

Lions District 24C Service Committees
District 24C Service Chair: 2nd VDG Judy Alford
2023 - 2024

- **Diabetes**

- Committee Chair: Lion Babette (Babs) Newman (lionbabette@gmail.com)

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: PDG Roger Ramey (rmr720@western.dss.state.va.us)

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: PCC Rick Carroll (facarroll61@gmail.com)

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 Patrick-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."

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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 projects require money! Most projects involve service (trash pick-up, sight screening, eyeglass collections, etc.)

Service Projects Focus by Month

- January: Hunger Awareness Month
- February: Childhood Cancer Awareness
- April: Environmental Awareness Month
- October: Vision Awareness Month
- November: Diabetes Awareness Month