

**MD 24 C Lions
of Virginia**



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Lions Roaring Pride

Fellow Lions,

I want to thank all of you for your support, and I am very honored to be serving as your District Governor for the 2021-2022 Lions year. We have just come through a tough year because of the COVID-19 pandemic, but we survived and must move forward to continue serving Lions in our communities. It was great during the second half of last year to begin meeting in person. Zoom helped us to continue to meet virtually, and I think that we will still be using Zoom in the future to some degree even though we are starting to meet in person again.

My theme this year is “Rising Above It” which was inspired by the pandemic, but even though the country is starting to open up again, my theme still applies to what Lions do, “We Serve”. Lions will and must always rise above a pandemic and any other obstacles we face in order to serve those in need in our communities, commonwealth, country, and the world.

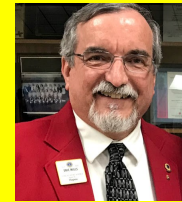
As we have heard from Lions leaders, for every new Lion, we have the capacity to impact 70 other people who are in need of our services. It is vital that all of the remaining 59 clubs in our district begin to rebuild and become revitalized in order for all of our members to accomplish their mission, “We Serve”. It is very important for the clubs in our district to report all of their service activities through My Lion. If your club needs assistance entering the service projects, there are leaders in the district who are ready and willing to assist you.

I am in the process of scheduling my clubs visits for the upcoming Lions year, and I look forward to meeting all of the wonderful Lions in District 24-C. I will also be e-mailing my region and zone chairs this month about my expectations for the upcoming year.

If I can be of assistance to you, don't hesitate to contact me as we move forward together in service to those in need during this year.

Yours in Lionism,

DG Lion Eric Mills
District 24-C Lions



**Eric Mills
District Governor MD 24-C**



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“RISING ABOVE IT”

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DISTRICT GOVERNOR - MD24-C (2020-2021)



LION ERIC MILLS

THEME: “RISING ABOVE IT”

Lion Eric Mills joined the Vinton Breakfast Lions Club in 1986. He served as Club President for four terms.

Lion Eric received:

The Melvin Jones Award in February, 2008.

The Lion of the Year Award from his Club for 2009-2010.

The MD-24 Virginia Council of Governors Distinguished Service Award for 3 years.

Lion Eric attended the MD-24 Regional Lions Leadership Institute in 2011.

He served as Zone Chair (Region II, Zone I) for eight years and served as Region Chair in Region II for 2018-2019.

Lion Eric served as 2nd Vice District Governor of D24-C for 2019-2020.

Lion Eric served as 1st Vice District Governor of D24-C for 2020-2021.

Lion Eric is currently serving as District Governor for 2021-2022.

Lion Eric is also currently serving as Vice Council Chairperson for 2021-2022.

Lion Eric is currently serving on the District 24-C Charity Corp. Board of Directors.

Lion Eric is also serving on the Global Membership Approach Initiative.

Lion Eric serves as an alternate on the Board of Directors of both the Dr. E.G. Gill Blue Ridge Lions Sight Foundation, Inc., and the Virginia Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center.

Lion Eric is also a Certified Guiding Lion.

Lion Eric served on the Roanoke City Police Department for over 25 Yrs. and retired as a Sergeant in September, 2003. He has been employed as an Investigator with the Bedford Public Defender's Office since September, 2011.

Lion Eric has been married to his wife Patti for 37 years and has two sons, Ryan & Blaine, two daughters-in-law, Tarah & Taylor, and two grand-children, Hadley and Griffin.

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2021-22 Lions International President



**Douglas X. Alexander,
LCI International President**

Service from the Heart



Douglas X. Alexander, from Brooklyn, New York, USA, was elected to serve as international president of Lions Clubs International at the association's 103rd International Convention, June 25 through June 29, 2021. President Alexander is a retired vice president for J.P. Morgan Chase Bank.

A member of the Brooklyn Bedford Stuyvesant Lions Club since 1984, he has held many offices within the association, including club president, zone chair, region chair, vice district governor, district governor, cabinet secretary, cabinet treasurer and DGE group leader. He also served as a Lions Eye Bank transporter, a member of the District and Multiple District PDG Association, a trustee of the New York State and Bermuda Lions Foundation, and was appointed as the Lions representative to UNICEF-New York from 2012-2014. He has served on the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum Planning and Host Committees and has been a presenter at several USA/Canada Forums.

In recognition of his service to the association, he has received numerous awards including the club Lion of the Year, Club President's Award, the Robert J. Uplinger Service Award, several District Governor Appreciation Awards, and the Multiple District Membership Growth Award. He is also the recipient of numerous International President's Certificates of Appreciation, seven International President's Awards and the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor the association bestows upon its members. He is a Dr. Franklin G. Mason Fellow, a W. P. Woods Fellow and a progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lions activities, President Alexander is active in numerous professional and community organizations. He has served as chairperson of the advisory board for the New York Urban League and as a board member of the St. Francis DeSales School for the Deaf. He is also a recipient of the Congressional Record Award.

President Alexander has two daughters, and his partner in service, Shabiki Cazabon, is a Lion and a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

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MD 24 C Cabinet Meeting Announcement



When: Sunday August 1, 2021 at 2:30 p.m.

**Where: Dublin Lions Club Building adjacent to the
Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery on Bagging Plant Rd.
Dublin, VA**

On Sunday August 1, 2021 at 2:30 p.m. we will have our first MD 24 C Cabinet Meeting. The meeting will be in person so bring a mask. Due to poor internet service, we are unable to provide a ZOOM option for the meeting. We look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting.

Meeting

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MD 24 C District Governor Eric Mills
Travel and Club Visitation

July 2021

July 15, 2021 @ 6:30 P.M. -Dublin Lions Club-Official Visit
July 22, 2021 @ 5:30 P.M. -Giles Breakfast Lions Club-Official Visit

August 2021

August 1, 2021 @ 2:30 P.M. - MD 24 C Cabinet Meeting at Dublin Lions Club Building
August 28, 2021 - MD 24 Council of Governors meeting at Lions of Virginia State Office

September 2021

Sept. 9-11, 2021 - USA Canada Forum- Des Moines, Iowa
Sept. 12, 2021 @2:00 P.M. -Mt. Pleasant Lions Club-Official Visit
Sept. 13, 2021 @6:30 P.M. - North Tazewell Lions Club – Official Visit.
Sept. 16, 2021 @ 6:00 P.M. -Rural Retreat Lions Club-Official Visit & 80th Anniversary Charter Night

October 2021

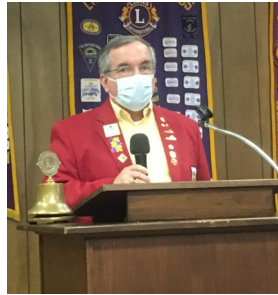
October 1-2, 2021 - District 24 L Fall Conference Council Meeting TBA
October 24, 2021/2:30 P.M. - 2nd Cabinet Mtg.@ the Lions Bldg. in Roanoke.

November 2021

November 5-6, 2021 - MD 24 C Fall Conference Holiday Inn Valley View Council Meeting TBA
November 11-13, - 2021 Virginia Pin Swap
November 19-20 - MD 24 I Fall Conference – Farmville Campus of Longwood University

Cave Spring District Lions Club

On March 25th the Cave Spring Lions Club met for the first time this year. It was strictly a business meeting to discuss and make plans for the upcoming year. We also remembered our late member Lion Geneva Belcher, who served as the Secretary-Treasurer for Lions of Virginia.

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Cave Springs District Lions Club News (continued)



Lion President Babs Newman presented a 15 year Membership Chevron to Lion Frances Mills and a 50 year Chevron to Lion Dharan Sawh.



The Diamond Centennial Award Pin for service in membership was awarded to Lions Chuck Patrick and Kay Patrick.



Closing remarks were made by new Lion President David Moledor.



On June 26th Lions and friends of Lion Larry Nash gathered at the Cave Spring Club House to remember Lion Larry.



Retiring Lion Jane Nash was presented with a heart-felt gift of thanks for all her many years of service as Club Secretary.

Submitted by Lion Noel Cosby

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Dublin Lions Club



At our July meeting two first were experienced. Lion Bob Brouse presided over his first meeting as President of the Dublin Lions Club and District Governor Eric Mills made his first official club visit along with his wife Lion Patti Mills



While he was there, District Governor Eric installed our officers for 2021-2022.



After the Officer Installation, the Governor took the opportunity to talk to the club about his goals for the upcoming year. District Governor Eric noted that Dublin Lions had been very active during the pandemic and credited club leadership for their accomplishments.



Several Lions were recognized for their service by LCI. They were:
Lion Willard Akers 60 year Membership



Lion Ron Underwood 45 year Membership



Lion Larry Clevinger 45 year Membership



Lion Ellen Crouch-Hullender 10 year Membership

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Make up date for MD 24 C Region/Zone Chair Training

September 18, 2021 09:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

In an effort to allow the Region and Zone Chairs to attend our District Officer Training, we are holding a make up class on Saturday Sept. 18, 2021 from 9:00 A. M. to 12:00 P. M. at the Dublin Lions Club Building.

With new information out on helping clubs to get started again, District Governor Eric Mills made a goal to have all the Region and Zone Chairs to attend this training. We will be reaching out to each of the Region and Zone Chairs that missed the training to get them up to speed so that each can provide the resources to the respective clubs and help us to grow our association.

District 24 C GLT Coordinator PCC Marty Alford will conduct the training which will have a wealth of information for those attending the training. If you were unable to attend the May 15, 2021 training, we will be reaching out to you.

Lions of Virginia Foundation News

The Lions of Virginia Foundation met in Charlottesville, VA on Saturday July 17, 2021 to pass the gavel and conduct their business. Outgoing President PDG Jim Newman was recognized for his leadership over the past two years.



Incoming President PDG Lee Winder accepted the gavel and took the opportunity to pay tribute to PDG Jim Newman for his leadership during the pandemic. PDG Lee Winder spoke about the difficulties that PDG Jim traversed during his year as president and spoke about his commitment to continuing the work of the foundation.

Many clubs in MD 24 are not aware of the assistance that can be provided through the LOVF Grants. Most clubs are struggling to raise funds and the foundation can provide that boost to help clubs once again impact their communities. Much of this is made possible through the sale of the LOVF Raffle tickets.

Your club can submit a grant online by going to www.lovf.org and downloading the humanitarian grant application.

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Loving Your Neighbor-through LOVF

It's that time of year again to begin selling Lions of Virginia Foundation (LOVF) Raffle Tickets. Raising funds by selling Raffle Tickets to help those in need and to improve our community.

You or your Neighbor has a chance to win a GRAND PRIZE of \$10,000. And, two additional winners receive a \$500 prize. The Lion who sells the winning ticket receives \$100. This is a great way to raise funds for your club. For every \$30 book sold, \$10 goes to LOVF and your Club keeps \$20. It's a win-win for everyone! Winning tickets will be drawn in May of 2022. Tickets will be handed out to the Zone Chairs at the next Cabinet meeting on August 1st. I challenge us as a District to reach out to our neighbors.

Also, not only does LOVF have an annual raffle, LOVF provides Grants to help our communities in need. Did you know that your Club can apply for an LOVF Grant? LOVF continues and encourages us (clubs) to look for ways that we can impact lives, to touch lives and to give back to the communities in which we live. Everyday we (Lions) have the opportunity to touch someone in a positive way by reaching out and giving our neighbor hope. An LOVF Grant can help provide for humanitarian services, special needs equipment, disaster, emergency relief, youth assistance, hunger, vision, environment and other community projects. For more information and a list of grants approved for the Lion year visit the LOVF website url: <http://lovf.org/>

And, as a reminder, when your Club makes a \$750 donation to LOVF for a Distinguished and/or Progressive Humanitarian Award you have not only honored your Fellow Club Member, you have given donations that provide a gift and a blessing to someone in need, your neighbor out in the community.

We must continue to come together as a Lion Family to Commit and to Make a Difference. We (LOVF) challenge and encourage you (clubs) to sell Raffle Tickets and to make donations to LOVF so we can continue to approve grants, to help those in need. You may even find a friend along the way who will become a Lion to walk beside you and to support you. By reaching out to others we are letting our communities know about what we do, our good works and about Lions. "WE SERVE"

Be a Blessing to others, Love Your Neighbor

LOVF District C Representatives,

Lion Deborah F Chaffin and Lion PDG Jean Cook

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Moneta Lions Club News

The Moneta Lions Club recently celebrated 32 years of community service during a dinner held at Vinny's Italian Grill and Pizzeria, 16547 Moneta Road in Moneta.

Club Secretary Lion Pat Bailey presented a "Club History", noting that the club was sponsored by the Smith Mountain Lake Lions, way back when.

Lion Pat emphasized some of the major local projects the club has been involved with over the years including the Moneta Community Park Pavilion, adjacent to the Moneta Elementary School, dedicated in honor of former club member and Governor of the former Lions District 24-E, Lion Curtis Fitzgerald.

Several years ago the club worked closely with the Moneta Fire Department, visiting over 3,600 homes and installing over 3,000 smoke alarms. Their latest community project, spanning more than three years took place at the Moneta Park, located on Rucker Road, just off State Route 122. Included in that project was the construction of a Pavilion erected in memory of former Lion Jim Agnew, followed by the planting of several trees and shrubs along the drive, an adjacent children's playground, plus co-sponsorship of a modern restroom.

After dinner Lions Clubs International Attendance Awards were presented to the members in attendance plus the installation of new officers and the club's Board of Directors officiated by Lions Cubs Past International Director, Lion Richard Chaffin, a member of the Forest Lions



Moneta Lions Club Immediate Past President Lion Del Bailey, with Incoming President Lion Bob Pfoutz, following the official "Passing of the Gavel"



Newly Elected Officers and Board of Directors of the Moneta Lions Club for fiscal year 2021-2022 are Lions: Left to right: Bart Matthies 2nd VP and Membership Chair, Gloria Guice Tail Twister, Bob Pfoutz President, Del Bailey Immediate Past President and Treasurer, Pat Bailey Secretary, Mary Davis 2 year Director, Judy Stone 1 year Director and Lion Tamer and Rob Senoski 1st VP.

Submitted by:
Lion Rob Senoski
Moneta Lions Club

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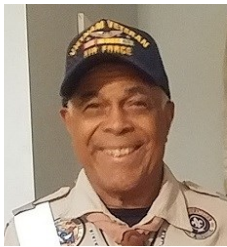
Roanoke Valley Breakfast Lions Club

Roanoke Valley Breakfast Lions Club is happy to welcome several new members this year during the pandemic. Since we haven't been able to meet in person nor do most of our club volunteer activities we usually encourage our new members to participate in, we are creating a "Spotlight" article in which we can get to know our new members virtually.

Welcome to RVBLC Lions Carroll C Carter, Fredia L. Carter , Carole McCormack and Sandi Jones, we look forward to working with you in our future community volunteer endeavors!!



Congratulations to one of our very own, Lion Dr. Barbara Pendergrass Richmond for receiving the ICON of the Year Award! The Virginia Tech BAR Influential Black Alumni Ceremony held their celebration earlier in the month in Blacksburg. So many black alumni making outstanding contributions in the world! We can't think of anyone more deserving of this award!!! We are so proud of your contributions to the Lions and your community!



RVBLC Lion Andre Peery attended the Regional Lions Leadership event and received his Leadership certificate at the end of the weekend. Thank you for participating and congrats Lion Andre!



Eastern Appalachian Teen Challenge-For several years the RVBLC has supported this program located in Fincastle, VA. This is a faith based program for teen girls having trouble coping with today's life challenges. Our support has consisted of our club purchasing items needed from food, cleaning supplies to new lawn mowers. We have sought donations from companies who realize the merits of these programs. April 23rd we delivered enough laundry detergent to do 645 loads of laundry, trash bags, dryer sheets, snacks, towels, washcloths and bath mats. There are currently 12 girls in the program and completing the 12-18 month program gives each girl the opportunity to be a better adult!

We would like to give a shout out to those RVBLC members who have continued to volunteer for our Meals on Wheels voluntary service the last year and half during the pandemic. Each of you represent a selfless desire to serve your community. Thank you to the following Lions: Linda Long, Manuel Dotson, Jim Dalton, Wanda Dalton, George Ferguson, Nina Wright, Mary Ann DeMars, Cliff DeMars, Curtis Lynch, Barbara Richmond, Cleod Brown, Regenia Beatty, Ernie Hubble, Fredia Carter, and Mary Jo Hubble.

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Roanoke Valley Breakfast Lions Club (Continued)

RVBLC is anxious to begin in person meetings in the near future for those that feel safe in attending club meetings and starting our Wednesday morning meetings tooting on our Kazoos and fellowshiping in person.

We are also looking forward to beginning the Eyeglass Recycling volunteer activity in July, Lion George Ferguson will lead us in that effort. Finally, we are beginning to move past the events of the 2020 and 2021 year to date under the COVID pandemic requirements. Looking forward to a more joyful remainder of 2021 and beyond!

Congratulations to our new RVBLC Officers for 2021-2022 year beginning in July:

President-Lion Brenda Cooper,

First Vice President-Lion Manuel Dotson,

Second Vice President-Lion Lis Jennings,

Third Vice President-Lion Marilyn Heckstall,

Secretary-Lion JJ Johnson,

Treasurer-Lion Diann Aultice,

Membership Chair-

Immediate Past President Jeremy Blewett,

Lion Tamer-Lion Gary Swain and

Lion Twister-Lion Walker Hartman.

Directors will remain the same-PCC Lion Cliff DeMars, Lion Jim Dalton and Lion George Ferguson.

Best wishes to all in your officer positions for 2021-2022!

Even in this pandemic time the RVBLC continues to meet our Club motto:

We serve, because we care!

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Lions Roaring Pride revisions and publication schedule
2021-2022

Greetings Fellow Lions,

The upcoming year, we are going to continue along the same lines as we did in the previous year. As such, below is the publication schedule for the upcoming year:

Issue 1 July 17, 2021

Issue 2 September 12, 2021

Issue 3 November 7, 2021

Issue 4 January 9, 2022

Issue 5 March 13, 2022

Issue 6 May 8, 2022

Submission guide lines:

1. Submit your club news in an email format highlighting your service or special occasions 2 page maximum of text and photos.
2. All news will be due to the editor (that's me) by the 1st day of the month for each of the publication dates.
3. Let us know about service projects and fundraisers so that we can broadcast this not only in the newsletter, but on our district website and FaceBook Page.
4. Forward the newsletter to your membership and print it out for the Lions that are not online or have email. It is my hope that the new format will be more accessible to everyone and keep our district informed .

We hope as we get back to meeting clubs will let us know what they are doing in their communities to carry out the theme of our international president to provide "Service From the Heart

Yours in Service

PCC Marty Alford
Lions Roaring Pride Editor

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news as text file and
photographs in jpg for-
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in the article.**



Greetings Fellow Lions,

A new Lions year starts out and this represents the new beginnings that each club can rise up out of the ashes of the COVID crisis and begin to get back to the new normal. Our goal for the year is to reinvigorate our clubs and start meeting the needs in each of our communities.

As we begin this new year, make efforts to reach out to you members and to provide them with opportunities to serve in the manner that they will be comfortable. Pandemic or no pandemic, people need help and where there is a need....there is a Lion.

We look forward to seeing everyone that we can. Please pass this newsletter along to your members to help them know what is going on in their district.

Yours in Service

Lion Marty Alford PCC

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