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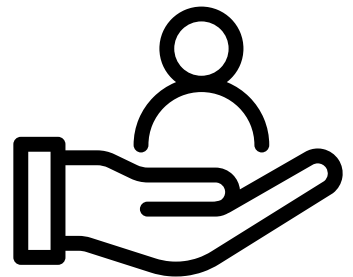


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Governor's Message

Hello Lions,

Thoughts of Spring and warmer weather are in our minds as we move into March. As Lions this time of year, club presidents are thinking of appointing nominating committees to submit names of candidates for the various club offices for the next Lions' year. When going through this process, have you ever had this thought, "Where Will My Club Be In 5 Years?" What does this have to do with the election of club officers? **EVERYTHING!!!**

When nominating Lions to serve in these positions, you need to review your succession plan and determine if they are the best candidate for the position. Is this individual the best, possessing necessary technology skills, an active team player, and possibly, would make a good district leader in the future? Or, are you nominating this individual because the current officer has done this for many years and you do not want to hurt feelings, or no one will volunteer and you just put them in the position? New leaders can bring new ideas and life to your club. Have you considered the truth to the saying, "If you continue to do the same thing, you will get the same result!"

This nominations and election process is a wonderful time to look at your club and determine if you are positioned to grow and move into the future as a **STRONG** provider of **SERVICE** to meet your community needs.

Are you, "Growing Lions for Service to Change the World?"

District Governor Jean Cook
Cookjean548@gmail.com
276-223-8471



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

Lion Joel Lytton: 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

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

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!!!

Why Report Service?

Strengthen storytelling

Details give stories power. Saying you fed 87 families is more powerful than saying you organized a food drive. Saying your club contributed 1,265 volunteer hours last year is more powerful than saying your club serves the community. When your club reports service, you collect the details needed to share powerful stories of your club's impact.



*Photo by: Lion Othmar Fetz,
The LEO Book*

Inform decisions

Documented club achievements reveal what's working and what's not. For example, what if your diabetes education program is growing in attendance, but your annual club fundraiser is shrinking? Reviewing past service reports helps your club make better decisions, including choosing service activities and setting realistic goals.

Inspire service

Your reported service projects can be viewed within your district and around the world. That means your club's creativity and impact can inspire Lions and Leos to embrace new causes and serve in new ways. Reports also help Lions International staff identify best practices to share globally.



Grow partnerships

Collaborating with other organizations in your community is a great way to increase the visibility, reach and quality of your service projects. When approaching potential partners, your club's service reports provide tangible evidence of your club's effectiveness to help persuade other organizations to join with you.

Enlighten leaders

High levels of service reporting are a sign of healthy clubs, zones and districts. Knowledge of your club's service history provides invaluable insight to current and future club officers. In addition, district, zone and Global Action Team leaders can best support your club when they understand how clubs in their area serve their communities.



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Be proud

Service data gives us the ability to communicate how **We Serve** around the world. For example, in 2021, Lions and Leos served more than 350 million people! We can take pride in that achievement thanks to the leaders who reported over 1 million service activities. Through service reporting, your club joins in that pride and is eligible for service awards.

To view information on how to report service activities, please go to <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/service-reporting>

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LCIF (Lions Club International Foundation)

Bring hope to people in communities who have lost homes, businesses and even loved ones to natural disasters. No matter where these tragedies happen, Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) is there with critical funding for Lions-led disaster relief efforts. Make a gift to restore communities.

In Arkansas, a tornado with 165 mph winds leveled homes and killed people. This storm caused widespread devastation throughout the Southern and Midwestern U.S. LCIF responded with Emergency Grants totaling US\$70,000 for immediate needs across multiple states. Your support continues to aid local Lions-led relief and impact lives.

Your donation to the general Disaster Fund supports Lions' efforts to make a lasting difference. LCIF quickly provided a US\$10,000 Emergency Grant for Spokane County, WA wildfire evacuations, supplying essentials like school items, clothes, baby needs and first aid kits, plus food and water.

Since July 1, 2023, LCIF has awarded nearly 70 grants, totaling more than US\$1.5 million to empower Lions in Constitutional Area I. Learn more about [LCIF Disaster Relief grants](#) or email LCIFGlobalGrants@lionsclubs.org. Your donation qualifies for Melvin Jones Fellowship (MJF) and Progressive MJF credit. Your generous donations to LCIF's Disaster Relief Fund, specifically reserved for all disaster relief, helps Lions continue to serve.



To Donate,
please go to
<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/donate>

LCIF District 24 C Donation Status

One of our districts LCIF goals is to have each club donate at least \$100. As of 1/30/2024 the following clubs have donated \$100 or significantly more:

**Bedford Lions
Bristol Twin Cities
Bluefield
Buchanan
Cave Springs
Christiansburg
Daleville/Fincastle
Giles Breakfast
Hillsville
Lebanon
Marion
Martinsville/Henry County
Mt Pleasant
North Tazewell
Norton
Roanoke Valley Breakfast
Rural Retreat
Salem Host
Smith Mountain Lake
Vinton Breakfast
Wytheville**

Thank you for making these donations. We still have most of the year left so let's add to the list and get 100% of our clubs donating \$100 or more. A football pool was started at the Fall Conference between VT and UVA (initially it was between VT and Pitt). Each box was selling for \$25. All the boxes were sold prior to the game. The winner of the pool was PDG Connie Saunders. She will be recognized with a PMJF as soon as it is received by the DG.

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LCIF District 24 C Donation Status Continued

The District Charity is sponsoring a raffle to support LCIF. Tickets are being sold between now and April 2024. The winners will receive cash prizes. See the District newsletter for details.

Statistics:

51 Clubs (45.1%)	23 clubs have reached the district goal
Total LCIF Donations	\$25,946.94
LCIF Goal	\$33,264 (78.0%)
DG Goal	\$34,000 (76.3)
Stretch Goal	\$40,000 (64.9%)

We have done a fantastic job during the first seven months of the year. Keep up the good work and support the District Charity raffle. Those clubs who have not met or exceeded DG's goal of donating \$100 consider doing so and let's crush the Stretch goal. Remember to recognize one of your outstanding Lions with a Melvin Jones.



Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION

MD24 Service Projects

Please enter your service projects in LCI (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). 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

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](https://twitter.com/hashtag/lionsgogreen). International President, Dr. Patti Hill will see these posts when using the hashtag.

MISSION 1.5

MISSION 1.5 is the drive to reach 1.5 million Lion members worldwide on June 30, 2027, to better meet the growing needs of our communities and serve more than a billion people annually.

However, this requires the commitment of EVERY Lion at EVERY level of our Association because it's been more than 45 years since CA1 has had positive net growth. To achieve success

- **Every district is challenged with adding, at least, one new club**
- **Every club will induct new members, so that every club will be +2 at the end of this year.**
- **Furthermore, our Districts need to attract more diverse membership, that mirrors the makeup of our communities, including women and young Lions.**

What are the benefits and opportunities of growing our clubs and Association?

- **It will increase our capacity to serve our community and the people who depend on us. The needs are great, and our services are needed now more than ever. Every new member will bring new ideas and talents.**
- **Greater diversity and inclusion. Because Lions represent the world we serve our membership should reflect that.**
- **Increased advocacy for change, locally and globally. Every new Lion brings a fresh set of ideas and an extra pair of hands to our service. As we grow, we increase our local impact and expand our influence and increase our visibility.**
- **Increased member benefits. The personal connections we make with fellow Lions provide new opportunities for personal and professional growth as we learn from each another.**

MISSION 1.5 Continued

What are the benefits and opportunities of growing our clubs and Association?

- **Stronger at every level of Lions. Growing our membership makes us stronger at every level. With more members, our association, districts, and clubs will have more resources to fulfill our mission of service.**

A growing club is a healthy club. Growth means that we have the greatest impact in our community to ensure that Lions will always be there, ready to serve.

Leaders at every level of our Association are invested and accountable for success. Every officer is committed to extending a club and sponsoring a member.

ALL Lions play a role in MISSION 1.5. You, as the District Global Action Team are the driving force behind Mission 1.5 by training, mentoring, and supporting our mission.

Mission 1.5 affects everyone, and for us to achieve our mission:

- a. We need to understand MISSION 1.5, promote it, and commit to its success.**
- b. We need all Lions to get involved, to lead by example, by starting clubs and sponsoring members.**
- c. We need to be accountable for our roles, our targets, and our success.**
- d. And we need to ensure Lions and leaders are trained, to implement plans, and monitor reports to provide the necessary support.**

Hearing Screening Training

On February 6, 2024, seventeen Lions from 7 clubs gathered at the Wytheville Meeting Center, in Wytheville, VA. to participate in a FREE Special Hearing Screening Training event sponsored by the Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind in Stanton, VA, presented by Lindsey Richard, AuD, CCC-A, the Educational audiologist at the school. Dr. Richard also offers outreach diagnostic testing services to children in the surrounding area. She taught us about how we hear, why we need to screen young children, pros and cons of using the OAEs (Otoacoustic Emissions Screening Devices), and supervised us in hands-on training.

A Couple Of Important Facts That We Learned:

- Of the 3.7 million babies born each year, approximately 3 OF EVERY 1,000 have a hearing loss present at birth.
- Hearing loss is the most frequently occurring birth defect in the USA.
- Incidence of permanent hearing loss **DOUBLES** between birth and school age.
- In the USA, **WE DO NOT ROUTINELY SCREEN FOR HEARING LOSS** between birth and school age.
- **ANY** unidentified hearing loss can cause developmental delays.

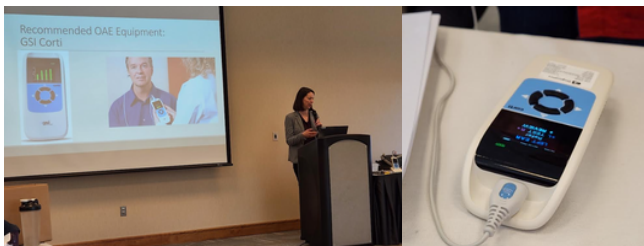
Group discussion followed revealing that there was a population of children that were not screened for hearing or sight until they enter the school system. The Nursing Supervisor for the Wythe County School System attended and pointed out that the OAE Device could not be solely used for the mandatory hearing screening in the public schools as it does not measure the hearing level low enough to meet State standards. She did state that it could be used for pre-K (not state required) and students with disabilities.

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Hearing Screening Training Continued

The Lions decided to focus on the 1 to 4 years old population, and all other groups of children not under public school rules; such as, daycares, preschools, head starts, private schools, and home schoolers. First step, will be to determine in each of our Zones the numbers of possible places that could use our services, etc. Also, the Padapillo Program is presently working with bringing the head starts on board and doing some number gathering; as well. When the numbers are determined, we can then work on how many Screening Units are needed and funding to purchase. Currently, a device costs, \$6,150 (includes shipping). The disposable ear tips are \$29.50/100.

If were not able to attend the training, and are interested or if I can answer questions, please contact DG Jean at cookjean548@gmail.com or 276-223-8471.



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District 24C Pediatric Cancer Project

"Let's Reach Our Goal TOGETHER!"

We're ALMOST there. Only \$6,935.56 to go!

Don't wait.

Time is drawing near - Only six weeks remain.

Every dollar donated to this project will go twice as far. Give today to help us reach our goal of \$75,000.00 enabling us to apply for the LCIF Matching Grant that will double our impact - \$150,000.00. It would be GREAT to say, "Every Lions club in District 24C contributed to this worthy cause"!

Young children experiencing the traumatic journey of childhood cancer deserve an environment that reduces fears, anxieties, helps them just be a kid and encourages play, laughter and smiles.

Lions of 24C - WE can do this!

We are so close to our goal. Won't you please consider a donation - a personal gift, a club gift or even both - \$10, \$100, \$500, \$1,000, etc. Every dollar gets us closer to our goal. Your donation will have a profound impact on the health and wellness of children living in Southwest Virginia who are fighting childhood cancer! Please make checks payable to **Lions District 24C Charity, Inc.** and on the memo line write "**Pediatric Cancer Project**". Mail to: **Lions District 24C Charity, Inc., PDG Lowell Skelton, Treasurer, 60 Homeplace Circle, Moneta, VA 24121.** A receipt of acknowledgment will be forwarded.

We are in awe of the incredible generosity of the Lions who have contributed to date. We have raised \$68,064.44 in the last eight months including 12 Lions clubs and 19 individuals and organizations. How grand it will be if **all 24C Lions Clubs** step up and help bring this project to fruition.

Let's make the Lions of 24C ROAR with PRIDE!

Read Across America

Read Across America (RAA) is celebrated this year the week of March 2-6th, 2024. We celebrate the books of Dr. Seuss. His birthday is March 2nd. Our district is encouraging members to contact elementary schools in their areas and ask them to participate in this program. What we can do is read to children in their classrooms. Call a school and ask to speak to a principal or vice principal and ask if this is something you can do for them to help celebrate literacy in the schools! It can be one school or several, it can be one classroom or several, just take direction from the school. Books by Dr. Seuss are often selected by the teacher, but you can bring a few of your own(just check with the teacher on his or her preference).

Do not forget to contact local schools in your districts and offer to read to children for the celebration of Dr. Seuss between March 1st and March 8th. This is a fun way for our local clubs to support our communities and show respect for reading! If you participate, don't forget to take pictures and display them proudly!!

Any questions, please feel to contact Lion Terry Jones (Reading Chair) at 540-798.2524 or email terrysteve.jones1@gmail.com



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Bluefield Lions Club News

Each week on Friday, the Bluefield, Virginia Lions deliver 230 bags of food to three schools.

We have a Golf Tournament each year to raise funds to purchase the food that goes to the elementary schools in Bluefield, Virginia: Dudley Primary, and Graham Intermediate. We also deliver food to Mountain View Elementary School in Bluefield, WV.

Our Lions volunteer to fill 1,000 bags of food when it is their month to assemble.

Two (sometimes three) Lions volunteer for an entire month. Every Friday they pick up the food and then deliver it to the schools.

We are associated with Blessings in a Backpack and our budget is around \$30,000 for a school term. Thank you LOVF for their wonderful grant that assists children so they will have food for the weekend. Hunger is never ending just like the service of the Bluefield Virginia Lions Club.

Our President is Stephenia Tibbs, and we also have a committee of Tommy Grant, Terry Lampert, Bill Perry, Kenny French and Rick Saunders who order the food and make sure we always have what we need. All Lions help take turns to deliver each week and fill the bags.

The pictures were taken at Christmas where we packed at the National Bank in Bluefield, Virginia. Thank you National Bank, for letting us use a portion of their bank to store food and process the bags.



Bluefield Lions Club News Continued

The Lions Club of Bluefield, Virginia offered a Bingo Luncheon for the residents at Westwood Nursing Home in Bluefield, Virginia on December 16, 2024. Lions Terry Lampert played Santa and elves Cathy Mullen, Jill Harman, and Gail Webb served a delicious lunch of Kentucky Fried Chicken and homemade desserts to the residents. Members of the club provided Christmas gifts to all of the residents.

The Lions Club of Bluefield, Virginia also provide Blessings in a Backpack weekly for three local schools: Dudley Primary, Graham Intermediate, and Mountain Valley Elementary. The club prepares blessing bags for 215 students to take home each Friday during the year. For Christmas, Lions packed special bags with more items to be delivered to the students. The Lions of Bluefield, Virginia are hard at work helping members of the community.



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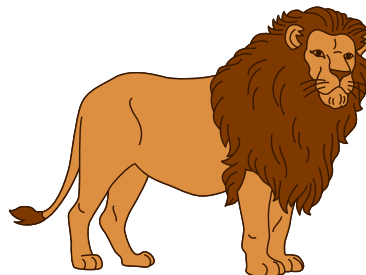
Galax Lions Club News

Photo left to right - Front row

24-C District Governor Jean Cook; Galax Lions VP Danny Miller; Kesha Johnson, Director of Galax God's Storehouse; Galax Lions President Marian Porter; Galax Treasurer Lewis Porter; Galax Lion Sue Holt
Back row, Kesha's family



January 10th during their regular monthly meeting, Galax Lions Club presented a \$1,200 check to God's Storehouse. This ministry serves the Galax community by helping those in need. They offer hot meals, food distribution, a recovery program, providing coats to the homeless and countless other services. We are proud to support this wonderful ministry and are looking forward to providing further support in the future.



Appalachia Lions Club News

Appalachia Lions Club Activities:

On January 12th the Appalachia Lions Club distributed 50 food boxes to the needy in our community, we had 5 volunteers with 10 volunteer hours.

On January 26th we had 6 volunteers distribute 50 food boxes with 18 volunteer hours.

On February 6th we had 5 volunteers distribute 60 food boxes with 10 volunteer hours.



Pound Lions Club News

As a school service project the Pound Lions Club fed the boys basketball team from Central High School in Wise, Va. before their game on January 9th. Parents, local businesses, and organizations sign up to feed the team before each game.



The president of the Pound Lions Club 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 up food, bring it to the Pound, and then unload it. The director also orders food from the Food City and Pound IGA, picks it up and unloads with the help of other volunteers. Two of our members work at the local grocery store and collect small boxes in which the food can be packed. During January we serviced 167 people. The food bank is open every Thursday.



Two of our members assisted with purchase, preparation, and/or delivery of 100 bags that contain food for the weekend for students who attend JW Adams Combined School. This is a monthly project of First Presbyterian Church of the 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 boxed. Then on Thursday they were delivered to the school for the students to take home for the weekend.



Roanoke Valley Breakfast Lions Club News

- Our club held a Christmas Appetizer Social for club members and we wrapped presents for some needy children in our community. Great time of fellowship and volunteerism by all 23 attendees (including 3 guests: including Lion Jean Cook, 24c District Govern or from Wytheville and the Vice President of Wytheville Lions Club, Joan Miller. (pics)
- RVBLC wants to welcome our newest member, Job Marquez. Welcome and we look forward to working with you in service to our community. (pic)
- Chevron Awards presented to our members for service in RVBLC: 25 Years Lion Linda Long; 20 Years-Lion Mary Ann DeMars 15 Years-Lion George Ferguson, Lion Donna Harris; 10 Years-Lion Gary Swain, Lion Lynn Keene, Lion Mary Jo Hubble, and Lion Archie Richmond.
- Peace Poster Contest, we had 3 RVBLC winners that were presented awards at our December club meeting, as well as our two participating teachers from Lucy Addison and John P. Fishwick Middle Schools. Here is a note from one of the teachers:” We are very happy with what we have accomplished, and I have heard heartwarming stories from students who were thrilled to receive recognition and prize money.”
- We were able to celebrate the Christmas season with the Hermitage Retirement Community. A wonderful time of sharing with these folks was had by all.
- Our RVBLC member, Lion Alan Gueyes, retired after 43 years in the AV Industry and he passed along the reins to his replacement. He plans to enjoy his retirement.



White Cane

24C District White Cane Contest!

- Contest runs through April 1st, 2024
- You hold your white cane events
- You send Lion Danny Miller the event info, as they happen (date, what you did and where and the amount collected).
- Lion Danny will keep a running tab of each reporting club's totals
- The club that raises the most money will be declared the winner and will be announced at the State Convention in April.
- Winning club will receive from the District matching funds, not to exceed \$250.00.
- Example : Winning club collects a total of \$175.00, they receive another \$175.00. Collect \$250.00 or more will receive \$250.00.

White Cane history:

1921 - James Biggs, a photographer from Bristol, England, became blind following an accident. Because he was feeling uncomfortable with the amount of traffic around his home, he painted his walking stick white to be more visible.

1930 - Lion George A. Bonham, President of the Peoria, Ill. Lions Club introduced the idea of using the white cane with a red band as a means of assisting the blind in independent mobility. The Peoria Lions Club approved the idea and white canes were made and distributed. Shortly after, the Peoria City Council adopted the first ordinance in the country giving the white cane users the right-of-way to cross the street.

White Cane Continued

1964 - The US Congress approved a resolution authorizing the President of the United States to annually issue a proclamation designating October 15th as "National White Cane Safety Day". President Lyndon Johnson was the first US President to sign the proclamation.

1969 - The International Federation of the Blind adopted October 15th as "International White Cane Safety Day".

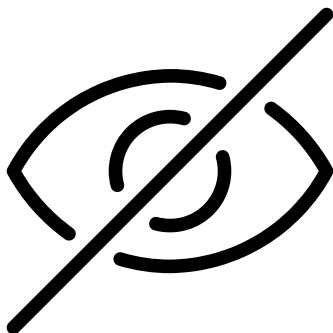
Virginia also has white cane laws. State Law:

- Section 46.2-932.1**
- Section 46.2-933**
- Section 46.2-934**

Look em up

Now back to our question, Why Do We Do White Cane?

- To increase public awareness of white cane**
- It's an excellent way to raise funds for your vision projects and programs**
- Good public exposure for your club. We gotta let 'em know we're here.**
- It's the Lion thing to do.**



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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)

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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

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State Secretary

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State Convention Information



101st 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 101st 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.

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

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Lions Club

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State Convention Registration



101st Lions of Virginia State Convention
April 18 - 21, 2024
Hyatt Regency - Dulles
2300 Dulles Corner Blvd, Herndon, VA 20171
(703) 713-1234

Please fill out one form per attendee

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Dietary Restrictions

Please list any allergies
or other restrictions

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

State Convention LEO Workshop Registration



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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

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*** While supplies last**

MARCH 2024

LOVF BBQ Luncheon



Please join us for our

BBQ Luncheon

featuring

Keynote Speaker

International Director Jay Moughon

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*

MARCH 2024

Constitution and By-Laws Proposals Letter



Lions of Virginia

Multiple District 24

Proposed Amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws

February 22, 2024

TO: Lions of Multiple District 24

Six proposed amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Lions of Virginia, Multiple District 24, are attached. Three Constitution amendment proposals and three By-Laws amendment proposals.

The delegates will consider the proposals for adoption at the 101st Annual Convention, in Herndon, Virginia, April 18 - 21, 2024

This notice is in accordance with Article XII, Section 3, of the Constitution, and Article X, Section 3, of the By-Laws. These articles state that the Constitution and By-Laws Committee shall give to each Lions Club, in the State Organization, a written notice of each such proposed amendment, at least thirty (30) days prior to the convening date of the Annual Convention (April 19, 2024).

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading 'Wallace Burrus', written over a horizontal line.

Lion Wallace Burrus - District 24-L

Constitution and By-Laws Committee

General Chairperson

PID Lion Richard Chaffin

District Chairperson, 24-C

PDG Lion Helen Person

District Chairperson, 24-I

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 1st and 2nd 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 100th 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.