

**MD 24 C Lions
of Virginia**



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Lions Roaring Pride

Hello Lions!

Believe it or not, we are now in the second quarter of our Lions, year!

It is time to take note of our club accomplishments and plan ahead. Majority of clubs are meeting in person, zoom, email, or phone call as they feel safe. It is critical that our members communicate with each other to encourage one another and plan for the Club's future. Lions SERVE and this time is no different, only in the way we go about it. Our participation in the District Quarterly Service Project of Vision was hampered by Covid-19 and the different schools' responses to it. To date, we have reported 13,272 people served by 14 clubs for Vision. As we move into the second Quarter Service Project of Hunger, please report your participation. Many clubs do projects over the Holidays that fit this initiative. If you are having trouble in reporting service, please contact Lion Tammie Brightwell, CST, for help at 540-342-5466 or lionva@verizon.net.

The Hope to Walk Project has been endorsed by the MD 24-C Lions and is in the initial stages of rolling out to our clubs. Hope to Walk in Blacksburg builds low cost prosthetic devices for amputees and custom fits them internationally to the poorest of the poor.

A donation of \$250 will make and put a prosthesis on an individual. A scoreboard will be kept of our Lions Clubs purchase of "legs." More detailed information will be included in this newsletter and if you need further information do not hesitate to contact me. I am excited about this PROJECT!!!!

Also, a District Service Award will be given out at the State Convention in April, 2021. An application will be out soon in order for you to enter your club's fantastic service projects.

In September's newsletter, I outlined the New Voices Initiative: 2020-2021 in detail. The search is still on for nominations in each of the four areas: SERVICE, MEMBERSHIP, LEADERSHIP, and MARKETING. I will also be awarding these certificates at the State Convention in April.

Other activities and projects coming up:

LOVF Ticket Sales has started.

Peace Posters must be sent from your clubs to the District Governor, which must be post-marked on or before November 15, 2020.

Memorial Day Parade – May 30, 2021, in Washington, DC is on the radar; as well.

I will be developing my visitation schedule for next year in the near future. Please let me know if you are meeting in person, zoom, or have an event that you would like me to attend.

Yours in Service, "TOGETHER,"

DG Jean



**Jean Cook
District Governor MD 24-C**



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<https://www.md24clions.org/>

Also on Facebook at :
MD 24 C Lions of Virginia

"TOGETHER"

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DISTRICT GOVERNOR - MD24-C (2020-2021)



LION JEAN E. COOK

THEME: "TOGETHER - WE SERVE, GROW, AND SHARE!"

District Governor, Jean is a native of Pennsylvania who has lived in Wytheville, VA for over 40 years. She retired as Director of Materials Management in 2011 from Wythe County Community Hospital after 33 years of service. Her hobbies include gardening, jigsaw puzzles, family ancestry, and many sports, especially, the Tennessee Volunteers. She is a member of Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church in Wytheville and serves as Treasurer, Finance Committee Chair, member of the United Methodist Women, maintains the church landscape, and sings in the choir. She is a VFW Lifetime Member and a member of the Wythe County Historical Society.

Since joining the Wytheville Lions in 2009 from the encouragement of a close Lion friend, she found the work of the Lions to be very rewarding and beneficial to the local community; as well, as the world. Highlight of her service to the community was the development of the Memorial Day Flag Placement Project in 2012. At present, the Wytheville Lions Club is providing over 900 flags in 34 cemeteries in Wythe County each Memorial Day.

During 2016-2017, Lion Jean served as the first female President of the Wytheville Club in its 75 Years of existence. Her leadership brought different perspectives to the club; especially in being instrumental in increasing the female membership of the club.

Her work in Lions continued to the District holding the positions of Zone chair, various District chairs, and the VDGs. During that time she started the first Leo Club in the Wythe County Schools, continues as the Club Advisor, and the District Leo Club Chair promoting the involvement of youth in Lions.

The Corona pandemic has changed the way we live our lives and the way we SERVE, but the District Governor Jean is challenging Lions to continue their service safely because our service is needed NOW more than ever.

* Veterans of Foreign Wars

DS - District Governor Lion Jean Cook - MD24-C

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2020-21 Lions International President



Jung Yul Choi

United in Kindness and Diversity

Greetings Lions,

Serving as your International President for the past year has been an honor of a lifetime. Never have I been more humbled and more moved than by the compassion and hard work I saw from Lions every day.

Now, in the face of the unique challenges the world is facing, I have been asked to extend my term as your International President. I accept this honor and responsibility with the same enthusiasm and commitment as for my first year.

This year I will expand on the official theme – We Serve – with an additional focus on staying United in Kindness and Diversity.

I also want to acknowledge that the world has greatly changed in the past six months. Nearly every aspect of our daily lives, including how we serve, has been altered. Yet Lions have responded with the urgency and care I would expect, developing innovative ways to help their communities.

I ask that even as we see signs of hope in the fight against the pandemic, that we continue to serve safely by practicing social distancing and following the health and safety guidelines where we live.

Lastly, I want to remind you that while we are in unprecedented times, Lions have a rich history of serving through all kinds of difficult moments. We know how to focus on what matters – kindness. And we know how to unite our diverse strengths so that the world can feel the compassion and support of Lions.

Let's stand together. Let's begin another great year of service.

Sincerely,

Jung-Yul Choi

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MD24-C District Governor's Goals, Views and Expectation - 2020-2021

In a recent interview with our Publicity and Information Officer Lion Dharam Sawh MJF, District Governor Jean Cook talked about her goals for the next year. Recognizing the complexity of the times we are currently facing, D.G. Jean stated that “My first expectation is for all clubs in the district to start meeting face-to-face, if at possible, or on a routine schedule virtually by August 15, 2020 and notify me of this occurring. We are in an unclear path, but I feel with following social distancing guidelines and procedures, we can safely continue our service because our service is needed now more than ever.

Our district is losing both clubs and Lions. With that in mind, District Governor Jean would like to see all clubs work towards a common set of goals for the year which are as follows:

1. All clubs to end with at least a +1.
2. Start 2 new clubs and revitalize 2 existing clubs.
3. Increase diversity in our clubs.
4. Continue the “Proud to be a Lion Program” for new Lions.
5. Each club or Zone plan for a new member orientation.
6. 65% education of Club Officers and 100% training of Region and Zone Chairs.
7. 80% of clubs to report service projects.
8. Start 2 new Leo Clubs and rejuvenate 2 Leo clubs.
9. 75% of District Clubs to contribute to the LCIF Campaign 100.
10. Promoting 100% club participation in our quarterly District Service Projects.
 - 1 st QTR. – Vision
 - 2 nd QTR. – Hunger
 - 3 rd QTR. – Diabetes
 - 4 th QTR. – Environment

This year will be a challenge to all, but I feel that we can overcome our challenges “TOGETHER” And experience new successes in serving our communities and growing Lionism.

Jean Cook MD 24-C District Governor

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Lions Roaring Pride revisions and publication schedule
2020-2021

Greetings Fellow Lions:

The upcoming year, we are going to institute a different approach on our newsletter. I have listened to your feedback and I hear you. The old newsletter was too big and had way too much to make it a valid source of information. As such, you will notice starting with this edition, fewer pages and pictures and more publication dates.

Below is the publication schedule:

Issue 4 January 5, 2021

Issue 5 March 5, 2021

Issue 6 May 5, 2021

Submission guide lines:

1. Submit your club news in an email format highlighting your service or special occasions 1 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. (Sept 1, 2020, November 1, 2020, January 1, 2021, March 1, 2021, and May 1, 2021).
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.
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 .

Yours in Service

PCC Marty Alford
Lions Roaring Pride Editor

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MD 24 C District Governor's Visitation and Travel Schedule

The following is a tentative list of the scheduled visits for District Governor Jean Cook for the months of November and December 2020. If you are planning to attend any of these meetings with the Governor, you may want to check with prior to the meeting date as adjustments have to be made to accommodate folks. The meeting place will be noted if it is different to what is printed in the Directory.

Due to COVID 19 issues and concerns events scheduled may be cancelled or rescheduled.

November 2020:

2 - Tazewell

6-7– MD 24-L Fall Conference

10 - Lebanon

13-14 - VA Pin Swap in Richmond

16 - Bristol Goodson

19 - Region 3, Zone 3 Meeting on Zoom (Mandy Barrett, Chair) at 6 p.m.

24 – Christiansburg Lions Club at the Christiansburg Moose Lodge 225 Farmview Drive
Christiansburg, VA at 6:30 p.m. **(Rescheduled for January 26, 2021).**

30 - Region 1, Zone 2 Meeting (Kay Patrick, Chair) at Cave Spring Lions Clubhouse at 6 p.m.

December 2020

3 - Abingdon Club at 6 p.m. at Abingdon Shoney's.

10 - Appalachia Club at 7 p.m. at the Lions Meeting Center, 125 Callahan Ave., Appalachia

14 - Buchanan Club. at the Anchorage House, 19391 Main St, Buchanan at 5:45 p.m.

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Cave Spring District Lions Club



On September 10th, the Cave Spring Lions Club held their first meeting since March 12th. At the meeting we welcomed a new member, Lion Janice (Jan) Marine, pictured here with her sponsor, Lion Kay Patrick.



Lion Jim Newman PDG swore in new Board Members, who all wore masks and were socially distanced.



Lion Larry Nash has retired from the Eyeglass Recycling Center and Lion Kay Patrick is now in charge. The Center is now open by appointment. Contact Lion Kay. Members continue to work with eyeglass recycling.



Cave Spring Lions also continue Eye Screening in the schools. Lion Dharam Sawh is shown here.

Three of our members and one member's spouse have tested positive to Covid-19.

We have cancelled in-person meetings and hope to continue meeting using Zoom.

Submitted by Lion Noel Cosby

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Cave Spring District Lions Club

In memory

Lion Lawrence T. “Larry” Nash Jr.

Service as a Lion from 1989 to 2020



It is with a heavy heart and a deep sense of loss that the Cave Spring Lions Club reports on the passing of two Lions a member and his sponsor within the same week. The first Lion is Larry Nash who unfortunately passed from his battle with COVID 19 on October 31, 2020. Lion Larry Nash had first joined the Roanoke Raleigh Court Lions Club in 1989. He served as a Club President from 2003 until 2005 when the club folded due to loss of members. Larry transferred his membership to the Cave Spring Lions Club immediately and served as Club President, Second Vice President, Club Membership Chair, and Board Member until his passing. A longtime member of the Lions Club, he volunteered weekly at the Lions Eyebank. For many years he volunteered at the Salem Food Pantry. Lion Larry sponsored his brother in law (our second Lion) Lion Billy Bowers

His obituary stated it best. “Larry had such a zest for living, a deep love of family and spent much of his life serving others. First in the United States Navy, and then for many years in the Coast Guard Reserves, he took his love of country very seriously. After a long career in sales, marketing and engineering, he retired in 2003. ”

Lion Fredrick W. “Billy” Bowers

Service as a Lion from 2017 to 2020



On October 29, 2020, Cave Spring lost another Lion. Lion Billy Bowers lost his fight from cancer. Upon his retirement, Lion Billy Bowers joined the Cave Spring Lions Club in 2017 and became an active member by serving on the Board of Directors. His obituary described Billy as someone who greeted everyone with the warmth of his smile, and he had friends wherever he went.. Lion Billy was sponsored by Lion Larry Nash as he was a brother in law to Larry.

Our thoughts and prayers are extended to the families of both these fine men as well as to the members of the Cave Spring Lions Club.

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Virginia's Governor Northam will limit in-person gatherings, more amid COVID-19 surge to no more than 25.

Virginia will enact some tighter COVID-19 restrictions amid a surge in cases across the Commonwealth.

Those measures include limiting in-person gatherings to 25 people, an expanded face mask mandate, halting late-night alcohol sales at restaurants and increased enforcement of pandemic rules for essential businesses, such as grocery stores.

Gov. Ralph Northam's office announced the measures Friday in a news release.

"While the Commonwealth's case count per capita and positivity rate remain comparatively low, all five health regions are experiencing increases in new COVID-19 cases, positive tests and hospitalizations," the governor's office said.

Northam said though cases in Virginia are not rising "as rapidly" as in other U.S. states, he does "not intend to wait until they are. We are acting now to prevent this health crisis from getting worse."

These measures take effect starting midnight on Sunday, Nov. 15:

- Private and public in-person gatherings, both indoors and outdoors, are limited to 25 people, down from the current cap of 250. A gathering is defined as a party, celebration or other social event. The definition does not include workplaces, schools and restaurants. Religious services of more than 25 people can legally be held as long as specific requirements are met.
- Virginians age 5 and over are required to wear face coverings in indoor public spaces. The previous mask mandate, in place since May 29, required residents age 10 and over to wear face coverings.
- There will be "strengthened enforcement" of rules — enhanced cleaning, social distancing, wearing face masks — at essential businesses, such as grocery stores and pharmacies, and the Virginia Department of Health can hit violators with a Class One misdemeanor.
- The on-site sale, consumption and possession of alcohol is not allowed after 10 p.m. in any restaurant, food court, brewery, microbrewery, distillery, winery or tasting room. Those businesses must also close by midnight.

"Across Virginia, coronavirus cases are on the rise. Our statewide percent positivity is going up, and we're seeing more and more people hospitalized with this virus, and more people are dying," Northam said in a four-minute video message [posted to YouTube](#).

"This is putting a strain on our medical facilities and front-line workers, and it's raising the danger level for every Virginian."

The governor's office said Virginia is averaging 1,500 newly-reported COVID-19 cases per day, up from a statewide peak of around 1,200 cases in May.

Though southwest Virginia is seeing a spike in confirmed cases, all five of the commonwealth's health regions are reporting a positivity rate of over 5%. Hospitalizations have increased statewide by more than 35% in the last four weeks, the governor's office said.

Source; <https://wtop.com/coronavirus/2020/11/virginia-coronavirus-update-november-13/>

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Dublin Lions Club

Members of the Dublin Lions Club have been feverously trying to raise funds to offset the dramatic impact of the COVID 19 pandemic has had not only on our membership but on our fundraising and service to our community. On October 10, 2020 the club held its third "Lion Dog Drive Through" event.



Pictured is our District Governor who along with Lion Mary Nichols (not pictured) took time to come by and support our fundraising event. District Governor Jean took time to come in and visit with our club members and take advantage of our bag lunch specials.

As a result of our three events the club was able to raise around \$9,000.00 which will allow us to support our sight assistance program as well as other projects.



Dublin Lions Club has been meeting in Person since June. We are very fortunate to have such a large building that will accommodate the social distancing requirements. So far, 100% of the Dublin Lions wear mask to every meeting and provide a safe meeting environment who is able to come out and participate.



During our October 15, 2020 meeting Dublin Lions took time to recognize our "Lion of the Year" to Lion Willard Akers. Lion Willard was present the Elbyrne C Gill Fellow from the Virginia Lions Hearing Foundation. Lion Willard had a very good night as he was also the winner of our 50/50 drawing. At 90+ years old, Lion Willard is still active in the club and helps to manage our club house rental program and mows grass and cleans the building.



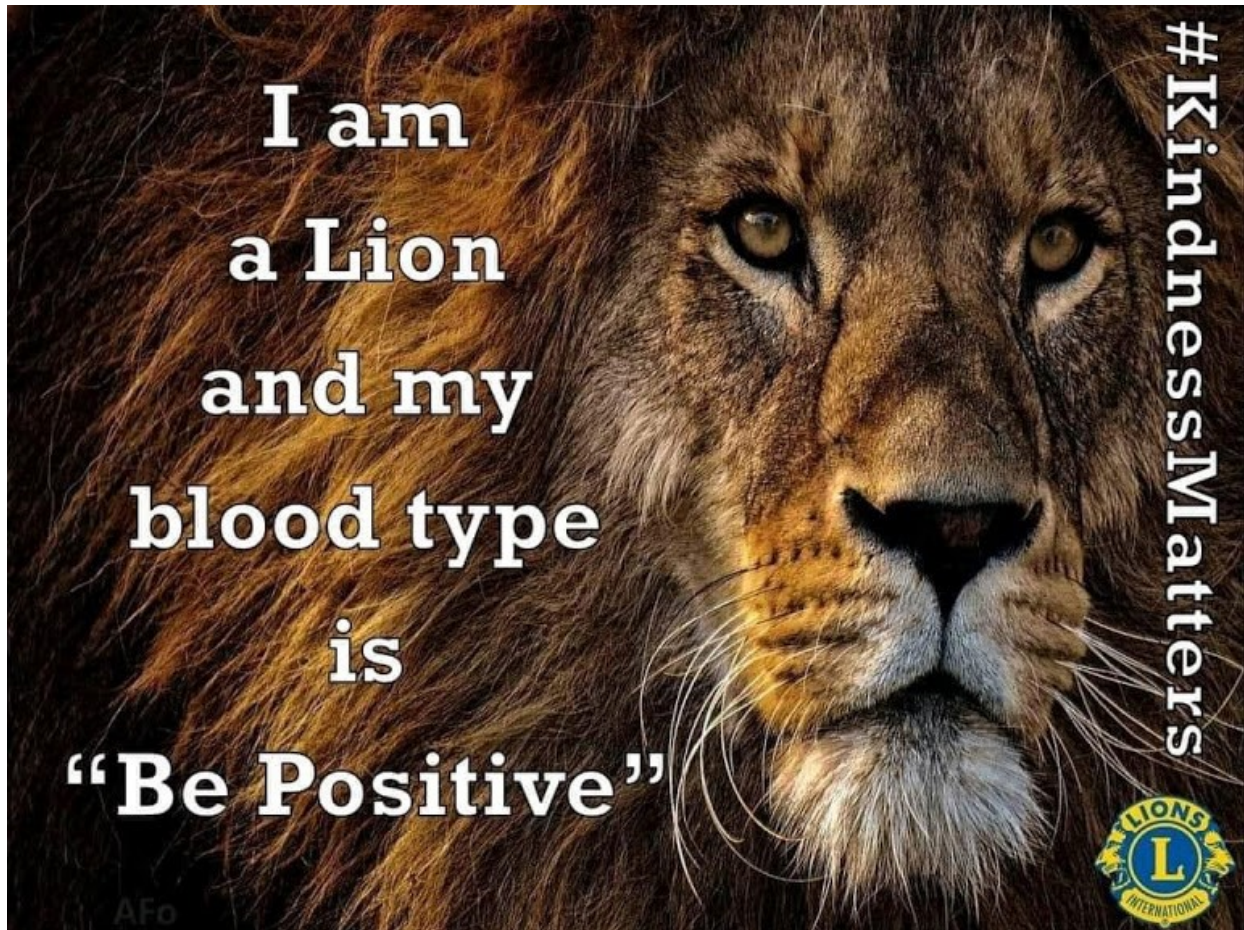
At the same meeting Lion Dr. Adam English presented a Sight Program on Vision and Diabetic Retinopathy. Lion Adam is also the club Tail Twister and provide very interactive entertainment for our members to remember our good fortunes and good fellowship.



On October 24, 2020 twelve of our members met at the Pulaski County Fairgrounds to support our Adopt a Highway Program. Our members were very busy and picked up over 20 bags of trash along a 2 mile stretch of US Route 100 between the Fairgrounds and New River Valley Airport.



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During this difficult times it is a challenge for clubs to get together and continue our service efforts. District Governor Jean Cook is encouraging clubs to take advantage of the many options for meeting either by phone (teleconference) Zoom (Video Conference), email, or mailing club newsletters to stay in touch and keeping your membership engaged.

The COVID 19 Pandemic has proven to be a serious and deadly factor when we are making decisions to meet in person or by alternate means. Use whatever works for your club to safely meet. Stay positive and upbeat as we know that "this too shall pass."

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Moneta Lions Club

Capps Challenge

Capps Home Building Center, and other area businesses set up a Community Charity Challenge for the week Oct. 12th through the 17th, agreeing to match any donations from the community up to \$100,000, to help fund three local charities impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Moneta Lions Club, having been out of service for several months, due to the pandemic, forfeiting several fundraisers during that time, still managed to make two one thousand dollar donations to the challenge, one each to Lake Christian Ministries, lakechristianministries.org and Smith Mountain Lake Good Neighbors, smlgoodneighbors.org



Photo 1 Jane Winters, LCM Executive Director with Lion Del Bailey, Moneta Lions Club President, after the club's donation of \$1,000.00 to LCM through the Capps & Community Charity Challenge for a matching donation.



Photo 2. Moneta Lions Club Secretary Lion Pat Bailey, left, with Lisa Lietz, Executive Director of SML Good Neighbors, and Club President Lion Del Bailey, after the club's donation of \$1,000 through the Capps & Community Charity Challenge for a matching donation.

Peace Poster

Each year Lions Clubs around the world proudly sponsor the Lions Clubs International Foundation's Peace Poster Contest in local schools and youth groups. This art contest encourages youths, 11 – 13 years of age, worldwide to express their vision of peace. The Peace Poster Contest was created in 1988, over the years more than eight million children from nearly 100 countries have participated. The theme for the 2020-2021 fiscal year is "PEACE THROUGH SERVICE."

For the past several years the Moneta Lions Club has sponsored the contest at the Staunton River Middle School. This year's local winning artist is Adrian Werner, a 7th grade student in Ms Levine's Art Class. Miss Werner's quote about peace is "We can obtain world peace by using our strengths to help others." Miss Werner received a monetary prize from the Moneta Lions Club for sharing her talent, and her poster will now advance on to be judged at the Lions District 24 C level.

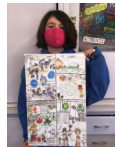


Photo: Miss Adrian Werner, a 7th grade artist at Staunton River Middle School, proudly displays her winning entry in the Lions Clubs International Foundation's annual "Peace Poster Contest" sponsored locally by the Moneta Lions Club.

Moneta Lions Golf Outing

The Moneta Lions Club held its 20th Annual Golf Fundraiser October 26th, at Mariners Landing Golf and Country Club, located in Huddleston VA, after two postponements due to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic. The Outing is the Club's major fundraiser, and received the full support of all club members, as well as approximately 150 businesses and private sponsors within the immediate and surrounding areas, plus 13 diehard teams. As always, the net funding will be returned to local community projects, worthy charities and volunteer organizations.

Following a damp and dreary tee off, the sun brightened the day and everyone's spirits. At the conclusion of play, all gathered in the Bedford Room, located at the Pointe, to "brag or groan" about their morning. A delicious lunch buffet, catered by the staff of "The Dam Grill", was enjoyed by all. During and after lunch a wide range of prizes were presented, including team awards, door prizes, and several silent auction items, all donated by many generous sponsors, including many items purchased by the club and club members.



Pic - Winning Team...Left to right are Grady Ayers, Steven Davenport, Bobby Daniel and Wayne Lipscomb, first place winners with a net 53 of the Moneta Lions Twentieth Annual Golf Fundraiser, held on Oct. 26th at Mariners Landing. This fundraiser is the club's largest that had been delayed twice since April due to the COVID-19. The net funding is returned to the community through donations.



Pic—Grand Prize Raffle Winner...Moneta Lions President, Del Bailey, presented a Tommy Armour Hybrid/Iron set, retail value over \$600, to Raffle Grand Prize winner Danny Szczyrba, following the Club's 20th annual golf fundraiser and luncheon.

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MD 24 Regional Lions Leadership Institute Announcement



To: ALL MD 24 C Lions Clubs

From PCC Martin R. Alford, MD-24 C GLT-D/MD 24 GLT/RLLI Coordinator

Date: November 1, 2020

Reference: Registration for the 2021 RLLI

On behalf of the faculty of the MD 24 RLLI 2021 session, I would like to formally announce that we are opening our 2021 Regional Lions Leadership Institute for registration. The application is on the MD 24 C website (www.md24clions.org) and you are more than welcome to download, complete and return to me by January 31, 2021.

We have 10 slots open for the institute and through a MD 24 C Grant, we are paying the \$150.00 registration fee for the first ten Lions who register for the event. The only expense will be your gas and time. Motel, all meals, and books are covered in another grant.

If the COVID 19 outbreak rears its head once again, we will make an announcement prior to the start of the institute regarding any change, cancellation or re-scheduling for the event.

The dress for everyone for the weekend is casual attire. As you will be in the classroom most of the time, you need to wear comfortable clothing. On Sunday you will make a presentation to the group as part of your training and business casual attire (no blue jeans or T-shirts/sweatshirts) will be allowed. You will be graded on your appearance for the presentation. This is a leadership program and as such you get respect by being respectful of your audience. Classes will start promptly at 2:00 p.m. on Friday. Make sure you arrive and check in early enough to find out logistics. We will have a registration table for you to pick up your materials for the weekend. Please reserve your room early as there are a limited number of rooms available at a special conference rate. The phone number is listed on page 15 along with the group code and registration link. You must reserve the room with your own credit card to cover any incidentals for the weekend.

I look forward to meeting each of you and sharing in this leadership experience.

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MD 24 Lions of Virginia 2021 Lions Leadership Institute

Holiday Inn-- Valleyview,
Roanoke, VA
March 5-7, 2021

APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE

After completing and signing this application to participate in the 2021 Lions Leadership Institute, return it to your District Governor, who will approve your application and forward it to Lion Martin R. Alford 370 Windsor Drive N.W. Christiansburg, VA 24073 by January 31, 2021

Full Name _____

Name for Nametag _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

E-Mail Address _____

Club _____ District _____

List Club District, and MD Offices/Positions Held in Last Three Years: _____

By signing and submitting this application to my District Governor, I agree to pay \$150.00 (enclosed – payable to Lions of Virginia) toward the cost of my participation in the 2021 LLI. I understand that I shall be responsible for my transportation expenses, and any incidentals during the Institute. (Your district and LCI are paying the balance of cost of this program, including your lodging and meals. There will be no refund of student or district participation fees for dropouts within two weeks of the start date of RLLI. You will receive detailed program information upon your acceptance into this RLLI.) *Ten (10) slots are allotted for each District, after January 31, 2021, the unfilled slots will be opened to all Districts.

Applicant's Signature

District Governor's Signature

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MD 24 Lions of Virginia 2021 Lions Leadership Institute

**Holiday Inn-- Valleyview,
3315 Ordway Drive
Roanoke, VA 24017
(d) 540-362-4500**

March 5-7, 2021

Hotel Registration Instructions

Each RLLI student is required to reserve their own hotel room with your own personal credit card. We have negotiated a special rate for the weekend of \$90.00 plus taxes per night. The RLLI grant will cover your room bill, but it does not cover any incidentals, room service, or drinks at the hotel bar. This is why we require each student to register with the hotel. **YOU WILL NOT BE BILLED FOR YOUR ROOM!!** Please use the information below to reserve your room prior to February 1, 2021.

This is the electronic link. https://www.holidayinn.com/redirect?path=hd&brandCode=HI&localeCode=en®ionCode=1&hotelCode=ROAOD&_PMID=99801505&GPC=LLI&cn=no&viewfullsite=true

They call the hotel direct at 540-362-4500 or go to www.holidayinn.com/roavalleyview & under the arrival dates, in the **Group Code Box, put in LLI**, then hit search This will take them directly to the Lions reservation page.

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MD 24 C Cabinet endorses Hope to Walk as a humanitarian project



For just \$250 you can transform the life of an amputee in a developing country.

Help us give HOPE.

hopetowalk.org

Hope to Walk, a 501c3 charity in Blacksburg VA, builds low-cost prosthetic devices for amputees and custom fits them internationally to the poorest of the poor. Lions Clubs, Lions members and friends of Lions can make a huge difference in someone's life for a one-time gift of \$250. That

amount will put a leg on a person and allow them to go back to work or school, or to resume a normal family life. A leg restores their self-worth and dignity and provides them with hope. This effort is fully supported and endorsed by Lions Club District 24C in Southwest Virginia.

After the prosthetic kit is shipped abroad and the pieces custom fitted onto a person, you will receive an email from Hope To Walk with a photo of that person wearing the leg you provided, a thank you note and a short story about the difference you have made in their life.

Get more information at: www.hopetowalk.org or find Hope To Walk on Facebook or YouTube. A monthly update on donations from all Lions Clubs in the District will be available to allow each to see how their club's participation compares to others.

Donor Name _____

Donor Email _____

Donor Address _____

Name of Person To Be Honored or Memorialized

Amount Donated _____

Lion's Club Affiliation (if any) _____

Complete and detach the information above, then send with your check to the District 501c3 charity at: **Lions District 24C Charities, c/o Lion Lowell Skelton, Treasurer, 60 Homeplace Circle, Moneta, VA 24121**

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Club Excellence Awards

Make it your club's tradition to achieve excellence every year!

Clubs that excel in community service, membership growth, communications and organizational operations may qualify for the prestigious Excellence Awards.

Please use the qualifications outlined in the club excellence award application as your road map to excellence.

Club Excellence Award:

Is your club striving to finish the year with a net growth in membership? Will your club participate in at least three service projects? Are you promoting your club's events or activities to the community? If you answered yes to these questions, you may be eligible for the Club Excellence Award.

The Club Excellence Award is more than an award... it is proof that your club is **STRONG!**

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Rural Retreat Lions Alert Program

625 Lincoln Avenue,
Marion, Virginia 24354-1663
USA – 276-243-8382

LionsAlertPrograms@gmail.com

Be Prepared For Disaster Or Any Emergency Situation!

How would you cope if there was a power outage for days? Sure, you may have your flashlight, bought batteries, stockpiled on non-perishable food but you're not quite ready until you get the Personal Portable Solar Lantern.

The Personal Portable Solar Lantern is a high quality, portable sun-powered lantern that illuminated every corner of a room for up to 10 hours on a full charge. It provides up to 60,000 Hours LED lifetime and boasts an integrated solar panel, a waterproof on/off button and a metal handle that also doubles as a stand.

Why Get Personal Portable Solar Lantern?

Forget flashlights, lamps, gas, and oil lanterns. The Personal Portable Solar Lantern is the safest and most reliable option. It's an everyday lantern that can help reduce electricity bills, but it is ready when you need it in the event of an Emergency. But that is not all. The Personal Portable Solar Lantern is:

- ☐ Water and Weather Resistant
- ☐ Maintenance Free
- ☐ Light Weight – Only 140 grams
- ☐ Meets Global Lighting Quality Standards



Always Have Light! - Never Need Batteries Again!

FREE Personal Portable Solar Lantern

Pay Only \$9.99 For Delivery in the Continental USA

<https://lionssolar.shop/FREE-Personal-Portable-Solar-Lantern>

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Leader Dogs for the Deaf and Blind



► Every Year, Lions + Leader Dog =



1,095,000

Days of independence



200

Leader Dogs matched
with clients



100

Clients provided with
white cane training



24

Teenagers who gain
leadership and travel skills



6

Customized guide dog training
for clients who are Deaf-Blind



\$0

Cost passed on
to our clients



For a Leader Dog Program or information for your club contact:

PCC Marty Alford

370 Windsor Drive,

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Greetings Fellow Lions,

As of the writing of this edition of the newsletter, the COVID 19 has begun to surge as the weather becomes colder and people are driven indoors for their gatherings. This makes it a real challenge to safely come together to meet and do service projects in our communities.

The unfortunate part in all of this is the fact that needs within our communities are increasing. People are losing their jobs and facing very serious choices as we enter into the Winter season.

Please remember your club members and check on them during this very stressful time. Lastly, we can make a difference in our communities through thinking outside the box to help deliver much needed assistance and hope to those who are disadvantaged during this time.

Our next newsletter will come out after the first of the year, so until then, Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year and here is to a much better 2021.

Yours in Service

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