

**MD 24 C Lions  
of Virginia**



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## **Lions Roaring Pride**

Greetings Lions of District 24-C,

Thank you for supporting me for your 2020 – 2021 District Governor!

As election day was on my birthday, it will ever remain a special event in my life. Lions are facing many challenges in the coming year, and I have confidence with the support of my VP's, Eric Mills and Connie Saunders, and the District 24-C Lions, we can work TOGETHER to have a successful Lions' year by using our innovative ideas and energy.

In service together,

Jean Cook, District Governor

District 24-C Lions



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



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**“TOGETHER”**

# **MD 24 C Lions Roaring Pride Newsletter**

**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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## In Memory

### PDG Donald W. Rhinehart



Donald Walker Rhinehart, 86 years old, born January 27, 1934 in Roanoke, Virginia passed away June 29, 2020 in Bethesda, Maryland at a local hospital. Formerly a lifelong resident of Roanoke, he had recently moved with family to Bethesda, MD for the last three years.

Don served in the United States Army working both at the Pentagon and in South Korea. After graduating from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, he began his career at Fralin and Waldron, Inc. and served as Vice President until he retired. Don and his wife, Jewell, raised three children in Roanoke until her passing in 1997. Don committed his life to his family and his community. As a lifetime member of the Roanoke Host Lions Club, he served and actively participated holding offices until proudly serving as Virginia Lions District Governor. He volunteered for the Lions Sight Foundation downtown and supported programs for the

Virginia Department for the Blind and Vision Impaired and Leader Dogs for the Blind as well as serving on various committees at local, state and international levels.

His community service extended in various capacities as a Scottish Rite Freemason and Shriner. Don was an active member of Christ Lutheran Church his entire life. His deep and strong faith inspired those he met as did his goodwill, generosity and kindness towards others. He supported the scholarship fund for students at Virginia Tech and local young aspiring musicians through various clubs and organizations.

Don was a dedicated husband, father, father-in-law, and grandfather. He cherished the many friends he met throughout his journey and the many he served along the way. He especially enjoyed traveling with family, fellow Lions members and dear friends. Don took pleasure in the Roanoke Symphony Orchestra, the Roanoke Arts And Music Festivals and was an avid supporter of Virginia Tech athletics. Don was fondly known by his grandchildren and their friends as “Poppy “. He always shared a smile and a story with all he met and was adored by all seven of his grandchildren.

Don was preceded in death by his wife, Jewell Writtenberry Rhinehart, and his son, Steven L. Rhinehart. Survived by his daughter, Kathy Tigani and his son-in-law, Dr. Stephen P. Tigani of Bethesda, Md.; his son, Stuart Walker Rhinehart of Nashville, TN and seven grandchildren Dr. Elise Tigani, Stephen Tigani Jr., Lauren Tigani and Alexis Tigani all from Bethesda and McKenna Rhinehart, Chappell Rhinehart and Keaton Rhinehart all from Nashville.

A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. on Monday, July 6th, 2020 at Oakey’s South Chapel with Pastor Dave Skole officiating. A private interment will follow at Sherwood Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers the family suggests friends make a contribution in Don’s honor to the Roanoke Host Lions Club or Christ Lutheran Church. The Rhinehart family kindly requests that friends attending the service remember to wear a face covering. Arrangements handled by Oakey’s South Chapel.

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## **Recognizing Club Growth in MD 24 C**

**NAMI Champion**

**PCC Rick Carroll**

The following clubs are to be congratulated for ending the Lion year with a positive net growth:

Appalachia +4,  
Bedford +5,  
Blacksburg Breakfast +1,  
Bluefield +1  
Bristol Goodsen +3,  
Buchanan +2,  
Forest +2,  
Martinsville/Henry County +1,  
Moneta +1,  
Pennington Gap +1,  
Pocahontas +2,  
Rich Creek +2,  
Vinton Breakfast +1.

Great job. Let's see if we can add more clubs to the Net Plus One Club during 2020-2021.

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## DISTRICT 24-C FALL CONFERENCE



2020

I am excited to invite all Lions, Leos and Guests to the District 24-C Fall Conference. It will be held August 28 – 30, 2020 at the unique Mountain Lake venue. This will be an opportunity to enjoy this historic lodge and relax in the beauty of mountainous surroundings.

For your enjoyment, hiking, swimming and lawn games will be available. Most people equate Mountain Lake with the filming of the Golden Globe and Grammy winning movie, “Dirty Dancing.” You will be able to view many of the milestones of the filming throughout the property as the spirit of the movie lives on here.

The Mountain Lake Lodge is preserving its history and is an unairconditioned facility. Guests may bring a fan for their comfort in their lodging room. The temperatures are usually found to be ten degrees below the valley. Also, televisions will only be found in the common areas.

Our guest will be ID Billy J. Blankenship of Lafayette, TN. He will be sharing his experiences and knowledge of Leadership and Membership Building at our Saturday evening banquet.

Friday night we will have fun with “Dirty Dancing” and actually have line dancing instruction in preparation for our DJ and dancing entertainment on Saturday night. On the back of your Registration Form, please indicate songs you would like played for your particular dancing or listening pleasure.

Clubs are requested to bring items or baskets to be placed in a raffle which will be drawn at the Saturday afternoon session.

Saturday morning and afternoon will find very important information sessions. They will be presented by knowledgeable and interesting presenters. Saturday night we will hear from ID Billy Blankenship to be followed by our DJ and dancing. This will give us an opportunity to show off what dancing skills we have learned and just have a good time with our Lion friends.

As you may have gathered, this conference will be very casual – NO ties or fancy dresses!!

Please come and join me in one of District 24-C’s picturesque settings and renew your enthusiasm to grow Lions in our District.

My theme is **“TOGETHER” we Serve, Grow, and Share!** This is exactly what I hope to do at this conference. Looking forward to seeing you at Mountain Lake!

Jean Cook

MD 24-C District Governor

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## 24-C Lions Fall Conference 2020



**August 28 - 30,  
2020**

**Mountain Lake Lodge  
115 Hotel Circle  
Pembroke, VA 24136  
(540) 626-7121**

### TOGETHER

A registration form must be completed for each person attending the Fall Conference. **Each Lion and each Guest must pay the Registration Fee.** A conference packet with name tags, program of events and a Fall Conference Pin will be provided for all registered attendees.

**Hotel Reservations:** Call Mountain Lake Lodge at (540) 626-7121 to make your reservation. Request the **Lions Club** rate (\$99.00 plus tax). **Deadline for Hotel Reservations is AUGUST 7, 2020.**

**Deadline for Conference Registration is August 15, 2020.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lion \_\_\_\_\_ LEO \_\_\_\_\_ Guest \_\_\_\_\_ (Include: PDG, PCC, PID, etc.)  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Name tag: \_\_\_\_\_ (please indicate how you would like your name on name tag)

Registration Fee (includes pin)	\$25.00	<u>\$25.00</u>
Friday Buffet	\$27.00	_____
Saturday Lunch Buffet	\$25.00	_____
Saturday Banquet Buffet	\$43.00	_____
50/50 Raffle 7 for \$5 or 20 for \$10 (Saturday Lunch/red)		_____
50/50 Raffle 7 for \$5 or 20 for \$10 (Saturday Dinner/blue)		_____
Drawings tickets (multiple items) same as 50/50 prices		_____
<b>Amount Enclosed</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>

Please list any special dietary needs:

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**Make checks payable to:** District 24C Fall Conference

**Please mail registration and check to:** PCC Clark Vandergrift 3226 Bromley Road Roanoke, VA 24018

**MD 24 C Lions Roaring Pride Newsletter**  
**Lions Roaring Pride revisions and publication schedule**  
**2020-2021**

Greetings Fellow Lions:

The the upcoming year, we are going to institute and 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 1     July 5, 2020**  
**Issue 2     September 5, 2020**  
**Issue 3     November 5, 2020**  
**Issue 4     January 5, 2020**  
**Issue 5     March 5, 2020**  
**Issue 6     May 5, 2020**

**Submission guide lines:**

1. Submit you 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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## 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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## COMING EVENTS

### DISTRICT 24-C SCHEDULE 2020-2021

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
August 10, 2020	6:30 p.m.	District Governor Club Visitation	North Tazewell Lions Club AMERICAN LEGION BUILDING 226 CENTRAL STREET TAZEWELL VA
August 10, 2020	7:00 p.m.	Region and Zone Chair Training	Online via ZOOM Contact PCC Marty Alford to get the link to participate
August 19, 2020	7:00 p.m.	Club Officer Training	Online via ZOOM Contact PCC Marty Alford to get the link to participate
August 29, 2020	08:30 a.m.	MD 24 C Fall Conference Club Officer Training	Mountain Lake Lodge, Pembroke, VA
September 8, 2020	6:00 p.m.	District Governor Club Visitation	Forest Lions Club Ivy Hill Golf Club 1148 Ivy Hill Drive Forest VA

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# Leader Dogs for the Deaf and Blind



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

PCC Marty Alford

370 Windsor Drive,

Christiansburg, VA 24073.6099

Call or text 540-392-1453

Email = [marty.alford1960@gmail.com](mailto:marty.alford1960@gmail.com)

**Send your club donations directly to**

**Leader Dogs for the Blind 1039 S. Rochester Rd., Rochester Hills, MI 48307-3115.**

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## Newsletter Schedule 2020—2021

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**Reminder: Please submit  
news as text file and  
photographs in jpg for-  
mat. Do not embed them  
in the article.**



## Greetings Fellow Lions,

A new Lions year is off to a start. Your leadership team is in place and we are excited about the possibilities that this year can bring.

We have worked to bring you communications via various modes. The first mode is our upcoming Fall Conference which is going to be taking place at the Mountain Lake Lodge in Pembroke, VA. Some of you will recognize this as the site for the movie “Dirty Dancing.” District Governor Jean has been busy planning along with PCC Clark Vandergrift she is making sure that all COVID issues will be in place so that you can safely enjoy your weekend.

Secondly, I am pleased to announce that our district website is up and improving daily as I add more and more content to get information out to all of our clubs. The website will have a new feature to announce club news or events that you would like everyone to know about. Check it out at <https://www.md24clions.org/> and go the More tab and give it a look.

Yours in Service

Lion Marty Alford PCC

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