

JANUARY 2024

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Kindness matters

at home and around the world.



Governor's Message

Hello Lions,

The Holiday celebrations and our busy season of bringing cheer and comfort to so many in need in our communities is coming to an end. We have a tendency to settle in for the winter months and not want to come out until spring. We do not have time to become comfortable. Lions need to continue to be focused on a goal, just like an athlete. Our goal is “Growing Lions for Service to Change the World.”

You ask, why do we always talk about membership! If we do NOT have membership, we will not be able to do service that only our Lions deliver to our communities.

A shout out is overdue for the Norton Club adding 15 new members and the Clintwood Club adding 12 new members this fall. With everyone's efforts, we have been able to end the year, 2023, with a positive membership!!!! I am so happy that Southwest VA is again sending the message that Lionism is strong and that we will “SERVE.”

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

DG Jean



Galax Lions Club News

Galax Lions Club hopefully will make things a little easier for children involved in an auto accident or a fire. On December 6, Galax Lions donated stuffed lion toys to the Galax Fire and Police Departments. The stuffed animals will be carried on fire engines and in police cars and offered to a child in an emergency situation to bring them a little comfort during a frightening time.



**Pictured left to right -
Galax Police Chief Dewitt Cooper, Lion Margaret Liddle, 1st VP
Danny Miller, Lion Sue Holt, Galax Fire Chief Mike Ayers**

Daleville Fincastle Lions Club News

At their November 14th meeting, President Lowell Skelton and LCIF supporter Lion Mike Jackson proudly display the Club Giving \$100 per member average banner patch for the Lions year 2022-2023.

Daleville Fincastle Lions were also informed in December that they had met their LCIF Model Club commitment and will be recognized as a LCIF model Club in this Lions year.



At their November 14th meeting, the Daleville Fincastle Lions inducted a new member, William “Bill” Walker. Bill and spouse, Teri, are new residents at The Glebe. Bill has been a Lion in the past, was previously a member of the Herndon, Virginia Lions Club.

The Daleville Fincastle Lions Club is the newest Lions Club in our District 24-C, being officially authorized by Lions Clubs International in January 2019. There are two(2) Lions Clubs in Botetourt County, Buchanan Lions Club and Daleville Fincastle Lions Club.

Pictured above (from left), Club President Lowell Skelton, new member, “Bill” Walker, and his sponsor, Lion Mike Jackson.



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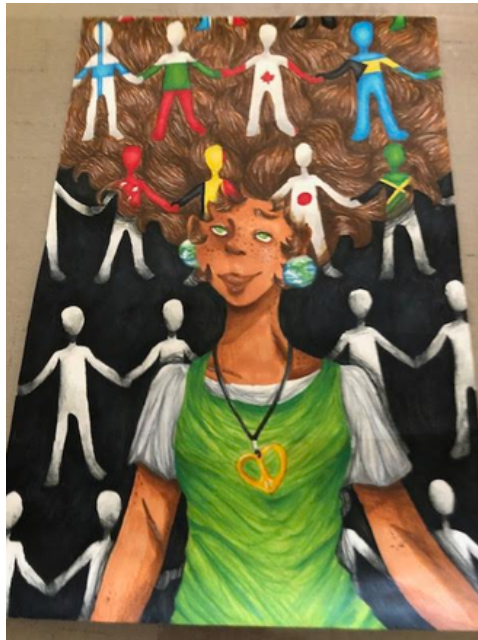
Appalachia Lions Club News

On November 5, members in the Appalachia Lions Club distributed 110 food boxes to the needy in our community with 25 volunteer hours. On November 30, we had 15 volunteers bagging 350 bags of candy for the Appalachia Christmas Parade with 15 volunteer hours. On December 2, we had 12 members of our club participated in the Appalachia Christmas Parade handing out candy to the children on the parade route with 12 volunteer hours.



Peace Contest Winners

The 1st Place Peace Poster winner for District 24C is Mae Todd 7th grade from James Madison Middle School sponsored by Cave Springs Lions Club.



The 2nd Place Peace Poster winner for District 24C is Lucas Lane 8th grade from Richlands Middle School sponsored by the Richlands Lions Club.

The 3rd Place Peace Poster winner for District 24C is Caroline Beauchamp 6th grade from Benjamin Franklin Middle School sponsored by the Ferrum Lions Club.



Peace Contest Winners Continued

For over 3 decades, Lions clubs around the world have been sponsoring this special art contest in schools and youth groups. This contest gives children everywhere a chance to express their visions of peace and inspire the world through art & creativity.

I would like to thank the 14 student participants and the 11 club sponsors for entering this year's contest, "Dare to Dream."

Cave Spring – Mae Todd, Lue Victoria Orellana, Infinity Myers

Richlands – Lucas Lane

Ferrum – Caroline Beauchamp

Pearisburg – Quinn Stanley

Forest – Esther Shobay

Roanoke Valley Breakfast – Patrick Mottesheard, Asha Cook

Wytheville – Charlotte Simons

Chilhowie – Zoe Somervell

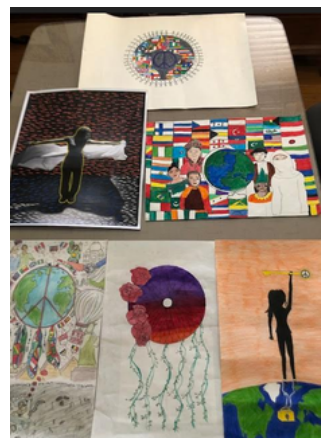
Hillsville – Brent Faw

Saltville/Rich Valley – Lexi Feeny

Rural Retreat – Lorelei Witt

Each participant is asked to state what their poster is saying about Peace. Our winner, Mae Todd said, "To me, if imagining peace is achievable, then so is creating peace. All you have to do is to turn your imagination into reality."

The next Peace Poster packet will be available in February for the 2024 contest. Pease plan to participate in this contest next year!



JANUARY 2024

OAE Hearing Screening Device Training

OAE HEARING SCREENING DEVICE TRAINING

WHEN: February 6, 2024

TIME: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

WHERE: Wytheville Meeting Center, 333 Community Blvd., Wytheville, VA 24382

COST: FREE & Lunch Provided

SPEAKER: Lindsey Richard, Au.D., CCC-A, Educational Audiologist, from the Commonwealth of VA at the Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind

If you do hearing screening in schools, day-cares, or Health Fairs, this Otoacoustic Emissions (OAE) type of Hearing Screening Device will give you a simple, portable, accurate, and fast reading when screening in all types of testing environments. This presentation and hands on training is being offered as a follow up to the training that was offered in August 2023 in Staunton, VA and to the demonstration at the 24-C Fall Conference in September in Wytheville, VA. This will give you more time to become familiar with the device and to decide if this device would be a fit to help expand your Lions club hearing screening services to your community. This device is excellent in helping to identify Late-onset Hearing Loss. This is the period between birth and school age and the prevalence of hearing loss which doubles during this time. There is always the issue of cost. This unit sells for approximately \$5,700. In order to make this feasible, clubs may look at going to together as a zone, or a region and purchase a unit for all to use. Also, we do have the wonderful LOVF matching grant.

All Lions that have an interest in this type of screening and feel that it would be beneficial, please contact me as soon as possible at cookjean548@gmail.com or 276-223-8471.

DG Jean



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LCIF Raffle Information

LIONS DISTRICT 24C CHARITY FOUNDATION

RAFFLE TO SUPPORT LCIF

FIRST PRIZE - \$1,000

2nd PRIZE - \$500

3RD PRIZE - @250

300 TICKETS TO BE SOLD AT \$20.00 PER TICKET

The drawing will be held on April 21, 2024 at the Lions State Convention.

Tickets can be sold to Lions Clubs, Lions members, and the public. Each club in District 24C will be asked to sell 6 tickets.

For tickets contact: IPDG Connie Saunders at 304-920-1051 or Email, saundersem@earthlink.net

OR, your Zone Chair, and any Charity Board Member.

Make checks payable to: District 24C Charity Foundation, memo line "LCIF Raffle"

Please print your name, phone number, and the Selling Club's name on the ticket.

Mail checks and ticket stubs to:

**IPDG Connie Saunders, President, D24C Charity Foundation PO Box 1158
Bluefield, VA 24605**

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Lions District 24C Fighting Hunger Day

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Who: All Clubs in District 24C

What: Plan a "Fighting Hunger Event"

When: May 4, 2024

Why: To support LCIF Focus area on Hunger

Suggestions/Ideas:

- Donate to LCIF to support Hunger
- LCIF Hunger grant
- LOVF Humanitarian Grant
- Stuff a Truck
- Food for Kids
- Food Drive
- Sporting event fundraiser for a local hunger related Charity
- Contact your local food pantry for other ideas
- Establish a food pantry

Beginning from July 1, 2023, District 24C clubs are asked to keep track and report to LCI in "MyLion, Activities", hunger related funds and/or pounds of food collected and donated, as well as the total service hours by Lions for each reported Hunger activity. Zone Chairs will select the club in their Zone with the most Hunger activities reported. The winning club from each Zone with their reported data will be submitted to 2VDG/GST Judy Alford no later than May 13, 2024 at LionJudyAlford@gmail.com.

The DG and the VDGs will select the District 24C winning club. The winning club will then select the member who was most active in the Hunger activity to receive a Melvin Jones Fellowship. The winning Lion will be recognized with the Melvin Jones Fellowship at the June, 2024 Cabinet meeting.

Contact: PCC Rick Carroll, District 24C Hunger Chair/LCIF Co-coordinator at:

Email: facarroll61@gmail.com;

Phone: 540-581-4941 (H), 540-484-3100, (C)