

# Lions Roaring Pride

Hello Lions!

The holidays have come and gone and I hope you all had a safe and enjoyable time! I would like to start with some exciting news! Our District 24-C Peace Poster was selected as the state winner and will be forwarded to the International contest! More on this in a separate article.

It is time to turn our thoughts back to the business of Lions, SERV-ING!!! I know that we are still under restrictions, but as PID Jerome Thompson has said, “Turn on the lights, beginning January 1, 2021. It is a new year, with new opportunities to serve and new ways to meet.” I am looking forward; as well, and I feel that the Spring will be different and the clubs need to make plans to continue their activities as Lions. I am asking ALL clubs to find a way this month to start meeting regularly, either in person or by zoom (if possible) which is the next best option to in person meeting. Small clubs of 10 and under can continue to meet in person by masking and social distancing for safety without violating state guidelines. Ultimately, I feel sure you will all find a way to meet which will be appropriate for your club.

At the writing of this article, our District membership continues to drop. At present, we have 1,409 members a decrease of 52 members from the beginning of the fiscal year. Also, the Narrows club has closed and the Blacksburg Host club has merged with the Blacksburg Breakfast club.

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**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

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I know we have no control over death, but the pandemic does not have to STOP us. LCI has 20% more members, chartered 52% more new clubs, and improved member retention by 4% compared to this time last year. We need to join this worldwide increase by finding ways to attract new members to sustain our District. Looking to start branch clubs, keeping our presence up in your communities, utilizing social media for fundraisers, and doing what we do best, SERVICE, which will help our efforts.

Remember the HOPE to WALK PROJECT! \$250 is all that is needed to change a person's life. Ask other organizations and individuals that you are acquainted with to donate; as well as Lions.

Do NOT forget the LOVF ticket sales. You have until mid-April to sell these tickets which provides funds for projects and needs in Virginia. There are still tickets available. Please contact me if you need more.

The District Service Award and the New Voices Initiative: 2020-2021 awards will be given at the State Convention in April, 2021. Please remember to submit your application for the Service Award and to notify me of candidates for the New Voices Award.

Believe it or not, we are already in the 3rd quarter of our fiscal year! Our focus for this quarter is Diabetes. All clubs, remember to report all your service on line. Unless you report, you cannot be counted.

I will again be developing my visitation schedule for the remainder of the year. I love to meet with clubs in person and am eager to get back on the road. If I have not met with your club or you have an event that you would like me to attend, please let me know and I will make every effort to be there!

Yours in Service, "TOGETHER,"

DG Jean

**MD 24 C Lions Roaring Pride Newsletter**  
**MD 24 C District Governor's Visitation and Travel Schedule**

**DISTRICT GOVERNORS TRAVEL**

**GOVERNOR'S 2021 SCHEDULE**

**(SUBJECT TO CHANGE)**

**JANUARY 2021**

**JANUARY 8 - 2 P.M. - COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS' MEETING ZOOM**

**JANUARY 13 – 7 P.M. – DISTRICT C NAMI MEETING ZOOM**

**JANUARY 25 - 7 P.M. – NAMI – NEW CLUB TEAM ZOOM MEETING**

**JANUARY 28 - 6 P.M. – ZONE MEETING – REG. 3, ZONE 3 ZOOM**

**FEBRUARY 2021**

**FEBRUARY 2 – 6:30 P.M. – EDGEWOOD CLUB VISIT**

**FEBRUARY 4 – 12 NOON – RURAL RETREAT CLUB VISIT**

**FEBRUARY 9 - 5:30 P.M. – RICH CREEK CLUB VISIT**

**FEBRUARY 21 – 2 P.M. – DISTRICT C CABINET MEETING – DUBLIN CLUBHOUSE**

**FEBRUARY 22 – 5:30 P.M. – BUCHANAN CLUB VISIT**

**FEBRUARY 23 – 6:30 P.M. – CHRISTIANSBURG CLUB VISIT**

**MARCH 2021**

**MARCH 2 - 7 P.M. – WYTHEVILLE CLUB VISIT**

**MARCH 11 - 6:30 P.M. – CAVE SPRING CLUB VISIT**

**APRIL 2021**

**APRIL 30 - MAY 2, 2021 COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS' MEETING AND DGE TRAINING – ROANOKE (NEW DATE)**

**APRIL 30 - MAY 2, 2021 REGIONAL LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE (NEW DATE)**

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## Dublin Lions Club

Since the last publication, Dublin Lions Club has continued its unconventional journey of service due to COVID 19 restrictions. Prior to our November membership meeting, Dublin Lions Board of Directors voted to suspend our membership meetings due to the alarming spread of COVID 19 within the district. The Board of Directors is still meeting virtually via ZOOM each month and the club has conducted some service projects.



During the pandemic our club continues our efforts to collect and recycle eyeglasses through our providers and at our collection box at our building.



Dublin Lions sponsored their quarterly blood drive at the Dublin Lions Club building. The club saw 39 donors show up to help with much needed blood donations. As a reminder, blood donation is one of the safest things you can do during the pandemic. Also, American Red Cross is checking for the COVID antibodies in donor blood. The only cost to you is your time and about a pint of blood. Our next Bloodmobile is scheduled for March 8, 2021.



In answer to the District Governor's Challenge, Dublin Lions Club made a \$250 donation to the Hope To Walk program as a contribution for the district supported project. Through this project Dublin Lions



The Dublin Lions Club is continuing to perform vision screenings at the local schools in Pulaski County and the City of Radford. Since 2013, Dublin Lions club has screened over fourteen thousand (14,000) students. Since September 2020, Dublin Lions have screen of one thousand one hundred (1,100) students.



Club members continue to volunteer at the Daily Bread Food Ministry. This program provides around 150 meals every week day and Dublin Lions assist with food preparation and service each quarter. On December 11th, 2020 seven (7) club members assisted with fixing plated meals that folks could pick up and take home.

Submitted by

Lion Judy Alford Club Secretary

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### Galax Lions Club



On her visit to the Galax Lions Club, District Governor Jean Cook took time to explain the "Hope to Walk" charity.

Mary Ann Dickerson, President of the Galax Lions Club welcomed District Governor, Jean Cook to Galax.

During Governor Cook's recent visit she explained the project, "Hope to Walk," a charity in Blacksburg that builds low cost prosthetic devices for amputees and custom fits them internationally to the poorest of the poor.

The gift of a leg can make a huge difference in someone's life for the small gift of \$250. Galax Lions participated in this worthwhile project.

The club is also active in the eyeglass and hearing aide project.

They would welcome any donations and new members.

For more information call 276-238-0345.



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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## **MD 24 State Convention Notice of Cancellation**

**At the January 8, 2021 meeting of the Council of Governors, it was decided that the 2021 MD 24 State Convention which was scheduled to occur April 22—25, 2021 will be cancelled this year.**

**Hopefully, in 2022 we will be past this pandemic and get back to the business of our association.**

### **Spreading the word on COVID Vaccinations**

Virginia Department of Health (VDH) as rolled out information that needs to be shared with our respective communities. Vaccinations are being rolled out in phases and some folks with immune compromised conditions who were previously put into phase 1c have been moved to 1b. You must register to receive the vaccine. You can go to the VDH website to complete the registration process. Go to <https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/covid-19-vaccine/>

On this page you can register and find out which phase you will qualify for.

<https://vdh.jebbit.com/amkwk6m1?L=Owned+Web&JC=Vaccine>

**Do it today!!**

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### **MD 24 C Peace Poster Contestants Take Top Honors**



This is from Cave Spring from James Madison MS by Taylor Phonasa. Age 13, Grade 8.



This Peace Poster placed second in our district and first place in the State Competition from Smith Mtn Lake, Benjamin Franklin MS By Alexander Crowl. Age 12, Grade 6.



3rd Place Winner in District 24-C from Richlands club from Richlands MS by Isabella Lawson. Age 12, Grade 7.



An Honorable Mention from District 24-C from Forest Club from Forest MS by Jacob Ray. Age 11, Grade 6.



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### **Pound Lions Club (Service in Challenging Times).**

On this last evening of 2020, all is well with the Pound Lions Club. And though everything this year has definitely been different, we are still active and looking forward to assuming all our normal activities before too long a time.

During the past several months, we have been able to continue participating in activities and events in our area due largely to the diligence of our Club President, Charlene Shortt. She has spearheaded all our activities and communicated via messenger and telephone to see who wanted to volunteer. We have followed State guidelines and often worked in groups of 3 or 4 members and though we miss working in larger groups, so far, the outcome has worked well for us.

In the August-September timeframe, Club members completed approximately 700 vision screenings in Wise County Schools. And though this is a large decrease from the approximately 3700 screenings we did last year, with conditions so drastically changed this year, we were very pleased with the outcome.

Some of our other activities include purchasing items and assembling Angel Stockings for military personnel and landscaping at JW Adams Combined School. We also sponsored three families in our area by purchasing food and clothing items as well as toys for the children.

Our last in person meeting was November 16<sup>th</sup>, and we miss seeing everyone. We also miss getting together with all of you at the Zone meetings and at the Christmas meeting in Clintwood. We wish you all a safe and Happy New Year and hope to see you soon.

Submitted by: Sherril Sturgill, Secretary  
Pound Lions Club



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## Roanoke Valley Breakfast Lions Club

RVBLC held their annual picnic this fall COVID style! We ordered box lunches and bottled water for our picnic held at the American Legion pavilion. Attendance was great, 25 folks. Fun, fellowship, and social distancing made it a success

Angels of Assisi put out a call for needed pet food. Although this was not a normal Lion's Club project, two of our members heeded the call and provided 100 pounds of dog food to this worthwhile cause.



Our RVBLC member, Lion Andre Peery, was honored to receive the nomination of “Vigil” in the Boy Scouts of America. With winning this award he is a member of the Vigil Brotherhood for Scouting. These ceremonies are usually for recognition of leadership qualities, camping skills, and other scouting ideals as exemplified by their elected peers. With this honor each member is given a Lenni Lenape Vigil Brotherhood name and Lion Andre’s name is translated as “Tide That Lifts Many Ships”.

During the pandemic, Lion Brenda Cooper worked with her local church to hold the Upward Soccer games in Blue Ridge, VA. She volunteers annually to register the children ages 4-12 to play soccer and this year we were able to register 135 children. We had to adhere to all the Virginia Governor's mandates for pandemic safety including masks, social distancing, etc. The children and parents were so excited to be outside having fun!

Lion Jim Dalton has been busy during the pandemic in asking for and receiving many donations for our sponsored charities, such as:



Our club was fortunate to receive ten (10) cases of water we were able to donate to the Fairview Elementary school. The students during the pandemic are not allowed to use the water fountains in the school (pic attached).



Received the 3000 pairs of socks from the Bombas company, Lion Jim Dalton, had secured for the Roanoke Valley Schools. Delivery will be soon to the Roanoke Valley Schools (Pic attached).

Our volunteers for Meals on Wheels have put themselves out there during the pandemic to ensure our local citizens continue to have a good meal. We want to thank those members, Lions: Jim and Wanda Dalton, Ernie and Mary Jo Hubble, Cliff and Mary Ann, Nina Wright, Linda Long, Manual Dotson, Barbara Richmond, Curtis Lynch, Regenia Beatty and George Ferguson.

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RVBLC members performed Vision Screening between October 5-30, 2020, at Roanoke County Schools. Since schools now have an A&B day, about one-half of the students are there on each day, therefore, we went to each school two days. Six of our members, Lions: Jean Broyles, Jim Dalton, Wanda Dalton, George Ferguson, Suzanne Ross and Nina Wright volunteered a total of 50 hours for this project. A total of 662 students were screened and 81 were referred to a professional. We appreciate our members who take on these volunteer projects during the pandemic.

Jim Dalton, Region 1 Chair and member of the Roanoke Valley Breakfast Lions Club received two awards from the International President, Dr. Jun-Yul Choi:

The chartering of new clubs requires dedicated effort to believe in what Lions do so that others may share in the vision of volunteer service. In appreciation, the District Governor nominated Jim to receive this award for his tireless efforts to charter the Daleville Club.



He also received the International President's Award for outstanding service to Lions Clubs International. The International President's Award is an expression of appreciation for Jim's dedicated service to those in need. His hard work and compassion serve as an example to the Lion's community and world around him. Lion Jim Dalton received a medal from our International President (his second one from an International President). Also, Lion Jim was awarded Lion of the Year for the District award and he received that along with convention Pins and Chevrons from LCI for 5, 10, 15 and 20 sponsored new members. It should be noted that Lion Jim has previously been awarded District and Club Lion of the year. Congratulations Lion Jim!

Congratulation to RVBLC Lion Andre Peery as he was honored to be named Citizen of the Year 2020 by the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity of Roanoke, VA.

Even in this pandemic time the RVBLC continues to meet our Club motto-We serve, because we care!

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## MD 24 Lions of Virginia 2021 Lions Leadership Institute

Holiday Inn-- Valleyview,  
Roanoke, VA

April 30, 2021 through May 2, 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 March 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**

**April 30th –May 2, 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 April 1, 2021.

This is the electronic link. [https://www.holidayinn.com/redirect?path=hd&brandCode=HI&localeCode=en&regionCode=1&hotelCode=ROAOD&\\_PMID=99801505&GPC=LLI&cn=no&viewfullsite=true](https://www.holidayinn.com/redirect?path=hd&brandCode=HI&localeCode=en&regionCode=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](http://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 Hope to Walk Campaign Drive**

**As you are aware at our last cabinet meeting, Lions of MD 24 C have endorsed the Hope to Walk program. In the following pages, there is all of the information that you may need to make an individual contribution or a club donation. To date here are the Hope to Walk Campaign Donations:**

**Currently, we have collected \$5,750 which is the cost of 23 legs. I would like to thank the following 10 clubs and individuals; as well, for their participation:**

**Bristol Host**

**Christiansburg**

**Daleville/Fincastle**

**Dublin**

**Forest**

**Galax**

**Giles Breakfast**

**Lebanon**

**Smith Mtn. Lake**

**Wytheville**

**This is a great Service and I would like to encourage more clubs and individuals to participate.**

**Please fill out the attached donation form TODAY!!!**

**Yours in Service, "TOGETHER,"**

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

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**Hope Highlights - Fall 2020**  
**da note from the chairman - Dr. Ken Jones**

God has blessed the mission of Hope to Walk in truly miraculous ways in the year 2020. The heartbeat of our strategic plan -- the robust international travel schedule -- as always to serve amputees -- was decimated. Yet being prohibited from travel provided precious time to focus on crucial projects stateside which never took priority as long as we were able to travel to the Third World and build more legs and get amputees walking again!

Thanks to the tireless physical work and incredible gifts of the Lions Club and Bethlehem United Methodist Church, we now have a fully-equipped prosthetic training center at our home base in Blacksburg! We have already hosted several training sessions with our new missionary prosthetic technicians who will be serving amputees in Bolivia, Guatemala, and Kenya.

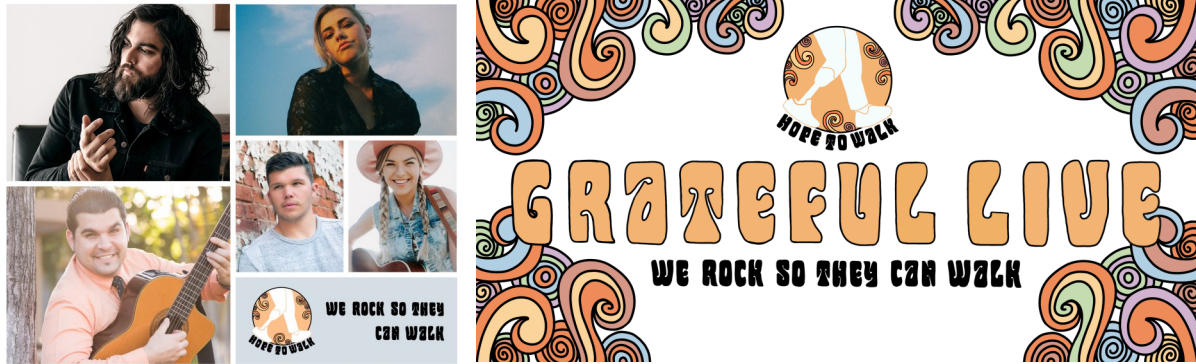
Most of all, I want to thank our faithful financial partners who are not forgetting Hope to Walk during these times of tight resources on every level. We so appreciate you! Every gift we receive reminds us -- this project belongs to God, and He is supplying our every need. Our staff lifts you up in prayer for a healthy and joyous New Year!

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On December 1, 2020, we hosted our first ever, virtual concert, Grateful Live. With the help of our community, musicians, and sponsors we raised over \$15,000 for our amputees. We are beyond grateful for the support and love shown during this unprecedented time. Our concert featured Jessie Ritter, Dan Rodriguez, Maggie Miles, Brennan Bosworth, and Yariel Olivera. If you missed our concert, you can still watch it here. You can also purchase our concert T-shirts for \$25, perfect for yourself or a loved one for the holiday season to show your continued support to Hope To Walk. Email [info@hopetowalk.org](mailto:info@hopetowalk.org) to purchase today!



2020 has been an unprecedented year on many fronts. Despite the COVID-19 pandemic which shut down all international travel, our team focused on what we could do at home and abroad safely.

In January we traveled to Guatemala and Honduras, where we were able to fit 47 legs, help other patients with mobility issues, and make great connections at the Central American Rotary Fair.

In February we began shipping prosthetic leg kits to our prosthetist Wifrid in Haiti, who has been able to fit and repair legs since March, despite COVID.

We started building a state-of-the-art patient database that will capture information on patients and their Hope To Walk legs in all countries and will also follow the progress of our trainees as well as quality control of our manufacturing.

In Summer we began working with the Lions Club of Smith Mountain Lake, which donated funds and sweat equity to help us renovate our facility. In July we dedicated the Bill Johnston International Prosthetic Training Center to Bill Johnston, one of our key volunteers, who passed away in October, and will be sorely missed.

In August we hosted our first-ever virtual 5K -- and over 360 people walked, ran, or rolled for 5K from anywhere in the world. Thanks to everyone who participated or donated to help us raise funds for amputees.

We also completed our training manuals this summer and held three separate training sessions for prosthetists and prosthetic helpers, which is crucial to grow Hope To Walk.

On December 1st we hosted our first-ever virtual concert - #werocksotheycanwalk! The concert featured several awesome musical acts and stories from the field. You can view the concert in its entirety here.

And just this week in Honduras our team there has been able to repair and fit several legs for people who have been waiting nearly a year. We are hopeful that they can continue to help others even when we cannot travel.



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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**

**[www.hopetowalk.org](http://www.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](http://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.

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Donor Name \_\_\_\_\_

Donor Email \_\_\_\_\_

Donor Address \_\_\_\_\_

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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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# 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,

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**

**Lions Roaring Pride**

**District 24-C**

**Issue 4**

**January 5, 2021**

**Issue 5**

**March 5, 2021**

**Issue 6**

**May 5, 2021**

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



## **Greetings Fellow Lions,**

At this time we are especially mindful of the dramatic impact that the pandemic is having on Lions Clubs. Our district is losing members at an alarming rate and we are faced with some uphill challenges to

turn this around by June, 2021.

Your communities need your service and support. While it is difficult, we need to find creative ways to provide much needed services to our communities.

During this difficult time, let us pray for strength and determination to carry us to our goals.

Yours in Service

Lion Marty Alford PCC

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