com

District Governor's Visitation Schedule

Amelia	7:00 PM	July 13, 2009
Goochland	7:00 PM	July 15, 2009
Altavista	6:30 PM	July 16, 2009
Chatham	6:30 PM	July 21, 2009
Clarksville	6:30 PM	July 27, 2009
Chase City	6:30 PM	July 28, 2009
Mecklenburg Lioness	7:30 PM	July 28, 2009
24-B District Meeting	Burkeville Lodge	August 1, 2009
Amherst	NOON	August 04, 2009
Danville Morning	7:00 AM	August 07, 2009
Madison Heights	6:30 PM	August 10, 2009
Appomattox	6:45 PM	August 13, 2009
Farmville	NOON	August 18, 2009
Crewe-Burkeville	6:30 PM	August 24, 2009
Gretna Junction	6:00 PM	August 25, 2009
Brookneal	7:00 PM	August 27, 2009
South Boston	6:30 PM	September 01, 2009
24-B Fall Conference (council meets)	Williamsburg, VA	September 4-5, 2009
Rustburg	7:00 PM	September 08, 2009
Gretna	6:30 PM	September 10, 2009
Blackstone	6:30 PM	September 14, 2009
MD-24 Leadership Institute	TBA	September 11-12, 2009
24-C Fall Conference	Staunton, VA	September 18-19, 2009
Lawrenceville	6:30 PM	September 21, 2009
Lawrenceville Lioness	6:30 PM	September 21, 2009
USA/CANADA Forum	Memphis, TN	September 22-27, 2009
South Hill	6:30 PM	September 28, 2009
Varina	6:00 PM	October 06, 2009
Hurt	7:00 PM	October 08, 2009
Dinwiddie	6:30 PM	October 12, 2009
24-A Fall Conference (council meets)	Sterling, VA	October 9-10, 2009
Bowling Green	6:30 PM	October 13, 2009
Richmond Host	5:45 PM	October 14, 2009
Danville Host	1:00 PM	October 22, 2009
24-D Fall Conference	Virginia Beach	October 23-24, 2009
Ashland	7:00 PM	October 27, 2009
Hopewell Prince George	6:00 PM	October 28, 2009
24-F Fall Conference	Bristol, VA	October 30-31, 2009
Bon Air-Manchester-Midlothian	6:30 PM	November 05, 2009
24-E Fall Conference (council meets)	TBA	November 6-7, 2009
Chester	7:00 PM	November 10, 2009
Brandermill-Midlothian-Woodlake	6:30 PM	November 12, 2009
Virginia Pin Swap	Northern Virginia	November 13-15, 2009
Highland Springs-Sandston	6:30 PM	November 23, 2009
Chesterfield Prevent Blindness	7:00 AM	December 08, 2009
Colonial Heights	6:30 PM	December 10, 2009
Richmond Lakeside	NOON	January 05, 2010
Glen Allen-Short Pump	6:30 PM	January 07, 2010
Richmond West Breakfast	7:00 AM	January 11, 2010
Richmond James River	6:00 PM	January 12, 2010
MD24 State Conv. Preplanning (council meets)	Hotel Roanoke	January 15-16, 2010
Mechanicsville	7:00 PM	February 09, 2010
Tuckahoe	NOON	February 23, 2010

Lynchburg 7 Hills	NOON	February 25, 2010
Kenbridge-Victoria	6:30 PM	March 02, 2010
Powhatan	6:00 PM	March 03, 2010
VDE Training (Susan) (council meets)	TBA	March 5-6, 2010
Charlotte Courthouse	6:30 PM	March 11, 2010
Richmond Battlefield Park	7:00 PM	March 15, 2010
Petersburg	5:45 PM	March 16, 2010
Buckingham County	7:00 PM	March 25, 2010
MOM	Roanoke, VA.	March 26-27, 2010
Brookville-Timberlake	6:30 PM	April 01, 2010
Lynchburg Fort Hill	6:00 PM	April 08, 2010
Lynchburg Host	NOON	April 22, 2010
State Convention (council meets)	Roanoke, VA.	May 20-23, 2010
International Convention (council meets)	Sydney, Australia	June 28-July 2, 2010

Miles to go before I Sleep!!!!



DG Clarence Robert Taylor at rest with his Number One Fan.

District 24-B Statistics

Club Name	As Of 07/01/2008	Added	Dropped	Deceased	As Of 6/30/09	Gain or Loss
Amherst	15	-	1	-	14	(1)
Appomattox	40	2	3	-	39	(1)
Brookville-Timberlake	46	2	3	3	42	(4)
Buckingham County	27	2	2	-	27	-
Lynchburg Fort Hill	15	-	3	-	12	(3)
Lynchburg Host	56	-	19	1	36	(20)
Lynchburg 7 Hills	-	21	1	-	20	20
Madison Heights	33	2	8	1	26	(7)
Rustburg	25	1	2	-	24	(1)
Region I Zone I Totals	257	30	42	5	240	(17)
Altavista	38	-	2	-	36	(2)
Brookneal	18	2	1	-	19	1
Chatham	20	3	1	1	21	1
Danville Host	32	1	1	-	32	-
Danville Morning	13	-	-	-	13	-
Gretna	21	2	1	-	22	1
Gretna Junction	14	-	-	-	14	-
Hurt	5	-	-	-	5	-
South Boston	31	6	2	-	35	4
Region I Zone II Totals	192	14	8	1	197	5
Glen Allen-Short Pump	15	1	-	1	15	-
Goochland	18	-	2	-	16	(2)
Richmond Host	41	4	1	2	42	1
Richmond West Breakfast	50	2	3	-	49	(1)
Tuckahoe	31	2	1	3	29	(2)
Region II Zone I Totals	155	9	7	6	151	(4)
Ashland	15	1	2	-	14	(1)
Bowling Green	12	-	-	-	12	-
Highland Springs-Sandston	11	-	3	-	8	(3)
Mechanicsville	32	2	12	1	21	(11)
Richmond Battlefield Park	25	1	-	-	26	1
Richmond Lakeside	10	-	-	-	10	-
Varina	33	4	4	-	33	-
Region II Zone II Totals	138	8	21	1	124	(14)
Amelia	27	-	1	1	25	(2)
Blackstone	15	-	1	-	14	(1)
Charlotte Courthouse	19	3	-	-	22	3
Crewe-Burkeville	16	-	-	-	16	-
Farmville	80	11	8	1	82	2
Kenbridge-Victoria	21	1	3	-	19	(2)
Region III Zone I Totals	178	15	13	2	178	-

Chase City	18	-	3	-	15	(3)
Clarksville	21	2	2	-	21	-
Lawrenceville	36	1	5	1	31	(5)
South Hill	24	-	1	-	23	(1)
Region III Zone II Totals	99	3	11	1	90	(9)
Bon Air-Manchester-Midlothian	39	3	1	-	41	2
Brandermill-Midlothian- Woodlake	37	4	3	1	37	-
Chesterfield Prevent Blindness	22	1	7	-	16	(6)
Powhatan	46	5	4	1	46	-
Richmond James River	26	2	1	-	27	1
Region IV Zone I Totals	170	15	16	2	167	(3)
Chester	51	8	4	1	54	3
Colonial Heights	35	-	3	3	29	(6)
Dinwiddie	20	5	2	-	23	3
Hopewell Prince George	40	-	5	-	35	(5)
Petersburg	26	1	1	1	25	(1)
Region IV Zone II Totals	172	14	15	5	166	(6)
Region I Totals	449	44	50	6	437	(12)
Region II Totals	293	17	28	7	275	(18)
Region III Totals	277	18	24	3	268	(9)
Region IV Totals	342	29	31	7	333	(9)
District Totals	1,361	108	133	23	1,313	(48)
Lawrenceville Lioness	12	1		-	13	1
Mecklenburg Lioness	23	1	3	-	21	(2)
Lioness Totals	35	2	3	-	34	(1)
District Totals	1,396	110	136	23	1,347	(49)
	Resigned Good Standing	Trans.	Moved	Other	Non-Pay Non-Attend	Deceased
Drop Reason Totals	69	7	4	2	51	23
Percentage of Drops	44.23	4.49	2.56	1.28	32.69	14.74
Percentage of Total Membership	5.26	0.53	0.30	0.15	3.88	1.75

