



Lions District 24C Service Committees

District 24C Service Chair: 2nd VDG Babette Newman

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Diabetes Committee Chair: 2nd VDG Lion Babs Newman
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Lions Clubs International states, "Lions with the support of Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), are working to reduce the prevalence of diabetes and improve the lives of those living with diabetes." Lions Clubs International and LCIF are dedicated to empowering Lions and Leos around the world to fight diabetes by serving their communities one by one." Our local district strives to support this mission by participating in the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) Greater Blue Ridge One Walk and Camp Too Sweet (weeklong camp for children with diabetes).

Environment Committee Chair: Lion Adam Ben Hooper (inmanjack4@yahoo.com)

Lions Clubs International States, "Lions and Leos are working to protect the environment to create healthier communities and a more sustainable world." Our local district supports this mission by participating in adopt a highway projects, planting trees, community gardens, and various types of recycling projects.

Hunger Committee Chair: Lion J. T. Johnson Jr. (cardude1@cox.net)

Lions Clubs International states, "Lions and Leos serve to improve human flourishing, and we see how the global hunger and nutrition crisis bears upon our local communities. We believe community improvement depends on the thriving of its members." Our local district consistently looks for ways to support hunger initiatives in our local communities such as helping feed community members at local food banks, community kitchens, meals-on-wheels, backpack programs, etc. It is our goal to make sure those in need receive assistance.

Childhood Cancer Committee Chair: Lion Kay Ford (kay1966mshs@yahoo.com)

Lions Clubs International states, “Lions and Leos, with the support of Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), provide for the needs of children and families affected by childhood cancer through impactful service activities.”

The main project for our local district is supporting the Carilion Pediatric Cancer Center in Roanoke by providing birthday celebrations for patients and supporting patients and their families from Southwest Virginia. We are currently working on grants that will help provide a waiting room at the new cancer center in Roanoke.

Vision and Hearing Committee Chair: Lion Tammie Brightwell (lionva@verizon.net)

Helen Keller gave the charge to Lions in 1925 to become advocates for the blind and visually impaired. We are proud to continue this mission by providing eye examinations and glasses to those in need in our communities. We support the Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center of Roanoke Virginia, which collects used eyeglasses and volunteers wash and sterilize glasses, determine the prescription, and prepare eyeglasses for distribution. Eyeglasses are shipped all over the world. Eyeglasses classified as Readers can be shipped to locations in the United States. Local Lions are trained for using the SPOT machine, which is used to screen pre-school through high school children. This tool is vital to detecting early vision and eye issues. In addition, we are providing assistance for those in need by purchasing hearing aids and doing hearing testing in schools. Currently, we are working to expand our abilities to screen preschool children to help in the detection of late-onset hearing loss and working to educate our communities of hearing issues with children.

Zone chairs should promote all projects. Clubs can support all service projects or just one!

Encourage service events with fundraisers. Not all service projects require money! Most projects involve actual hands on service (trash pick-up, sight screening, eyeglass collections, etc.)

Lions Service Project Focus by Month

| July | August | September |
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| <p>July 1 begins a new Lions Year! Start your Service Journey and share the resources in the Service Toolkit with your club.</p> | <p>August 12 is <i>International Youth Day</i>. Visit our Youth webpage for service ideas, including the LCIF Lions Quest program.</p> | <p>The second week in September is time to <i>#CelebrateCommunity</i> and serve with a Kiwanis, Optimist or Rotary club in your area.</p> |
| October | November | December |
| <p>The second Thursday in October is <i>World Sight Day</i>. Start on our Vision webpage to find service ideas, planning tools and LCIF grant opportunities.</p> | <p>November 14 is <i>World Diabetes Day</i>. Visit our Diabetes webpage to learn how your club can help fight this global epidemic.</p> | <p>December 5 is <i>International Leo Day</i>. Partner with your Leo club on a service project or start a new Leo club.</p> |
| January | February | March |
| <p>Sponsor a Peace Poster and Peace Essay contest inspire youths' visions of peace. Kits go on sale January 15.</p> | <p>February 15 is <i>Childhood Cancer Day</i>. Our Childhood Cancer webpage includes service ideas and LCIF grant opportunities to help affected families.</p> | <p><i>Lions Day with the United Nations</i> was first held in March 1978. Plan an advocacy activity to help make positive change.</p> |
| April | May | June |
| <p>April 22 is <i>Earth Day</i>. Find service ideas and LCIF grant opportunities to protect and restore the environment on our Environment webpage.</p> | <p>May 28 is <i>World Hunger Day</i>. Our Hunger webpage provides ideas on how your club can help and LCIF grant opportunities to magnify your service.</p> | <p>LCIF's first Disaster Relief grant was awarded in June 1972. Hold an LCIF fundraiser or check the LCIF Grants Toolkit to extend this legacy of service.</p> |