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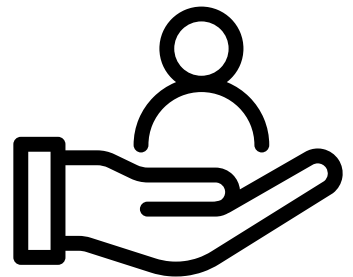


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## IMPORTANT INFO

**STATE CONVENTION  
APRIL 18-20, 2024  
HYATT REGENCY -  
DULLES**

**SUBMIT NEWSLETTER  
INFORMATION TO  
LIONS24CNEWSLETTER  
@GMAIL.COM**



# Governor's Message

Hello Lions and Leos,

**SPRING HAS SPRUNG!** Not only with the beautiful flowering trees and the traditional flowers, but with the long- anticipated launch of the **NEW LION PORTAL**. A phased rollout for our Lion Account Users is April 15 – May 13. During this time, all current users will receive an email inviting them to access the new Lion Portal. If you do not see the email in your everyday inbox, please check all spam and junk folders before contacting LCI Member Support. The phased rollout is being done to ensure that staff will be available to provide the best support possible and offer a positive introductory experience.

## **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

- **NOW – APRIL 11:** MyLion, MyLCI and Insights will continue to function as normal.
- **APRIL 12 and BEYOND:** MyLion, MyLCI and Insights are no longer available.
- **APRIL 15 – MAY 13:** Invitations to access the new Lion Portal sent via email on a rolling basis to existing Lion Account users. User permission will **NOT** change. Those who currently can report service, access member data and other key functions remain the same.
- **MAY 13 and BEYOND:** All visitors attempting to access the previous digital tools will be automatically redirected to the **NEW LION PORTAL**.

I can just feel the anxiety levels rising!!! **NOT** another computer system rollout like the previous one. LCI has working hard to have this New Portal operating as designed and to create a positive experience for all Lions and Leos. If LCI, determines that more time is needed to ensure the systems optimal performance, the dates may be adjusted and we will be notified. **PLEASE** note, that the new Lion Portal will require a unique, unshared email, and phone numbers will no longer be supported as a log in credential.

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## Governor's Message Continued

For the latest information and resources, please visit [lionsclubs.org/portal-updates](https://lionsclubs.org/portal-updates). It also includes how-to videos for help accessing the new portal once you have received your Lion Portal invitation email.

Please continue to report your service, and your membership reports as you have been doing. If you find that you have a problem after the move to the new system, PLEASE do not hesitate to contact our District Administrator, Lion Joel Lytton, [jclytton@gmail.com](mailto:jclytton@gmail.com) or 540-353-8943 and/or our Beta site tester, 1VDG Andre' Peery, [apeerystar@gmail.com](mailto:apeerystar@gmail.com) or 540-521-0530.

We are moving into the last quarter of our Lions' year and we cannot stop reporting all our wonderful SERVICE!!!!

See you at State Convention!



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## State Convention Information



### 101<sup>st</sup> Lions of Virginia State Convention

April 18 - 21, 2024

Hyatt Regency - Dulles

2300 Dulles Corner Blvd, Herndon, VA 20171

(703) 713-1234

Dear Lions, Leos and Guests:

#### WELCOME TO THE 101<sup>st</sup> VIRGINIA STATE LIONS CONVENTION!

Please make plans to be a part of an exciting convention at the Hyatt Regency – Dulles in Herndon, VA. District 24-L and my home club, the Alexandria Asian American Lions Club, are excited to host the 2024 State Convention here in Northern Virginia! Visit the convention site: [www.valions.org/convention](http://www.valions.org/convention).

We are honored to have Immediate Past International President and Lions Clubs International Foundation Chair, Lion Brian Sheehan and his wife, Lion Lori Sheehan, from Bird Island, MN, as our special guests.

Thursday night we will have a dinner dance with one of our club's favorite DJs, some talented singers and a Filipino American cultural dance or two. The Pin Traders Club will join us once again with exhibit tables beginning Thursday and the Pin Traders Luncheon open to all attendees on Friday. The Friday program will include a special workshop for the incoming Global Action Team (GAT), District Cabinet meetings and the Opening General Session. Friday evening activities include the State Bland Scholarship Competition and our own International Director Jay Moughon's reception afterward.

A diverse mix of "Breakout Sessions" are sure to catch your interest. Topics include a workshop for Leos, townhall sessions by Lions Brian and Lori Sheehan, bringing fun to Lions Club activities, presentation of various Lions Leadership Learning opportunities, administrative fundraising, and service ideas. The Lions of Virginia Foundation (LOVF) will host the Saturday luncheon immediately after the Lions Memorial Service. At the Second General Session on Saturday afternoon convention delegates will vote on five Multiple District Constitution and By Laws amendments. We will hold a pre-banquet reception Saturday evening in the Luray Foyer, followed by the Convention banquet. LCIF Chairperson Brian Sheehan will be our guest speaker.

I hope to see you at the Convention in Herndon. Please come out and get your Lions "batteries" recharged!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Glen Logan".

Council Chair Glen Logan  
2024 State Convention Chairperson

#### Host Lions Club:

Alexandria Asian American  
Lions Club

#### Convention Chairperson

Lion Glen Logan, CC  
[gtlogan53@gmail.com](mailto:gtlogan53@gmail.com)

#### Registration Chairperson

Lion Alicia Calayag  
[aliciacalayag@gmail.com](mailto:aliciacalayag@gmail.com)

#### Booths and Exhibits

Lion Domingo Tucay  
[domingotucay@yahoo.com](mailto:domingotucay@yahoo.com)

#### Treasurer

Lion Tammie Brightwell, SST  
[lionva@verizon.net](mailto:lionva@verizon.net)

#### International Guests

IPIP Brian Sheehan &  
Lion Lori Sheehan,  
Bird Island, MN

#### Escorts

ID Jay and Nancy  
Moughon



# State Convention Registration



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**2300 Dulles Corner Blvd, Herndon, VA 20171**  
**(703) 713-1234**

Please fill out one form per attendee

**Host Lions Club:**

Alexandria Asian American  
Lions Club

**Convention Chairperson**

Lion Glen Logan, CC  
Gtlogan53@gmail.com

**Registration Chairperson**

Lion Alicia Calayag  
aliciacalayag@gmail.com

**Booths and Exhibits**

Lion Domingo Tucay  
domingotucay@yahoo.com

**Treasurer**

Lion Tammie Brightwell, SST  
lionva@verizon.net

**International Guests**

IPIP Brian Sheehan &  
Lion Lori Sheehan,  
Bird Island, MN

**Escorts**

ID Jay and Nancy  
Moughon

**Dietary Restrictions**

Please list any allergies  
or other restrictions

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\_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Best Email or Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

District 24- \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Select all that apply: Lion  Leo  PDG  PCC  PID  Guest

Hotel reservations must be made by **April 2, 2024**, to get the room rate of \$119.00 (Single/Double), \$129. (Triple), or \$139.00 (Quad) + tax.

Reservations can be made directly by calling (703) 713-1234. Mention Group Code G-VSCL (Lions of Virginia). You may also register online:

<https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/group-booking/DULLE/G-VSCL>

Registration: before 3/31/24 - \$25, includes pin, \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\$30 after 4/1/24

Thursday Night- Ice Breaker Party -\$35.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Dinner, Dancing with DJ - Cash Bar

Thursday Night 50/50 - 10 for \$5.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Friday - Convention Breakfast - \$18.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Friday - Pin Traders Luncheon - \$30.00, includes pin \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday - Convention Breakfast - \$18.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday - LOVF Luncheon - \$30.00, includes pin \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Night Banquet - \$40.00, Cash Bar Available \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Night 50/50 tickets 10 for \$5.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Sunday Fellowship Breakfast - \$18.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Exhibit Tables: Check choice of table requested: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Lions Club Members: \$35.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Lions Club Members (Using Electricity): \$50.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Commercial Table: \$100.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Commercial Tables (using electricity): \$120.00 \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: Lions of Virginia (Memo: 2024 State Convention)

Mail form and payment to:

Lion Tammie Brightwell

501 Elm Ave SW, Roanoke, VA 24016

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# State Convention LEO Workshop Registration



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**(703) 713-1234**

## LEO WORKSHOP REGISTRATION FORM

April 20, 2024

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Registration Deadline April 1, 2024

*Please Make copies and complete one form for each attendee*

District 24- \_\_\_\_\_ Club Name \_\_\_\_\_

Leo  Guest Name \_\_\_\_\_

Nickname on Name Tag \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration - Includes pin\* and Box Lunch

Dietary restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_

Cost per person: \$25.00 Total Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Include checks payable to "Lions of Virginia". Memo - 2024 State Convention**

**Mail Forms along with payment to:**

**Lion Tammie Brightwell, Lions of Virginia, 501 Elm Avenue SW, Roanoke, VA 24016**

**Convention Chairperson:**  
Lion Glen Logan, CC (gtlogan53@gmail.com)

**Treasurer:**  
Lion Tammie Brightwell (lionva@verizon.net)

**Registration Chairperson:**  
Lion Alicia Calayag (aliciacalayag@gmail.com)

**International Guests:**  
IPIP Brian Sheehan & Lion Lori Sheehan,  
Bird Island, MN

**Leo Workshop Chairperson**  
Lion Jim Wills  
Jwills67@yahoo.com

**Escorts:** ID Jay and Lion Nancy Moughon

\* While supplies last

# State Convention Schedule

## 2024 MD-24 STATE CONVENTION

### Thursday, April 18, 2024

2:00 PM -	MD24 COG Meeting - Closed meeting
3:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Pin Traders/Exhibitors
3:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Registration/Credentials
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Dinner Ice Breaker

### Friday, April 19, 2024

7:30 AM - 8:30 AM	Convention Breakfast
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Registration/Credentials
8:30 AM - 9:30 AM	LCIF Coordinators Meeting - Closed meeting
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Pin Traders/Exhibitors
9:30 AM - 11:30 AM	Mission 1.5 - Closed meeting
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM	LOVF Board Meeting
12:30 PM - 2:00 PM	Pin Traders Luncheon
2:15 PM - 2:45 PM	VLERI Board Meeting
3:00 PM - 4:30 PM	Opening General Session
4:30 PM - 5:00 PM	District Meetings
5:00 PM - 7:30 PM	Dinner on your own
7:30 PM - 9:30 PM	Bland Scholarship Contest

### Saturday, April 20, 2024

7:00 AM - 8:15 AM	Convention Breakfast
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Registration/Credentials
8:30 AM - 10:45 AM	Break Out Sessions
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Pin Traders/Exhibitors
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Memorial Service
12:15 PM - 2:00 PM	LOVF Luncheon
2:30 PM - 4:30 PM	Second General Session
End of General Session	RLLI Alumni Meeting
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Lions Social / Reception
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Convention Banquet

### Sunday, April 21, 2024

7:30 AM - 8:30 AM	Fellowship Breakfast
8:30 AM	Voting Open
9:00 AM - 10:45 AM	District Meetings
11:00 AM - 12:30 PM	Final General Session
	CONVENTION ADJOURNMENT

12:30 PM	Council Luncheon
	Meeting of District Governors & Governors-Elect
	Meeting of 2024-25 Council-Elect

## State Convention Sessions

Friday, April 19

9:30 AM - 11:30 AM -

Project 1.5 - PID Cindy Gregg and PDG Beth Stevens

Saturday, April 20

8:30 AM - 9:30 AM

How to keep the fun in your Club - PDG Jay Overbey

Lions Institutes / USA Canada Forum - DG Homer Cook and  
VDG James Cech

Virginia's New PRESCHOOL Hearing Health Outreach Program- DG Jean  
Cook, Lion Valerie James Abbott and Emily Pastore, AuD., James  
Madison University

Past International President Brian Sheehan Town Hall - PIP Brian Sheehan

9:45 AM - 10:45 AM

Constitution and By-Laws - PID Richard Chaffin and PDG Helen Person

Lions Portal - VDG André Peery, VDG James Cech and PIP Brian Sheehan

Juvenile Diabetes and Lions - Lion Babette Newman

Service - Lion Lori Sheehan



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## State Convention Menu

### **Thursday Ice Breaker Dinner w/Cash Bar**

Garden Salad Bar  
Pan Seared Chicken, Lemon Caper Sauce  
Whipped Mashed Potatoes  
Chef's Choice Seasonal Vegetables  
Brownies

### **Friday, April 19th**

#### **Breakfast Buffet**

Coffee and Tea  
Assorted Muffins and Pastries  
Seasonal Whole Fruit  
Scrambled Eggs  
Applewood Smoked Bacon  
Homestyle Grits

#### **Pin Traders Lunch**

Caesar Salad  
Pasta and Meatballs (Separate)  
Chef's Choice of Seasonal Vegetables  
NY Cheesecake  
Water and Iced Tea

### **Saturday, April 20th:**

#### **Breakfast Buffet**

Coffee and Tea  
Assorted Muffins and Pastries  
Seasonal Whole Fruit  
Scrambled Eggs  
Country Sausage  
Breakfast Potatoes

#### **LOVF Lunch**

BBQ Chicken  
Potato Salad  
Pasta Salad  
Coleslaw  
Assorted Cookies (No Nuts)  
Water and Iced Tea

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## State Convention Voting Delegation



MD24 Lions of Virginia  
501 Elm Ave SW  
Roanoke, VA 24016



January 3, 2024

Dear Lions Club Secretary:

Lions Clubs International has made a change to the Voting Delegate formula for Multiple District and International Convention elections.

Effective January 1, 2024 discounted members of a club are not included in the club delegate formula calculation. In order to be considered, the member must pay full dues.

(insert from LCI Board Policy Manual Chapter 17)

h. Discounted Member: A member of this club who pays discounted dues as a result of their family membership status, student status or participation in any other discounted membership program offered by the association who desires to retain membership in this club and meets the qualifications for discounted dues. The membership status shall be verified by the board of directors of this club. A Discounted Member shall have all rights of an Active Member but be eligible to hold office in district or international meetings, but shall pay such dues as the local club may charge, which dues shall include district and international dues. **This membership category shall not be included in the club delegate formula calculation.**

**The discounted member may still be assigned as a voting delegate at both MD24 and LCI conventions.**

The annual MD24 State Convention will be held at the Hyatt Regency Dulles April 18 - 21, 2024. Delegate registration will begin in March. Instructions for registering your Club voting delegates will be provided with registration packages and will be posted on the MD24 and each District website as well as newsletters.

Discounted members may elect to switch to full paying members and will be considered in future delegate formula calculations if the membership change has been in effect for one year and one day from the day that the delegate list is released from Lions Clubs International. (Typically, one month prior to the convention.)

Yours in Lionism,

*Tammie J. Brightwell*

Tammie J. Brightwell  
State Secretary

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## LOVF BBQ Luncheon



*Please join us for our*

# **BBQ Luncheon**

*featuring*

Keynote Speaker

**Renee Gorman**

**“She Believes in Me”**

Noon

Saturday, April 20, 2024

Hyatt Regency Dulles

2300 Dulles Corner Blvd, Herndon, Virginia 20171

**\$30 per person includes annual LOVF pin**

Purchase tickets on State Convention Registration form

**Menu:** *Barbecued Chicken, Potato Salad, Cole Slaw, Pasta Salad, Iced Tea, Cookies*

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## 2024 Lions of Virginia State Convention Service Project

2024 LIONS OF VIRGINIA STATE CONVENTION



Relieving Hunger  
Service Project

Please bring 3 non-perishable food  
items and get a chance for \$50 gift card

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Contact Lion Nante Yu, 24-L Relieving Hunger  
Chair for more information, [nenitayu@comcast.net](mailto:nenitayu@comcast.net)

**TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

**DONATIONS TO BENEFIT "SHE BELIEVES IN ME", HERNDON FOOD PANTRY**



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## Early Childhood Hearing Screening Training

# LIONS OF MD 24

Announcing a  
**New Service Area**

## EARLY CHILDHOOD HEARING SCREENING

Providing Fast and Effective Hearing  
Screening for **Preschool-Age Children**  
in Your Community



*Topics will  
include...*

Understanding OAE  
(Otoacoustic Emissions)  
Technology

Partnering with  
Preschools &  
Daycares

Launching  
Community Education  
& Outreach

SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2024

8:30AM-9:30AM

2024 MD24 State Convention  
Hyatt Regency - Dulles, VA

This Session will be hosted by DG Jean Cook, 24-C. All Lions of VA are encouraged to become a part of this exciting new Service Opportunity for children.

## Candidates for District Office 2024-2025

### **District Governor**

Lion 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor André Peery has been properly endorsed by the Roanoke Valley Breakfast Lions Club. He has served as Club President, First Vice President and Membership Chair.

Lion André has served District 24C as 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governors and as Region 1, Zone 1 Chairperson for two years. He has completed the Virginia Regional Lions Leadership Institute training and the Certification Training to be a Guiding Lion.

Awards Lion André has received are: Melvin Jones Fellowship Award, International Leadership Award and LCIF Presidential Award.

### **First Vice District Governor**

Second Vice District Governor Judy Alford has been properly endorsed by the Christiansburg Lions Club. She has served as Club President, Second Vice President and Secretary.

In the District, Lion Judy has served as Zone Chairperson, Region Chairperson and GST Coordinator. She is currently serving as Secretary for the Lions of Virginia Foundation (LOVF).

### **Second Vice District Governor**

Lion Babette (Babs) Newman has been properly endorsed by the Cave Spring Lions Club. She has served as Club President, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, member of the Board of Directors, Vision Chair and Service Chair.

On the District level, Lion Babs has served as Liaison for JDRF Walk since 2016, Chair of Family and Women in Lions (2016-2023), Diabetes Awareness Chair (2017 – Present) and currently as Zone Chair for Region 1 Zone 3.

On the State level, Lion Babs has served on the Lions of Virginia Board of Directors as a District Governor Appointee. She has been State Chair for Family and Women in Lions and Diabetes Awareness. Lion Babs has completed the Lions University Doctorate program and is a Certified Guiding Lion and a Certified Vision Screener.

# Constitution and By-Laws Proposals

## Constitution and By-Laws Proposals Require 2/3 Vote

### Order of Presentation

#### Constitution

1. **Article VI - Officers and Council of Governors**  
**Section 1 - Composition - Page 8**  
**Proposed and submitted by Montclair Lions Club**  
**MD 24 Council of Governors Neutral**
  
2. **Article VII - State Convention**  
**Section 2 - Future Annual State Convention - Page 10**  
**Proposed and submitted by MD 24 Council of Governors**
  
3. **Article VIII - Elections**  
**Section 3 - Club Delegate Formula - Page 14**  
**(d) Delinquent Dues**  
**Proposed and submitted by MD 24 Constitution & By-Laws Committee**  
**Endorsed by MD 24 Council of Governors**

#### By-Laws

4. **Article II - Appointment of Council Chairperson**  
**Section 1 - Council Chairperson Selection - Page 21**  
**(b) Process of selection**  
**Proposed and submitted by MD 24 Constitution and By-Laws Committee**  
**MD 24 Council of Governors does not endorse this proposal**
  
5. **Article IV - Multiple District Committees**  
**Section 2 - State Convention Committee - Page 24**  
**(a) State Convention Chairperson**  
**Proposed and submitted by MD 24 Constitution and By-Laws Committee**  
**MD 24 Council of Governors does not endorse this proposal**
  
6. **Article X - Amendments**  
**Section 1 - Amending Procedure - Page 29**  
**Proposed and submitted by the MD 24 Council of Governors**  
**Endorsed by MD 24 Council of Governors**

# Constitution and By-Laws Proposals Continued

**Proposed Amendment to the MD24 Constitution and By Laws – Requires 2/3 Vote**

**Constitution**

**Proposed Amendment #1**

**Article VI Section 1 Page 8**

**Proposed and Submitted by the Montclair Lions Club**

**MD 24 Council of Governors Neutral**

**Vice District Governors as Permanent Members of the COG**

## **Currently Reads:**

MD 24 Constitution,

Article VI – Officers and Council of Governors

Section 1 - Composition. "There shall be a Council of Governors composed of all the districts governors in the multiple district and shall include one current or past district governor who shall serve as Council Chairperson."

## **Changed to Read:**

MD 24 Constitution,

Article VI – Officers and Council of Governors

Section 1 - Composition. "There shall be a Council of Governors composed of all the districts governors in the multiple districts and shall include one current or past district governor who shall serve as Council Chairperson. **The current 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governors shall be included as non-voting members and entitled to observe all deliberations and information exchanges of the COG and entitled to review and retain all documentation made available to the COG.**"

## **Rationale:**

Ensuring the training of the future District Governors is an important task and opportunity for the Multiple District Council of Governors (COG). Additionally, decisions and activities of the Council of Governors affect not only their current year but can have lasting effects on their successors. Insights into those discussions and decisions is an important tool to the future district leaders. Furthermore, the International Constitution and By Laws provides "the multiple districts, by provision in its constitution and by-laws, to include certain other Lions as members of the Council of Governors." LCI Bylaws, Article XIII, Section 4 (By Laws, pg. 30) allows the inclusion of PDG, PID, PIP, PIVP as members of the COG. Finally, current procedures allow the sitting COG to determine the level of participation (prohibit, limit, or allow the inclusion) of the Vice District Governors on an annually determined basis.



# Constitution and By-Laws Proposals Continued

## Proposed Amendment to the MD24 Constitution and By Laws – Requires 2/3 Vote

### Constitution Proposed Amendment #2

#### Article VII State Convention - Section 2 - Page 10

#### Proposed and Submitted by the MD 24 Council of Governors

#### Currently Reads:

MD 24 Constitution

Article VII - State Convention

Section 2 - **FUTURE ANNUAL STATE CONVENTION.** The location of the Annual State Convention four (4) years thence shall be recommended by a vote of accredited delegates before the close of each Annual State Convention. Sub-Districts L, C and I will alternate hosting annual MD24 State Convention, with each Sub District to host one annual convention, and with the understanding that any Sub District may decline hosting a convention and the convention will be hosted by the Sub District next in line. At the following Annual State Convention, the Council of Governors shall approve the recommendation and designate the site for the following State Convention. If such time and place so designated shall become unavailable, for any reason, the Council of Governors shall re-designate a site and/or a new date.

**Change to read: FUTURE ANNUAL STATE CONVENTION.** The location of the Annual State Convention ~~four (4)~~ **two (2) years** thence shall be recommended by a vote of accredited delegates before the close of each Annual State Convention. Sub-Districts L, C and I will alternate hosting annual MD24 State Convention, with each Sub District to host one annual convention, and with the understanding that any Sub District may decline hosting a convention and the convention will be hosted by the Sub District next in line. At the following Annual State Convention, the Council of Governors shall approve the recommendation and designate the site for the following State Convention. If such time and place so designated shall become unavailable, for any reason, the Council of Governors shall re-designate a site and/or a new date.

#### Rationale:

Timeliness and the ability to negotiate acceptable contracts is more difficult with 4 years before the event. Many venues are reluctant to negotiate that far out. Moving this to two years would increase responsiveness for Convention planning.

# Constitution and By-Laws Proposals Continued

**Proposed Amendment to the MD24 Constitution and By Laws – Requires 2/3 Vote**

**Constitution  
Proposed Amendment #3**

**Proposed and Submitted by the MD 24 Constitution and By Laws Committee**

**Endorsed by the MD24 Council of Governors**

**Article VIII Section 3 Page 14**

**Clubs Not in Good Standing**

**Currently Reads:**

MD 24 Constitution

Article VIII – Elections

Section 3 – Club Delegate Formula

(d) Delinquent dues may be paid and good standing acquired up to fifteen (15) days prior to the close of credential certification, as such closing time shall be established by the rules of the respective convention.

**Change to Read:**

MD 24 Constitution

Article VIII – Elections

Section 3 – Club Delegate Formula

(d) **Clubs determined to be “not in good standing” may not have delegates on the floor nor be allowed to cast votes for any item before the Convention.** Delinquent dues may be paid and good standing acquired up to fifteen (15) days prior to the close of credential certification, as such closing time shall be established by the rules of the respective convention.

**Rationale:**

To align with LCI, any club not in good standing may not field delegates nor vote on any issue before the general membership

# Constitution and By-Laws Proposals Continued

**Proposed Amendment to the MD24 Constitution and By Laws – Requires 2/3 Vote**

**By Laws  
Proposed Amendment #4  
Article II Section 1 Page 21**

**Proposed and Submitted by the MD 24 Constitution and By-Laws Committee**

**MD 24 Council of Governors does not endorse this proposal**

**Council Chair Election Process**

**Currently Reads:**

MD 24 By-Laws

**ARTICLE II – APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON**

**Section 1. COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON SELECTION**

(b) The process by which the selection shall be made is:

(iv) A meeting of the district governors of the multiple district who will be in office during the term of the council chairperson appointed shall be called at the Council meeting most immediately preceding the Annual State Convention, the First Vice District Governors shall meet in executive session with the sitting Council Chairperson as facilitator.

**Change to Read:**

MD 24 By Laws,

Article II – Appointment of Council Chair

Section 1 – Council Chair Selection

(b) – The process by which the selection is made

(iv) **The council chairperson, shall be appointed by the District Governors of the multiple district provided that such chairperson shall be a current or past district governor when they take office. The council chairperson shall serve for a one-year term only and cannot serve in that capacity again. A meeting of the district governors of the multiple district who will be in office during the term of the council chairperson appointed shall be called following the multiple district annual convention, but no later than 30 days following the closing of the International Convention for the purpose of selecting a council chairperson. It shall be the duty of the attendees at this meeting to appoint a club member in good standing in a club in good standing in the multiple district as the council chairperson.**

**Rationale:**

This proposed amendment would align Multiple District 24 with LCI with regard to Council Chair selection as identified in the Standard Multiple District Constitution and By Laws.

# Constitution and By-Laws Proposals Continued

**Proposed Amendment to the MD24 Constitution and By Laws – Requires 2/3 Vote**

**By Laws**

**Proposed Amendment #5**

**Article IV Section 2 Page 24**

**Proposed and Submitted by the MD 24 Constitution and By Laws Committee**

**MD 24 Council of Governors does not endorse this proposal**

**Annual State Convention Chairperson**

**Currently Reads:**

MD 24 By Laws,

Article IV – Multiple District Committees

Section 2 – State Convention Committee

(a) State Convention Chairperson - The Council of Governors shall appoint a State Convention Chairman whose term of office shall be from the conclusion of the first meeting of the Council of Governors from within the State to the conclusion of the next following first meeting of the Council of Governors within the State. The Chairman shall be from the District in which the State Convention shall be held. In the event of a vacancy in the position, the Council of Governors shall fill such vacancy at its next regular or special meeting.

**Change to Read:**

MD 24 By Laws,

Article IV – Multiple District Committees

Section 2 – State Convention Committee

(a) – State Convention Chairperson - The Council of Governors shall appoint a State Convention Chairman whose term of office shall be from the conclusion of the first meeting of the Council of Governors from within the State to the conclusion of the next following first meeting of the Council of Governors within the State. The Chairman shall be from the district in which the State Convention shall be held **but will not be a member of the Council of Governors nor a member of the State Convention Host Club.** In the event of a vacancy in the position, the Council of Governors shall fill such vacancy at its next regular or special meeting.

**Rationale:**

Non-profits are charged with ensuring no conflicts of interest exist. A member of the Council of Governors (DG or CC) whose Lions Club is serving as State Convention Host Club has a financial stake in items in which they are asked to vote on. A member of the Council of Governors (DG or CC) also serving as the State Convention Chairperson or in the State Convention Host Club presents a clear conflict of interest.



# Constitution and By-Laws Proposals Continued

## Proposed Amendment to the MD24 By Laws – Requires 2/3 Vote

### By Laws

### Proposed Amendment #6

### Article X Page 29

## Proposed and Submitted by the MD 24 Council of Governors (COG)

### Endorsed by MD 24 Council of Governors

### By Laws Amendment Approval

#### Currently Reads:

MD 24 By Laws

#### ARTICLE X – AMENDMENTS

Section 1. AMENDING PROCEDURE. These By Laws may be amended only at a multiple district convention, by resolution reported by the Convention Committee on Constitution and By-Laws and adopted by the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the majority of the delegates present in person, registered, and voting on any question shall be the act of the convention of the delegates.

#### Change to Read:

MD 24 By Laws

#### ARTICLE X – AMENDMENTS

Section 1. AMENDING PROCEDURE. These By Laws may be amended only at a multiple district convention, by resolution reported by the Convention Committee on Constitution and By-Laws and adopted by the affirmative vote of a **majority of the delegates present in person**, registered, and voting on any question shall be the act of the convention of the delegates.

#### Rationale:

LCI C&BL requires a simple majority to approve amendments to the By Laws. Approving this proposed amendment will align MD24 with LCI.

# Constitution and By-Laws Proposals Continued

## Administrative Changes to MD 24 Constitution and By- Laws

**Administrative changes to the MD 24 Constitution and By-Laws are allowed to correct errors and to update changes required by Lions Club International.**

**Four (4) administrative corrections are being made to the MD 24 Constitution and By-Laws which do not require a vote from convention delegates. For transparency the information is being shared at this time.**

**Future corrections made to our governing document will be posted to the MD 24 Lions of Virginia website - State and International Forms and Publications page. Please refer to Record of Changes document.**

### **1. Constitution - Article VII - Elections - Section 3 Club Delegate Formula**

Change - Insert paragraph prior to subsection (a)

Discounted Member: A member of this club who pays discounted dues as a result of their family membership status, student status or participation in any other discounted membership program offered by the association who desires to retain membership in this club and meets the qualifications for discounted dues. The membership status shall be verified by the board of directors of this club. A Discounted Member shall be eligible to hold office in district or international meetings, but shall pay such 52 dues as the local club may charge, which dues shall include district and international dues. This membership category shall not be included in the club delegate formula calculation.

Reason for change - required by LCI Board of Directors - mandatory change effective January 1, 2024.

### **2. Constitution - Article IX - Financial Accounting - Section 1 Per Capita Tax**

Change - Insert Student Dues prior to subsection (a)

For student membership programs as adopted by the International Board of Directors, eligible student members shall pay a per capita annual tax equal to one-half (1/2) of the total amount of dues as provided in sub-section (a) above with disbursement to also be one-half (1/2) of designation for full membership dues.

Reason for change - This section was inadvertently left out of the MD 24 Constitution and By-Laws adopted at the 100<sup>th</sup> annual MD24 State Convention April 2023.

# Constitution and By-Laws Proposals Continued

## 3. Constitution - Beginning Page 15 - 19

Due to error duplicating Article Vii on pages 11 and 15, beginning with page 15 all Articles will be renumbered. The index on pages 2 - 3 will reflect changes.

Reason for change - Cannot have duplicate Article numbers.

## 4. By-Laws - Article II - Appointment of Council Chairperson - Section 1 (a) (i) page 21

**Currently reads:** A candidate for the Council Chairperson position must be an active member in good standing and a Past District Governor when he takes office.

**Change to read:** A candidate for the Council Chairperson position must be an active member in good standing and current or Past District Governor when he takes office.

Reason for change - current subsection directly contradicts page 21 Article II - Appointment of Council Chairperson.

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## RLLI 2024

**On March 1-3, 2024 29 Lions and 1 Leo gathered in Charlottesville for the 2024 edition of the Regional Lions Leadership Institute. The class was full for the first time in many years. The last RLLI was in 2022 in Roanoke, VA. Our district had the only Leo in attendance and she held her own and got everyone's attention. Leo Paige Wills of the Wytheville Leo Club along with her father, MD 24 State Leo Chair Lion Jim Wills, were both in attendance along with a host of Lions from across the Commonwealth of Virginia.**

**The Institute was a great success and we are looking forward to our next RLLI 2025, which has been preliminarily scheduled for Feb 28, 2025 through March 2, 2025.**

**More information will be forthcoming as we continue the planning for this event. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact PCC Lion Marty Alford at 540-392-1453 or email at [marty.alford1960@gmail.com](mailto:marty.alford1960@gmail.com)**





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## Virtual Leadership Discussion/Forum

Lions from across the state are invited to attend a virtual discussion on Lions Leadership on Saturday May 18, 2024 starting at 1:30 p.m. and finishing up by 3:30 p.m.

We want to focus on all club officers and Lions looking to become club officers. We will be working on registrations for the event by calling or emailing PCC Lion Marty Alford at 540-392-1453 or email at [marty.alford1960@gmail.com](mailto:marty.alford1960@gmail.com).

Spread the news to all club presidents, vice presidents, secretaries, treasurers, and membership chairs. We will be discussing strategies to help grow our clubs and increase our impact in our respective communities. Join us if you can.

### Join Zoom Meeting

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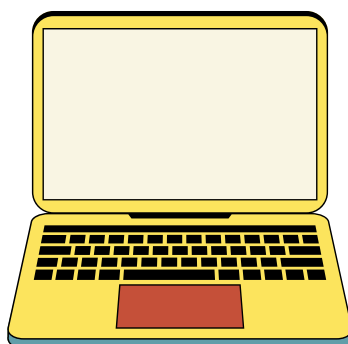
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For those who don't have internet access, you can join by phone

Dial by your location • [+1 301 715 8592](tel:+13017158592) US (Washington DC)

Meeting ID: 872 1388 5979

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# LCIF Raffle Information

**LIONS DISTRICT 24C CHARITY FOUNDATION**

**RAFFLE TO SUPPORT LCIF**

**FIRST PRIZE - \$1,000**

**2<sup>nd</sup> PRIZE - \$500**

**3<sup>RD</sup> 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](mailto: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**

APRIL 2024

# Lions District 24C Fighting Hunger Day

## Lions District 24C Fighting Hunger Day

**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](mailto: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](mailto:facarroll61@gmail.com);

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

## MD24 Service Projects

Please enter your service projects in LCI ([lionsclubs.org](https://lionsclubs.org)).

Reporting is vital to the success of our local Lions clubs, districts, and international. LCI reviews the activities of the clubs and districts requesting financial assistance and uses this information for determining eligibility for grants. If you need help entering activities, please contact Lion Joel Lytton, District 24C administrator ([jclytton@gmail.com](mailto:jclytton@gmail.com)). Please consider participating in the MD 24 State-wide environmental projects.



Districts 24L, C, and I are supporting International President, Dr. Patti Hill's environmental initiative by participating in two State-wide environmental projects. The first project is the NexTrex recycling program, which will run through June 2024. We are collecting soft plastics (see website below for details). After 1,000 pounds are collected NexTrex donates a bench to your community. For more information visit the Nextrex site: [www.nextrex.com](http://www.nextrex.com)

The second project is a Spring tree planting. Clubs can choose to do tree planting or buy seedlings/saplings for area residents and other organizations to plant. We will share more information on this project in the Spring.

We are asking all clubs to participate in these important projects. The plastics recycling project may result in your club receiving a bench and will help get the plastics out of our environment.

Please post pictures on social media platforms of your club participating in these projects and use [#lionsgogreen](#). International President, Dr. Patti Hill will see these posts when using the hashtag.



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# District 24C Pediatric Cancer Project Update

GET READY TO ROAR – ONLY **\$2,899.30** TO GO!

Our deadline is drawing near – help our District surpass the goal!

A matching grant will be requested for whatever total amount is raised by our application deadline, May 1<sup>st</sup>. You still have time to participate in this magnificent project that touches young children experiencing childhood cancer throughout our ENTIRE district. If your club and/or club members and friends haven't contributed, please consider a donation. Every dollar will be matched with equal value. The more we raise, the more we can support the children.

Thank you for considering a gift - Your gift will assure D24C's success.

Yours in Lionism and Service,  
D24C Pediatric Cancer Committee



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# JDRF One-Walk

The JDRF One-Walk will be held Sunday, April 14 at the Salem Red Sox Baseball Stadium. Our District sponsors the Rest Stops, the Lions Kids Korner, and any additional volunteers as needed.

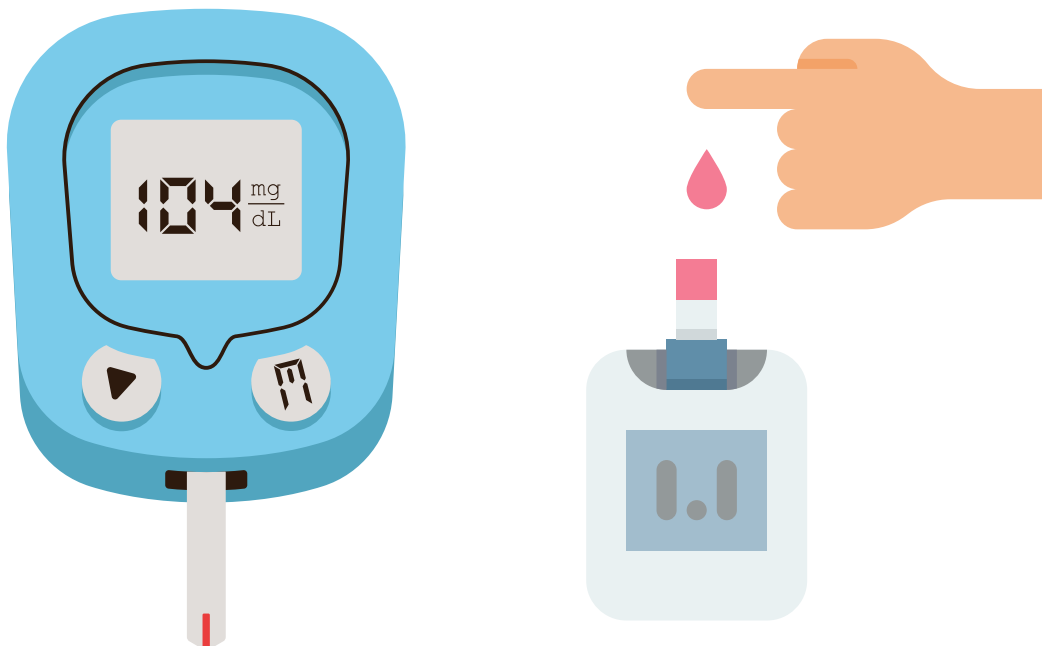
There is still a need for 3 to 4 Lions to volunteer to serve at a Rest Stop. This can be individual Lions or Lions representing their club. At the Rest Stops you will be handing out snacks and water.

You would need to arrive by 2:30. The Walk begins at 3:00. You will be done by 4:00.

This is a great way to achieve service in one of our key areas: Diabetes Awareness and to serve our Community in a way that showcases Lions.

Any Lion that can help, please contact Lion Babette Newman:

[lionbabette@gmail.com](mailto:lionbabette@gmail.com)



APRIL 2024

# Richlands Lions Club Golf Tournament

Mark Your Calendar Now!



## Richlands Lions Club

4<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament

Thursday, May 16, 2024

1:00p.m. Shot Gun Start

Tazewell County Country Club

# ATTENTION!

**Take Advantage of these Sponsorship Opportunities**

Recognition on Program

Tournament Sponsor

Hole Sponsor

Golf Cart Sponsor

Gift Bag Items for each Golfer

Door Prizes during Dinner and Award Ceremony

For more information contact Rod Moore, Tournament Chairman by:

TEXT: (276) 701-5285 CALL: (276) 963-9538 Email: [Roderick.moore65@gmail.com](mailto:Roderick.moore65@gmail.com)

Proceeds benefit Richlands Lions Club Community Projects

APRIL 2024

# Richlands Lions Club Golf Tournament



**Richlands Lions Club  
4<sup>th</sup> Annual Benefit Golf Tournament  
Tazewell County Country Club  
May 16, 2024  
1:00 p.m.  
In Memory of Lion James Pruitt**

In planning for the Richlands Lions Club, 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Benefit Golf Tournament in memory of Lion James Pruitt we are requesting your support. As you know, the Lions Club is involved in numerous community projects such as hunger relief, sight prevention, hearing test and aids, diabetes education and conservation. These are a few focus areas of the Lions Club International signature missions. The Richlands Lions Club priorities, in addition to the International missions, just to name a few are the Good Samaritan Food Pantry, the greater Richlands area schools, the revitalization of community projects and Citizens for the Arts.

The Golf Tournament will take place on Thursday, May 16, 2024 at the Tazewell County Country Club starting at 1:00 p.m. followed by the Awards Ceremony and Dinner with recognition of all the supporters.

The Richlands Lions Club mission is to assist in combating hunger by partnering with the Good Samaritan Food Pantry to help "STOCK THEIR SHELVES". This campaign asks each golfer to donate 5 non-perishable food items or contribute \$5.00 per ticket or 3 for \$10. A prize drawing will take place during the Awards Ceremony and Dinner for the lucky winner. For more information check out the Good Samaritan Food Pantry Video Link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T-7ZF3R8iSc>

We look forward to a favorable request, in response to the different levels of opportunities the Richlands Lions Club Benefit Golf Tournament has to offer.

Please enclose the attached form and make your check payable to: The Richlands Lions Club and mail to: 960 McGuire Valley Road, Cedar Bluff, VA 24609

Thank you for your continued support of the Richlands Lions Club.

Barry Alley, President  
Rod Moore, Golf Tournament Director  
John Knowles, Treasurer

Doug Branton, Secretary



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# Richlands Lions Club Golf Tournament

**Richlands Lions Club**  
4th Annual Benefit Golf Tournament  
May 16, 2024



***In Memory of Lion James Pruitt***

Benefiting Richlands Lions Club Projects, Sight, Hearing, Diabetes Conservation, Prosthetic Legs  
Good Samaritan Food Pantry, Richlands High School and SWCC Scholarships

Good Samaritan Food Pantry Partnership to Help Stock the Shelves  
Chance to win a door prize with 5 non-perishable food items or \$ 5.00 per ticket 3 for \$10.00

**Date**  
Thursday, May 16, 2024

### Registration Form

**Place**  
Tazewell County Country Club  
7351 Pounding Mill Branch Road  
Pounding Mill, VA 24637

**Time**  
Check-in Noon  
Shotgun Start 1:00 PM

**Fees**  
\$50 per person  
4 Person Captains Choice

**Questions**  
Phone: 276-701-5285 cell  
276-963-9538  
Email: roderick.moore65@gmail.com

**Sponsors (check one)**  
**Tournament Sponsor \$500 (includes four participants)**  
**Hole Sponsor \$250 (includes two participants)**  
**Cart Sponsor \$100 (includes one participant)**

Completed Form and Check Are Due By May 10, 2024

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

**Prizes:**  
*Closest to the Pin*  
*Hole In One*  
*Most Accurate Drive*  
*Green O*  
*Trash will be available*  
*to Purchase*  
*Tournament Logo Hat*  
*and Towel*  
*Door Prizes & Drawings*  
*Dinner & Awards*

### Register You Team Today

Player 1 Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Player 2 Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Player 3 Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Player 4 Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return with entry fee by May 10, 2024 to:**

Rod Moore, Tournament Chair  
960 McGuire Valley Road  
Cedar Bluff, VA 24609  
Phone: 276-701-5285 or Email: roderick.moore65@gmail.com

## Buchanan Lions Club News

On Saturday, February 24, the Buchanan Lions held a "Friends and Family" Dinner, and managed to surprise Lion Pat Jasper, with a Melvin Jones Fellowship award. Lion Judy Alford, 2nd Vice District Governor, of MD 24-C Lions, Roanoke area joined us to give her the award. The Melvin Jones Fellowship is named for Melvin Jones, the founder of Lions Clubs International. As a Melvin Jones Fellow, Lion Pat's name has been added to the LCIF (Lions Club International Fellowship) room at the International headquarters in Oak Brook, IL. This award represents her dedication to humanitarian service.

Patricia Nirk Jasper (Pat) was born and raised in Iowa. She went to school there and graduated from Morningside College with a teaching degree. She met her husband Gail in Germany while teaching on a military base. They were married in West Virginia where Gail had grown up. After his military discharge they moved to Buchanan to live in the family home that Pat currently lives in. Pat taught at Cloverdale Elementary, Buchanan Elementary, and science at Central Academy Middle School. While teaching she received her master's degree from Virginia Tech.

Lion Pat is a longtime member of the Buchanan Lions Club, serving in the capacity of President for 7 years. With the Lions Club she has volunteered with, among others, James River Water testing, The Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center, Carillion Children's Cancer Center, and Solomon's Mission events and projects. Beyond the Buchanan Lions, she is active in many areas locally with her passion for community service. She is an active member of Buchanan Presbyterian Church where she sings in the choir, as well as being involved in their Food Pantry program. Pat is a member of the Buchanan Friends of the Library and the Friends book club. She is well known for working at the Town Carnival, cooking hotdogs each summer. She is an active member and past president of the Town Improvement Society. she is an asset to our community.

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## Buchanan Lions Club News Continued

In the picture is Buchanan Lion president Tim Heinlein, Lion Pat Jasper, and Lion Judy Alford.



## Galax Lions Club News

On March 13th Galax Lions Club proudly added two new members to the Pride. Region 4, Zone 3 Chairperson Lion Danny Miller officiated.

Left photo, New Lion Elaine Rector with Lion Danny Miller  
Right photo, New Lion Bruce Rector with Lion Danny Miller

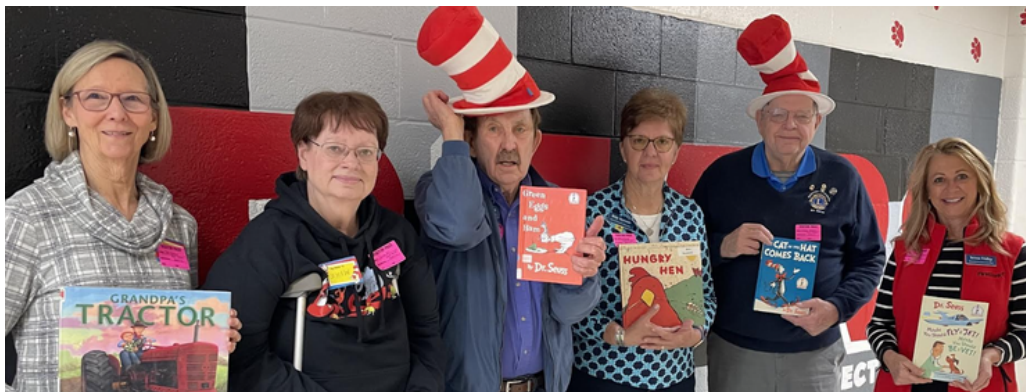
Welcome aboard Lions Bruce and Elaine!



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## Daleville Fincastle Lions Club News

On March 4th, the Daleville Fincastle Lions participated in the annual Read Across America Day which is always on or near Dr. Suess's Birthday. This year they read to the children at Breckinridge Elementary School. The Lions always say, "We have more fun than the children". Participating in this "fun" service project were from left to right: Teri Walker, Linda All, Lowell Skelton, Betty Reynolds, Mike Jackson and Teresa Fridley.



On March 2nd, the Daleville Fincastle Lions held their 5th annual James A. Bland Memorial Music Contest at The Glebe. This year, the following eight (8) contestants participated: Moriah Bremner, Piano; Seth Lee, Piano, Eva Campbell, Piano; Emery Maxson, Vocalist; Josh Miao, Violin; Beau Lee, Violin; Annelise Campbell, Piano and Jousha Miner, Piano. First Place Winners, Emery Maxson, Vocalist, and Joshua Miner, Instrumentalist, are shown above with Daleville Fincastle Lions President Lowell Skelton (on left) and Lion Jim Reynolds who was the Bland Music Event Emcee. Emery and Joshua will advance to the Lions District 24-C Semi-District Contest in Roanoke on Sunday, March 10th.





# Pound Lions Club News

## Weekend Food Bags for Students at JW Adams Combined School

Two of our members assisted with purchase, preparation, and /or delivery of 100 bags that contained food for students who attend JW Adams Combined School. This is a monthly project of First Presbyterian Church of Pound. The church provided the funds. A member of the church who is also a Lion ordered the supplies and picked them up. Members of the church and a Lions Club member prepared the food supplies, so that after church service the supplies could be bagged and readied for delivery to school the following Thursday. Students were given their food bags on Friday to take home for the weekend.



## Plastic Recycling Project

The Club has an ongoing project of collecting plastic for recycling and periodically delivering it to Food City where it is then sent to a recycling facility. On February 8, three Club members delivered over 140 pounds of plastic. Club members, as well as others in the community leave plastic at an area adjacent to the Food Bank. The plastic is weighed, and when 1000 pounds have been delivered, the Club receives a Trex bench made using recycled plastic. A plaque is attached, identifying the Club, and the bench is placed at a location in Pound. Nine benches have already been earned, and hundreds of pounds of plastic taken out of the environment.



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# Pound Lions Club News Continued

## Bland Music Scholarship Competition

Cantrell Hall on the campus of UVA Wise was the site for the local Bland Music Scholarship Competition on Saturday, March 3rd. Five instrumentalists and three vocalists competed in the local portion of the contest sponsored by the Pound Lions Club. Students from Central High School, Union Primary School, Ridgeview High School, Norton Elementary School, LF Addington Middle School, and St. Paul Elementary School participated. First place winner in the instrumental category, playing the violin, was Adelyn Harper Bledsoe, a 4th grader from Union Primary. She is the daughter of Jordan and Kelli Bledsoe. Second place winner was Moses Cyphers, an 8th grader from Norton Elementary, performed a selection on the piano. Moses is the son of Vanessa and Russell Cyphers. First place winner in the vocal category was Andrew Mullins, son of Erin Mullins, and a junior at Central High. Second place was Taylor Wolford, a sophomore also from Central. Taylor is the daughter of Rebecca Railing.



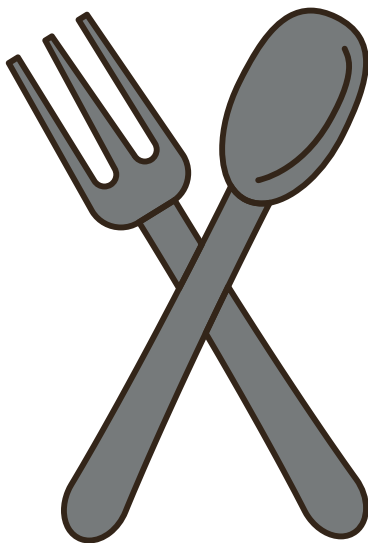
Pictured left to right: Braxton Cyphers, Moses, Cyphers, Brayden Hillyer, Hannah Coffey, Taylor Wolford, Andrew Mullins, Brennan Sorah, and Adelyn Bledsoe. Congratulations to all participants on their accomplishments and talents. We would like to thank the judges, UVA Wise, Mr. Peter Ryan, and all those who came to support the students. Winners will advance to Emory and Henry for the regional competition on March 24.

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# Pound Lions Club News Continued

## Food Bank Activity for February

The president of the Pound Lions Club (Charlene Shortt) is the director of the local food bank. Four other Lions are volunteers at the center. In addition to boxing the food and distributing it, several volunteers must go to the local distribution center, load the food, bring it back to the food bank, unload the items, and place the food in designated areas. The director also orders additional items from Food City and the local IGA that have to be delivered and unloaded at the food bank by other volunteers. The food bank is open every Thursday.



# Appalachia Club News

On February 20th, our club distributed 60 food boxes to the needy in our community. We had 4 volunteers with 16 volunteer hours.

On March 5th, we had 2 volunteers distribute 60 food boxes with 10 volunteer hours.

On March 12th, we had 3 members volunteer at the Appalachia First Baptist Church to help Appalachian Community Action & Development Agency, Inc. (AppCAA) distribute diapers and food to mothers with young children. We have members that volunteer for this on the second Tuesday of each month.

For the month of February, the president of our club, Ben Hooper, who owns a bread truck and delivers for Flowers Foods, has donated over 2 thousand dollars worth of bread and other baked goods to our club to distribute to the needy in our community.



**Children/Family  
Programs**



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# Wytheville Club News

At our March 19 meeting we were pleased to induct the members of our new Leo Club. They have hit the road running with four service projects underway. We look forward to having the extra help at the Lions Club Carnival in July. We also inducted five new Lions as well.



The Wytheville Lions helped support the Coldest Night of the Year walk sponsored by Wytheville's Open Door Community. This was one of many walks across the nation to raise funds in support of homelessness.



Congratulations to Charlotte Simmons for winning the local Lions Peace Poster contest. Here she accepts the awards with her parents Ernie and Erin Simmons.



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## Wytheville Club News Continued

**Lindsey Richard, AUD, CCC-A from the Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind came to the Wytheville Meeting Center to discuss ways of screening for hearing loss in children ages 1 to 5. Eight Lions Clubs from Southwest Virginia were represented at the training session which included a practice session using one of the latest Otoacoustic Emissions (OAE) testing devices. These devices will allow the Lions to expand their childhood hearing screening already performed in schools to include Day Care, Head Start, and Preschool students as early as this Fall.**



**Wytheville Lion's are collecting light weight plastic film packaging to be recycled by the Trex company, famous for their polymer decking. Trex will donate a bench to any group that collects 1,000 pounds of the material by the end of 2024. Learn more at [Trex.com/recycling](https://www.trex.com/recycling).**





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## Wytheville Club News Continued

The Wytheville Lions have been working in support of the NRV chapter of Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP). SHP provides beds to children in need. The beds are built by volunteers at events organized by the group funded by local supporters. Here (Left) Lion Don Alexander helps measure lumber with a jig he made for the occasion. (Right) Forty beds made today ready for their new homes. SHP has groups all across Virginia and the nation. Learn more at [shpbeds.org](http://shpbeds.org)



# Communication Plan

In order to streamline the Communication process, the Communications Team is asking that the following submission guidelines be adhered to when requesting notification to the Cabinet, Club Officers, and Lions Members:

**1. Governor's Update** - If you wish to have a communication sent out for immediate attention, please send to the District Governor and a copy to Lion Joel Lytton, Cabinet Secretary by 5 p.m. each Monday. The Governor will then review the report and Lion Joel will send to Lions on Wednesday or Thursday that week.

**Submit to:**

**DG Jean Cook:** [cookjean548@gmail.com](mailto:cookjean548@gmail.com)

**Lion Joel Lytton:** [jclytton@gmail.com](mailto:jclytton@gmail.com)

**2. District 24-C Dispatch** will be sent to ALL Lions on the 2nd and 4th week of the month. This email publication is to keep Lions informed of time sensitive events and activities that they would possibly be interested in. This publication is NOT for club pictures and articles.

**Submit to:** 1VDG Andre Peery, [Apeerystar@gmail.com](mailto:Apeerystar@gmail.com)

**3. District 24-C Newsletter, "Lions Roaring Pride,"** will be published by the first of each month. Submissions need to be sent to Lion Mandy by the 15th of each month. This publication is for your club to show off your Lions' PRIDE with pictures and articles, etc.

**Submit to:** Lion Mandy Barrett, [lions24cnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:lions24cnewsletter@gmail.com)

By following these guidelines, the Communication Team is hoping to help facilitate and organize the process of the District 24-C communication system. If you have questions, please let me know.

**Your immediate cooperation will be greatly appreciated on this matter!!!**